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KUKIO COMMUNITY FUND

WHY Community, Education
WHERE Kamuela, Hawai'i Island

The Kukio Community Fund was established in 2001 as a way for Kukio residents to connect with the surrounding Hawai'i Island community through meaningful charitable giving opportunities. The Fund focuses on the young people of Hawai'i Island, believing that their success has a ripple effect on the entire community and its future. By honing in specifically on education and youth development, the Kukio Community Fund is increasing the success of local youth in school, in work and in life. Thanks to the support of multiple donors around the island, the Fund has awarded 108 organizations grants totaling \$1,259,420 for programs that improve the lives of the children, youth and families of Hawai'i Island.

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ELAMA PROJECT

WHY Education
WHERE Palamanui, Hawai'i Island

Kukio Community Fund provided seed funding to pilot the Elama Project at Hawai'i Community College Palamanui Campus in Kona to support students who wouldn't otherwise pursue a college education due to social economic barriers. The Elama Project began in fall 2015 with the first cohort of 18 participants, and plans to expand to serve 50 students this coming fall. Not only does Elama disburse scholarships to pay for classes, but it also provides wrap-around supports like academic counseling, peer mentoring, tutoring, college readiness workshops and specialized training to ensure students' success. More than 100 Kukio members provide the financial support each year through the Kukio Community Fund to make programs like Elama possible.

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S.T.E.M. EDUCATION

WHY Education

WHERE Hawai'i Island

The S.T.E.M. Foundation was formed by the Hawai'i Community Foundation, raising resources and funds to prepare students for the science and technology workforce of the islands. As of today, nine funders have supported the partnership and have collected \$1.2 million in grants to 33 different organizations. Through programs supported by the Hawai'i STEM Learning Partnership, 425 teachers are receiving training to facilitate applied, project-based ways of engaging students. More than 12,000 youth are participating in the various programs, many of which promote connections between Hawai'i's cultural context and contemporary STEM methodologies.

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