

2026 Impact Report

Holomua Marine Initiative



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Introduction

I ola nā kai o Hawai‘i i ka nui i‘a.

So the waters of Hawai‘i thrive with abundance.

Our vision is for healthy marine ecosystems and abundant nearshore resources that allow the people of Hawai‘i to enjoy coastal waters, support livelihoods, and feed our families. – Hawai‘i State DLNR-DAR

- **77** Holomua Marine Initiative Fund supported projects across Hawai‘i
- **55** communities collaborating with management partners to steward marine sites

HOLOMUA! THIS NATIVE HAWAIIAN CALLING speaks to the spirit of improvement, progress, and moving forward toward a collective vision. Built on a decade of targeted policy and generations of community wisdom and resource management expertise, the Holomua Marine Initiative (HMI) continues to move forward with momentum. Since becoming a full partner in the HMI in 2020, the Hawai‘i Community Foundation (HCF) has contributed to more than 77 HMI Fund-supported projects led by over 55 nonprofits and partners across the pae ‘āina working to strengthen marine resource management. HCF serves as a philanthropic partner, mobilizing and leveraging support to communities and their partners through the HMI Fund, which flows through three key strategic funding streams:

1. Empowering Communities

Effective marine resource management is only possible when Hawai‘i’s communities are actively engaged alongside management agencies and partners in shaping shared outcomes. The HMI supports partnerships between the State of Hawai‘i Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and nonprofit organizations to elevate local knowledge and community voices throughout the work needed.

2. A Foundation in Science

The HMI has always relied on a solid foundation in science to guide its efforts. To uplift local and indigenous knowledge while strengthening scientific research, data collection, and monitoring that informs marine resource management decision-making, the HMI Fund supports collaboration among the DLNR, Hawai‘i Monitoring and Reporting Collaborative, community nonprofits, and communities across Hawai‘i. This approach helps ensure science is guided by community engagement, wisdom, and lived knowledge, while directly informing both HMI planning and site-based and statewide marine management decisions.

3. Building a Movement

Communications, advocacy, and decision-making putting communities already stewarding marine spaces in the driver’s seat are the cornerstones for building a movement capable of achieving effective natural resource management.

Key Terms

Ahupua‘a: Mauka to makai land division inclusive of a watershed ‘Āina Natural environment or land

Huaka‘i: Purposeful journey

Kuleana: Responsibility

Laulima: Many hands together in cooperation

Loko i‘a: Native Hawaiian fishponds

Lawai‘a: Native Hawaiian sustainable fishing practices

Makai: Seaward, toward the ocean

Mana‘o: Insights, knowledge, and perspectives

Mauka: Inland, toward the mountains

Moku: District

Muliwai: Estuary, where fresh water meets the ocean

‘Ohana: Family

Pae ‘āina : Group of islands

Pilina: Relationship and connection

Pono: With mindfulness, consideration, and integrity

‘Umeke: Baskets or containers

Empowering Community Efforts



“Although it [kilo] may be called different things in different places, the practice of building deep relationship with place and using that knowledge to inform how you engage with place [is] a common thread.”

— The Kohala Center

**IN
2026,**

COMMUNITIES ACROSS HAWAII are increasingly embracing HMI's vision as they see their own aspirations reflected within it. The HMI Fund's priority has always been supporting Hawai'i's communities as they strengthen capacity, engage with management agencies and partners, and achieve their aspirations for stewarding marine ecosystems and resources. In partnership with the DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) and 54 partner and nonprofit organizations, island communities are elevating local knowledge and voices while advancing 77 HMI-funded projects statewide aimed at strengthening nearshore marine management. The HMI (HMI) network of grantees and partners is a diverse and impactful community that includes emerging and established organizations, as well as collaborative networks and teams such as the Maui Navigation Team, Makai Watch Program network, and capacity-building cohorts. Collectively, these groups are engaging, strengthening pilina, sharing mana'o, and supporting management agencies while leading the growth, deepening, and empowerment of community efforts.

