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The Hawai'i Community Foundation Announces \$550,000 in Community Capacity Grants for Six Maui Community Groups and Nonprofits to Support their Efforts to Effectively Manage Marine Resources

The nonprofits and groups will receive training on a range of topics to help further a network of partners actively caring for Hawai'i's nearshore marine resources

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I — The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) today announced a new round of funding of \$550,000 from its Marine 30x30 Pooled Fund to support the strengthening of community groups and nonprofits involved in nearshore marine management. Six groups on Maui received grants to engage as a cohort in technical assistance training over the next two years.

"This new round of funding supports community marine management efforts and nonprofit organizations on Maui with specific training that supports the management of nearshore marine resources," says Dana Okano, the HCF program director who oversees the foundation's Marine 30x30 Pooled Fund. "Every community has its own unique needs and goals, and we're committed to supporting community groups across the state to find the best solutions for stewarding Hawai'i's precious marine environment."

The types of training support to be provided will be customized to the needs of each group, and may include:

- Civic engagement in the legislative or rulemaking process;
- Community leadership building;
- Development of facilitation skills;
- Strengthening community voice and collaboration;
- Understanding of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or other mapping software programs;
- Financial and grant management.

DAR launched Holomua Marine 30x30 in 2016 as a way to work with communities to effectively manage Hawai'i's marine resources, with the goal of working with communities to effectively manage the nearshore marine resources around each main Hawaiian island to ensure that our local resources are available and plentiful today and for future generations. Marine 30x30 Pooled Fund grantees can align their marine management work with Holomua Marine 30x30, but it is not a requirement.

The Hawai'i Community Foundation manages the Marine 30x30 pooled fund of philanthropic donations that supports communities engaged in nearshore marine management efforts. This is its first round of

community capacity-building cohort grants, with plans for future rounds of funding to go toward other islands across the state. Funding was offered to organizations and community groups on Maui and Lānaʻi; applications were received from Maui only.

“The Holomua initiative is true to its definition: to move forward together—with its success hinging on partnerships with communities,” says Brian Neilson, DAR administrator. “Through the philanthropic support being organized by the Hawaiʻi Community Foundation, community groups on Maui will receive training to help ensure that nearshore marine environments remain a vital resource for generations to come, whether for traditional subsistence fishing, cultural practice, or recreation.”

Scott Crawford, executive director of Kīpahulu ʻOhana, a grantee, says: “Kīpahulu Ohana is grateful for this opportunity to continue developing our Mālama I Ke Kai programs, in particular the Kīpahulu Moku Community Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) which we hope to have officially designated next year. The Marine 30x30 funding comes at the perfect time, as we prepare to move into the implementation of our management plan for the effective co-management of the Kīpahulu Moku shoreline resources and nearshore fisheries through education and outreach, monitoring, and collaboration. Rooted in place and in the traditional practices and generational knowledge of Kīpahulu, supported by science and partnerships, we seek to ensure these resources are healthy in the future in order to perpetuate the subsistence Hawaiian lifestyle.”

HCF supports the efforts of the Holomua 30x30 Initiative through its CHANGE Framework that strives to create a shared movement to solve Hawaiʻi’s greatest challenges. Through a common set of data, the Framework identifies Hawaiʻi’s strengths, gaps, and opportunities so that efforts can be aligned to take collective action. HCF puts the Framework into action, in part, by supporting networks that encompass a broad range of partners who are working to achieve a shared goal.

HCF Marine 30x30 Pooled Fund request for proposals for grant and contracts, announcements of grant recipients, funding amounts, and more can be found on the HCF website [here](#).

The community groups and nonprofits on Maui awarded HCF grant funding this round include:

Kīpuka Olowalu in partnership with the Coral Reef Alliance

Kīpuka Olowalu is an organization working to preserve the Native Hawaiian cultural site of Olowalu valley, in West Maui, through longstanding Native Hawaiian cultural knowledge, and passing said knowledge on to future generations. This funding will go toward protecting reef ecosystems in West Maui, in partnership with the Coral Reef Alliance.

<https://www.kipukaolowalu.com>, <https://coral.org/en/where-we-work/hawaiian-islands/maui/>

Kaʻehu

Kaʻehu is a nonprofit organization with the goal to restore the land and perpetuate traditional Hawaiian culture using a community-based, inclusive, family-oriented approach to environmental stewardship and sustainable agriculture.

<https://www.kaehu.org/>

Ke Ao Hāliʻi

Ke Ao Hāliʻi is focused on preserving and protecting the coastal lands of Hāna and the customary and traditional practices of Native Hawaiians of the region.

<https://savehanacoast.org/>

Kīpahulu ʻOhana Inc.

Kīpahulu 'Ōhana Inc. is a grassroots Hawaiian nonprofit dedicated to the cultural sustainability of the Kīpahulu moku in East Maui, through educational programs, as well as culturally based agricultural and resource management projects from mauka to makai.

<https://kipahulu.org/>

Maui Hui Mālama

Maui Hui Mālama has a mission to provide inspiring educational opportunities and supportive compassionate learning environments that help Maui youth overcome barriers to education, careers, and cultural goals. With the Marine 30x30 funding, the nonprofit will create hands-on activities for parents/caregivers to do with their children that will educate and promote pono fishing practices and eventually help youth become stewards of and advocates for Maui's ocean and beaches.

<https://mauihui.org/>

Nā Mamo O Mū'olea

Nā Mamo O Mū'olea nonprofit's mission is to perpetuate traditional ahupua'a management of the Mū'olea ahupua'a and to restore and maintain Mū'olea's natural, cultural, scenic, historic, and marine resources for the community and future generations.

<https://www.muolea.org>

*****MEDIA ASSETS*****

Images for grantees can be found at the following [link](#).

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About Hawai'i Community Foundation

The vision of the Hawai'i Community Foundation is to create an equitable and vibrant Hawai'i where all of our island communities thrive. With our more than 105-year history, trusted expertise, and generous support of donors, we are working to solve our state's most difficult challenges. In 2021, HCF stewarded more than 1,050 funds and distributed \$100 million in grants to the community from funds at HCF, contracts, and private foundations statewide, including \$7.1 million in scholarships. HCF offices and staff are located statewide. For more information about HCF, please visit hawaiicommunityfoundation.org and follow our social media channels on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).