



# Island Community Report: Moloka'i

## *Executive Summary*

### Current Native Hawaiian Conditions on Moloka'i



#### Educational Pathways Data

- 28% (17) of all Moloka'i Island Native Hawaiian public high school graduates (76) enrolled in colleges across the nation, compared to 44% (7) of all non-Hawaiian Moloka'i Island public high school graduates (16) (SY21-22).
- There is one (1) Hawaiian Focused Charter Schools and two (2) Hawaiian-medium programs on Moloka'i (SY22-23).



#### Health Outcomes Data

- Maui County had 80 primary care providers per 100,000 people, compared to 93 per 100,000 people in the State of Hawai'i (2020).
- 30% of Native Hawaiians in Maui County reported an ability to converse in 'olelo Hawai'i at a beginner level (2022).



#### Quality Housing Data

- 22% (101 of 468) of Native Hawaiian renters on Moloka'i (excluding Kalawao County) were within the HUD standard housing cost (<30% of household income toward rent) compared to 42% (12,743 of 30,679) of all Native Hawaiian renters statewide (2015).
- 8% (839) of all Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) leases statewide (9,981) were on Maui (2022).
- 55% of former Maui County Native Hawaiian residents reported moving due to the high cost of living (2019).



#### Economic Stability Data

- Native Hawaiian median household income in East Moloka'i was \$30,263, 78% of the median income of all East Moloka'i residents (\$38,790). Native Hawaiian median household income in West Moloka'i was \$39,083, 94% of the median income of all West Moloka'i residents (\$41,402).
- 1,738 Native Hawaiian-owned firms were located in Maui County, 13% of all Native Hawaiian-owned firms in the state of Hawai'i (13,147) and 10% of total firms in Maui County (17,146) (2012).

## Current Issues

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### **Kawakiu Shoreline Access Restrictions**

Moloka'i Properties Limited lease, Kaluakoi Outfitters (a private hunting company), closed the dirt road running through their leased property, blocking shoreline access to Kawakiu Beach, a cultural and historic site on generational subsistence grounds. The community rallied together and has since regained access to practice traditional gathering and hunting rights. (See Full Report pg #6)

### **Kawela Water Stream Flows Again**

Despite an April 2022 ruling ordering the restoration of water flow to East Moloka'i streams, Molokai Properties Limited continues to divert stream water. (See Full Report pg #6)

### **Moloka'i Residents Struggle with one Airline and Access to Medical Care**

With the shortage of doctors and the lack of specialized treatments on Moloka'i, residents are required to seek treatment on O'ahu. The lone air carrier on island, Mokulele Airlines, has become unreliable with multiple cancellations without notice causing residents to either pay for non-refundable transportation and lodging, or choose to forego treatment altogether. (See Full Report pg #8)

### **Flood Mitigation; Kapa'akea, Kamiloloa, One Ali'i, Kalama'ula Homesteads**

Heavy rains in January 2023 brought dangerous flooding and intermittent island-wide power outages to Moloka'i causing destruction of homes and property and massive erosion in its path to the ocean and low-lying areas. Flood mitigation efforts by DHHL have been requested for years. (See Full Report pg #15)

## Current Grantees Serving Moloka'i (Amount awarded)

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### **Moloka'i Island Only**

- Maui Family Support Services, Inc. (\$41,199)
- Kupu (\$48,731)
- Hawai'i Community Lending: Native Hawaiian Owner-Builder Project (\$398,000)

### **Multi-Island/Statewide**

- Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana: Charter School Fund Administration (\$5,914,893)
- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa – NHSEMP (\$1,100,000)
- Moanalua Culture Project (\$100,000)
- Bishop Museum (\$49,999)
- Educational Services Hawaii Foundation (\$180,000)
- Ho'okāko'o Corporation (\$220,000)
- Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana: 16 Hawaiian-Focused Public Charter Schools (\$2,850,000)
- The Hawaiian Church of Hawaii Nei (\$50,000)
- Aha Pūnana Leo (\$79,514)
- Papa Ola Lokahi (\$20,000)
- Hawai'i Community Lending: Ka Wailele (\$1,044,253)
- Purple Maia Foundation (\$498,660)
- Homestead Community Development Corporation (\$40,000)
- Alu Like, Inc. (\$830,000)

## Current Moloka'i Lending

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26 active Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund/Consumer Micro Loan Program loans; \$349,632 total dollars disbursed.