DLNR-DAR: Collaboration with Communities Navigating the Management Planning Process

DAR leads the State of Hawai'i's policy development, design, and implementation process of formal rules, decision-making, and management of nearshore marine areas. Through HMI, DAR's effort reflects a new community-based planning approach ensuring local knowledge guides marine resource management planning at every step in the process, now known as the Navigation Process. Over the past year, the Maui Navigation Team and DAR have focused on finalizing an islandwide management plan. Seven community information sessions were held to share the Maui Navigation Team's proposed management measures and gather community input. Next, DAR will be preparing for public scoping and hearings on the Maui Navigation Team's revised proposals. Once finalized, the Maui community, in partnership with DAR and with support

from the HCF and other partners, will begin implementing the Maui plan.

As the Maui Navigation Process moves through its final steps, DAR prepared to launch Navigation Process planning on Hawai'i Island. Initial work with communities on the Hawai'i Island Navigation process began in May 2026 with seven talk story sessions held across the island. The sessions were promoted through media outlets and personal outreach from HMI partners. During these sessions, more than 400 community members provided feedback and recommendations for potential members of the Hawai'i Island Navigation Teams. HCF contracted a facilitation team comprised of professionals from the Pacific Center for Collaboration and Community Works to train DAR staff and support the launch and talk story sessions. Throughout this phase, community members and partners highlighted key issues such as composition of, and moku representation on, the Navigation Team as well as compensation for time of team members, alignment with previous decision-making processes, and ensuring all community needs are considered and addressed.

DLNR-DAR's Community-centered planning process

Step 1 - Community Talk Story Sessions:

Communities engage to exchange ideas and offer guidance.

**Step 2 - Navigation Team
Planning:** A community nominated team drafts management goals, solutions, and actions.

**Step 3 - Information
Exchanges:** Navigation Team presents proposal to community for feedback and revision.

**Step 4 - Scoping and
Rulemaking:** DAR conducts public scoping and hosts hearings for revised proposal.

**Step 5 - Implementation of
Navigations Teams' Island-
wide management plan.**
(State of Hawai'i, 2026)

MAKAI WATCH: Communities Collaborating to Support Pono Marine Resource Use Practices

THE MAKAI WATCH PROGRAM is a collaboration between communities and the DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) to monitor shoreline and nearshore marine resource use, educate the public, and encourage compliance with rules and regulations. The network of official Makai Watch Program community organizations continues to grow. In May 2026, HCF released the fourth Makai Watch Program community organizations funding opportunity. To date, the HMI Fund has supported 17 Makai Watch Program organizations.

1,210 km²

nearshore marine area
supported by DOCARE

Makai Watch Program

20

**Makai Watch
Communities**

17

**Holomua Marine
Fund grantees**

3

**DOCARE Makai Watch Coordination Staff
Holomua Marine Fund grantees**



Photo courtesy of Save Honolua Coalition

MAKAI WATCH PROGRAM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

Save Honolua Coalition

As Maui continues its recovery and restoration following the 2023 island wildfires, established organizations and networks such as DLNR's Makai Watch Program are collaborating with new, emerging and reemerging community organizations. Save Honolua Coalition is a reemerging organization serving West Maui, comprised of community members committed to preserving the health, ecological integrity, and beauty of Honolua Bay, a Marine Life Conservation District popular with residents and visitors. This fragile and culturally important marine site often experiences intense pressure with more than 200 visitors at a time in the water and on the shore during heavy tourism seasons. Through its designation as an official Use Makai Watch Program community organization, and partnerships and opportunities it brings, Save Honolua Coalition aims to ensure the bay's marine ecosystem remains healthy and its resources abundant and effectively managed for current and future generations.





