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TWO YEARS AFTER WILDFIRES, MAUI STRONG FUND MARKS MILESTONES IN RECOVERY

HONOLULU, HI — Two years after the devastating Maui wildfires of August 2023, the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) has released its Maui Strong Fund Two-Year Impact Report, reflecting on the progress made, the challenges that remain, and the resilience that continues to define Maui's recovery. The report can be found [here](#).

Since its activation in the hours following the fires, the Maui Strong Fund has received more than \$209 million in contributions, including interest earned, from more than 240,000 donors across 78 countries. To date, more than \$140 million has been awarded or committed to more than 200 local organizations and community-led initiatives, with more than 90 percent of funds going to Maui-based or statewide partners with a strong on-island presence.

The Maui Strong Fund has evolved from rapid relief to long-term recovery, investing in housing, mental health, community wellbeing, youth programs, natural resource restoration, and navigation services that connect residents with critical support. Major milestones include:

- **Housing:** \$82.8 million invested, creating hundreds of interim homes, restoring stability for thousands of families, and supporting permanent housing solutions in partnership with public and private sectors.
- **Mental Health:** \$6.1 million provided to 53 grantees delivering culturally grounded and clinically sound care, from counseling and art therapy to peer support and traditional healing.
- **Community Resilience:** Investments in workforce development, youth leadership, environmental restoration, and navigation programs that help survivors access resources and plan their future.

"Recovery is still unfolding, it is ongoing, deeply personal, and shaped by the strength of those determined to rebuild," said Keanu Lau Hee, senior director of the HCF Maui Recovery Effort.

“We believe in the leadership of Maui’s people and in a future that honors what was lost. There is still work to do, but together, we are moving forward with aloha, purpose, and each other.”

The Maui Strong Fund Two-Year Impact Report also highlights the role of philanthropy in complementing public recovery funding, acting quickly, filling gaps, and catalyzing innovative solutions rooted in community priorities.

As recovery moves into its next phase, HCF’s focus will remain on long-term systems change, prioritizing affordable housing, economic revitalization, disaster resilience, and protecting the cultural heritage that defines Maui.

The full Maui Strong Fund Two-Year Impact Report is available at:
hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/strengthening/maui-strong-fund

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About the Hawai’i Community Foundation

The vision of the Hawai’i Community Foundation is to create an equitable and vibrant Hawai’i in which all our Island communities thrive. With our more-than-108-year history, our trusted expertise, and the generous support of donors, we are working to address the root causes of our state’s most difficult challenges, including expanding access to affordable housing, conserving freshwater resources, and ensuring the healthy development of Hawai’i’s young children. We focus our efforts through the CHANGE Framework, which identifies six essential sectors affecting the overall well-being of these islands and their people. HCF works in communities across Hawai’i, with offices and staff located statewide. In 2024, HCF stewarded more than 1,160 funds, established by individuals, businesses, and organizations who share our passion for a better Hawai’i. We distributed over \$172 million in grants to the community from funds at HCF, contracts, and private foundations statewide, including scholarships assisting more than 1,100 Hawai’i students. For more information about HCF, please visit [Hawaiicommunityfoundation.org](https://hawaiicommunityfoundation.org) and follow our social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.