

HCF APPROACH TO DISASTER RESPONSE & MAUI WILDFIRES

In 2019, HCF developed a four-phase approach to disaster response. The approach acknowledges both the immediate and long-term recovery needs for the people and places affected by disaster events.

Phase One – Risk Reduction and Disaster Readiness

To respond quickly to a disaster, the Maui Strong Fund is available with existing funding, to allow grants to be deployed quickly, and with flexibility for high-impact results, as needed by the County of Maui.

Phase Two – Rapid Relief and Response

In Phase Two, Maui Strong Fund grants focus on meeting the immediate needs of the community. Awards are made to partners that provide rapid response, including the distribution of supplies and execution of services, such as medical care, shelter, and food, as well as grief support and trauma-informed care, to provide relief to impacted communities.

Phase Three – Recovery and Stabilization

In Phase Three, Maui Strong Fund grants are focused on mid- to long-term recovery and stabilization efforts, which includes the support of programs designed to strengthen the health and well-being of Maui's people, places, and economy.

Phase Four - Rebuilding Resilience

In Phase Four, Maui Strong Fund grants support the rebuilding of resilience and the creation of preventative strategies that includes engagement with communities and convening members and leaders across sectors. Ongoing work will focus on increasing social equity among the impacted people and places on Maui, over a broad range of metrics including housing security, health and wellness, and generational economic progress.