The Hawai'i Island Marine Capacity-Building Cohort

IN JANUARY, the 2025-26 Hawai'i Island Marine Capacity-Building Cohort was launched with 10 community organizations representing a diverse geographical range and broad spectrum of organizational missions. All share deep-rooted connections to Hawai'i Island and its marine ecosystems, with some also contributing to County of Hawai'i planning processes on food security and elevating the role of ocean stewardship in support of local food sovereignty. The cohort is convened and facilitated by community-focused nonprofit Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo. Over the past year, 17 virtual trainings and six in-person huaka'i sharing knowledge and experiences were convened, spotlighting a range of capacity-building topics such as advocacy, organizational management, board engagement, community engagement, and marine resource monitoring and management planning. Cohort members also participated in a facilitation workshop with the Pacific Center for Collaboration.



Photos courtesy of Makahanaloa Fishing Association

MARINE COHORT MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Makahalanaloa Fishing Association

Representing over 120 'ohana with ancestral ties to Pepe'ekeo, Pāpa'ikou, Honomu, and Hilo, the Makahanaloa Fishing Association is dedicated to the sustainable stewardship of Hawai'i Island's north-east coast marine resources. Its mission is to strengthen, sustain, and protect fishing community rights to provide food for families, while ensuring communities remain resilient and generational bonds with treasured shoreline areas endure. To address challenges regarding community access to traditional fishing areas, the Makahanaloa Fishing Association - a member of the HMI Fund supported Hawai'i Island Marine Capacity-Building Cohort, has strengthened workforce capacity, increased land agreements, strengthened partnerships, and established a clear strategic vision ensuring shoreline vibrancy and long-term sustainability. This year, the Makahanaloa Fishing Association entered into agreement with the County of Hawai'i to steward 80 acres of ocean-adjacent 'āina surrounding Kawainui Stream in Hilo.

Collective Impact

Holomua Marine Fund Grantees 2025/2026

77 Funded Projects
55 communities & partners
across Hawai'i

O'ahu

- 808 Cleanups
- Global Preservation Initiative, Hawai'i Pacific University
- He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve, UH Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology
- 'Iolani School
- Ka Pō'e Lawai'a
- Kuleana Coral Reefs
- Mālama Maunalua
- Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea
- Mamu Iwa O Ke Malanai
- Surfrider Foundation
- Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i

Maui Nui County

- Hawaiian Islands Land Trust
- Ke Ao Hāli'i
- Kipahulu Ohana
- Nā Mamo O Mū'olea
- Nā Moku Aupuni O Ko Olau Hui
- Our Hawaii Foundation
- Save Honolua Coalition
- Kuleana Coral Reefs
- Maui Nui Marine Resource Council
- 'Āina Momona
- Ka Honua Momona International
- Kupeke Ahupua'a

Kaua'i

- Hale Halawai 'Ohana O Hanalei
- Hanalei Watershed Hui
- Ho'omalū Ke Kai
- Hui Makaainana O Makana
- Kauai Ocean Awareness
- Kauai Sailing Association
- Mālama Kua Aina
- Reef Guardians Hawaii

Hawai'i Island

- Edith Kanakaole Foundation
- Ho'ala Kealakekua Nui
- Hui Aloha Kiholo
- Hui Hooleimaluo
- Hui Kahuwai
- Hui Mālama I Ke Ala Ulili
- Hui 'Ohana O Honaunau
- Kaihanalei
- Kauhako Ohana Association
- Kupa Friends Of Hookena Beach Park
- Makahaloa Fishing Association
- Men Of Pa'a
- Nakoa Foundation
- Reef Check Foundation
- The Kohala Center
- W.H. Shipman
- Pohaku Pelemaka

Statewide

- DLNR DAR
- DLNR DOCARE
- Maui Nui Marine Resource Council
- Pacific American Foundation
- Resources Legacy Fund
- UH Fish Pono
- UH HIMARC

'A'ōhe hana nui ke alu 'ia.
“No task is too big when done together by all.”

— Hawaiian proverb shared in reporting by Ka Honua Momona.

Laulima Grants

The Laulima Grants funding opportunity embodies the idea of many hands working together toward a shared impact: strengthening nearshore marine management through the voices and leadership of Hawai'i's communities. Launched in August 2024, the program has awarded more than \$1.2 million in grant awards to 18 organizations statewide to implement projects addressing five 'umeke — key focus areas identified by HCF's HMI Fund Advisory Committee. The five 'umeke are Capacity, Coordination, Data and Monitoring, Engagement, and Governance. With nine grantees completing their projects this past year and nine continuing through summer 2026, projects supported through Laulima Grants have advanced objectives across all five 'umeke.

PĀPIO GRANTS: Strategic Community- Centered Opportunities

In May 2025, the HMI Fund launched The Pāpio Grants to provide rolling small-grant support for high-impact projects lasting less than a year and communities and smaller mission-aligned organizations new to HMI. The Pāpio Grants funding opportunity is designed to be competitive while supporting emerging organizations in their growth, guided by basic principles of trust-based philanthropy. The objectives of the funding opportunity are to:

1. Provide short-term essential support to high-impact programs and projects likely to achieve specific strategic outputs and outcomes.
2. Engage community-based organizations and nonprofits with mission alignment to HMI that have not yet received HMI grants.
3. Ensure resources are reaching communities not yet engaged with HMI.
4. Provide funding opportunities for emerging and established community-based and community-driven organizations with limited absorptive capacity.
5. Ensure HMI grants are geographically distributed in a strategic way.

Over the past year, Pāpio Grants have been awarded to 21 community-based organizations across Hawai'i focused on community engagement, capacity building, coordination, data and monitoring, and governance.



Photo courtesy of Ka Honua Momona

LAULIMA GRANTS HIGHLIGHT:

Ka Honua Momona — Moloka'i

Founded in 2003, Ka Honua Momona is a Moloka'i-based nonprofit organization actively stewarding Ali'i and Kaloko'eli Loko I'a on the island's south shore. The fishponds comprise over 60 acres of nearshore Moloka'i marine area. With a mission to become a model of sustainability from mauka to makai, Ka Honua Momona this year completed its Mālama i nā Loko I'a o Moloka'i project, supported by a Laulima Grant. Focused on management and removal of invasive species such as mangrove and gorilla ogo, the project has improved water circulation and sedimentation within the fishpond and adjacent nearshore reef. Over the project's course, 2,147 volunteers contributed 4,478 hours of service. Ten community workdays welcomed participants ranging from pre-kindergarten keiki and kindergarten to grade 12 students to summer interns, families, and community members to learn about the loko i'a. Working together, they removed 9,225 pounds of gorilla ogo and 2,455 invasive mangrove seedlings by hand to prevent further spread and damage to the site.

A Strong Foundation in Science

“Giving back to the land, the ocean, and our community is a great kuleana.”

— University of Hawai'i at Hilo student trained in coral-reef monitoring through a Laulima Grant to Kuleana Coral Reefs

Photo courtesy of: Pōhaku Pelemaka

HMI has always rested on a solid foundation in science. Community partners collaborate with academia and management partners to inform data collection approaches, conduct data collection and design monitoring protocols, as well as share essential local and indigenous insights to strengthen scientific inputs to decision-making. Over the past year, HMI Fund community grantees increased their capacity to design and implement data collection and monitoring activities and strengthened partnerships to achieve scientific objectives. Key community partners for building this foundation of science included the DAR, DOCARE, and the Hawai'i Monitoring and Reporting Collaborative. In Spring 2026, HIMARC, DAR, and leaders of an emerging University of Hawai'i fisheries program shared their experiences and perspectives with the HMI Fund Advisory Committee, focusing on the needs of communities and marine management priorities.

Hawai'i Monitoring and Reporting Collaborative (HIMARC): Learning with Communities

IN 2025, HIMARC relocated from Arizona State University to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Building on its strong working relationship with DAR and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, HIMARC is also focused on collaborating more closely with communities on site-based tailored analyses. This includes contributing to amplifying discussions on data and community-based management to identify pathways integrating multiple perspectives and ways of knowing, while addressing key issues linked to data sovereignty, sharing, and the protection of local and Indigenous intellectual property rights. For example, over the past year, data camps were piloted with community members stewarding the Ka'ūpūlehu Marine Reserve, in partnership with Hui Kahuwai and its management partners. The camps were conducted with an aim of applying scientific results to decision-making and developing a novel approach based on the following principles:

- Building trust
- Finding shared questions
- Transparent data-quality evaluation
- Co-developing data analysis and interpretation

This work has resulted in a strong foundation of collaboration between community, government, and their partners around how data can be incorporated in co-management. Conversations are continuing for incorporating future shared data collection, interpretation, and decision making for the first ever enactment of place-based adaptive management.

Additional overall progress statewide has included:

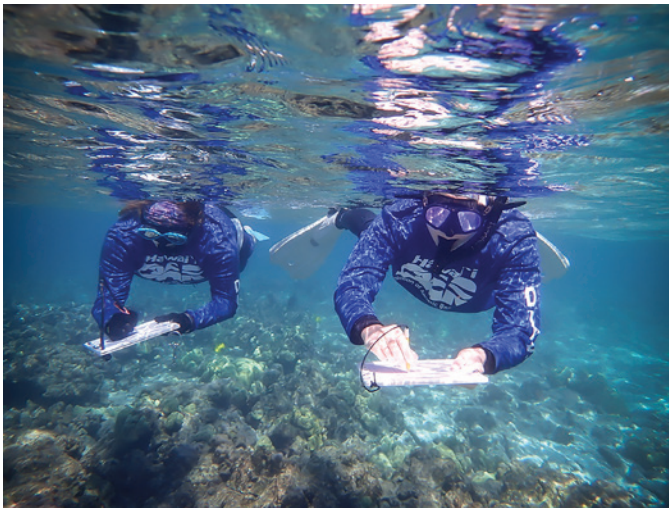
- Combining and analyzing data from statewide providers of underwater surveys forming a combined database including data from over 20,000 surveys to date that have contributed to multiple statewide, place-based management actions and processes, including recent use by the Maui Navigation Team, BLNR, and State Legislature.
- Increasing capacity within DAR monitoring teams. For example, supporting DAR O'ahu to have a complete analysis ready database for the first time and helping support developing a new islandwide monitoring plan.
- Mapping 22 drivers of reef conditions statewide. Highlights include generating the first comprehensive database of cesspools statewide, updating the only available noncommercial fishing data estimates statewide through 2022, and creating the first-ever statewide assessment of accessibility of fishing from shore and boat.



Photo courtesy of: HIMARC

Community Monitoring: Uplifting Local Knowledge, Perspectives, and Effort

A **STRONG FOCUS** remains on integrating community engagement, local knowledge, and Indigenous approaches into applied science for research, data collection, and monitoring of nearshore marine resources and ecosystems. Highlights include progress in ongoing shoreline and resource-use surveys conducted by Makai Watch Program community organizations, as well as water-quality testing, coral reef surveys, and data collection on plastics and derelict fishing gear in nearshore marine areas conducted by community groups funded by Laulima and Pāpio Grants. Marine Capacity-Building Cohorts continue to share monitoring experience and expertise between communities and with management partners.



DAR conducting coral reef monitoring training with the Kohala Center and other members of the Hawai'i Island Marine Capacity Building Cohort.

“This grant gave me the opportunity to pursue dive training in the open water certification course that I might not have been able to complete on my own. I feel a stronger responsibility to protect and honor the ocean that I live near every day.”

- Kuleana Coral Volunteer



Photo courtesy of
Kuleana Coral

COMMUNITY MONITORING HIGHLIGHTS

Supported by Laulima and Pāpio Grants, Kuleana Coral Restoration trained community groups in the moku of Lahaina and Kula on Maui, Wa‘ianae, ‘Ewa, Ko‘olaupoko, and Nānākuli on O‘ahu this year on coral reef surveying, data collection, and reef restoration. Kuleana Coral Restoration was founded in 2019 by Native Hawaiians, scientists, and ocean conservationists with a mission of restoring degraded coral reefs and cultivating resilient coral reef ecosystems under the management of coastal communities. It leads a reef restoration training course and, as an American Academy of Underwater Sciences-accredited organization, is authorized to certify scientific divers. The organization is also expanding a network of community-based Coral Restoration Areas complementing mauka restoration organizations with downstream reef restoration work guided by community needs. In 2023, Kuleana Coral Restoration received federal funding to launch a coral training course providing Hawai‘i residents with technical dive certifications and hands-on restoration skills. The organization is headquartered in West O‘ahu, which is home to multiple restoration sites. Its most recent restoration area was launched in Nānākuli in January 2025.

Building a Movement



“Kahuku is an interesting site in that there is no corresponding state designated marine managed area. This places even more emphasis on the importance of restoration actions on land that will affect the nearshore environment. Our clearing of the Solutions Center site, marine debris cleanups, and educational programs all made strides in the continued restoration and rehabilitation of coastal areas and the Holomua Initiative.”

— Sustainable Coastlines

Photo courtesy of Anna Velykodna/Sustainable Coastlines

Advancements in Communication

OVER THE PAST YEAR, a key focus of HMI has been strengthening communications to proactively address and mitigate misinformation and disinformation. With social media management support from Honolulu-based communications firm FutureSwell, DAR has improved HMI social media engagement, leading to a marked increase in positive public-generated social

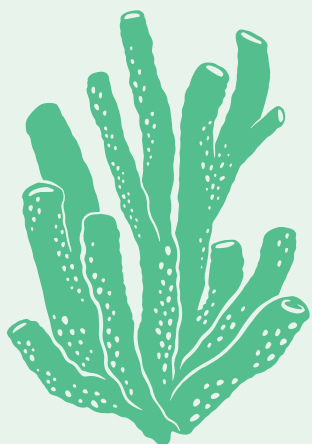
responses. With partial support from the HMI Fund, DAR also partnered with local video production firm Outside Hawai'i to produce video stories highlighting what inspired community members to engage with and support HMI and islandwide navigation team processes. Initially hesitant to embrace HMI, the Maui Navigation Team now leads the island's navigation process and its

and support from the Pacific Center for Collaboration, DAR staff led the launch of the Hawai'i Island Navigation Process, during which talk story sessions drew more than 400 community members to community meetings focused on learning and engaging in regional, islandwide management planning. the DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement also continued to hold statewide Makai Watch Program network gatherings and increased the network's membership to 24 with new members from Maui, Lāna'i, and Hawai'i Island. Community networks also strengthened their advocacy capacity through Marine Capacity-Building Cohort learning sessions coordinated by Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo, a community advocacy cohort led and mentored by Hawai'i public policy advocates, and an advocacy network coordinated by Resources Legacy Fund.



Communications and Policy Impact Highlights:

- Passage of legislation toward the Hawai'i Green Fee Implementation
- Passage of legislation supporting Community Agreements for Site Management and Stewardship
- Continued constructive discussion refining the Ka'ūpūlehu Marine Management Plan draft



Strengthening Community Advocacy: A Cohort Dedicated to Pono Policies

In September 2025, the HCF launched a funding opportunity supporting community efforts aimed at ensuring local perspectives, priorities, and aspirations are reflected in marine resource management policy decisions. The funding opportunity was designed to strengthen advocacy capacity within Hawai'i community organizations and programs working toward the shared goals of HMI. In the first half of their yearlong journey, the cohort's nine members learned about the distinctions between education, advocacy, and lobbying, including rules and limitations associated with each.

The Road Ahead

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT for HMI as communities and partners continue to deepen collaboration, strengthen their efforts, and build momentum toward achieving key objectives.

The Maui Island Navigation Process is expected to result in an islandwide management plan agreement and recommendations forming the basis of an HMI funding opportunity. With the Hawai'i Island Navigation Process launched in spring 2026, communities on the island are expected to take important steps toward ensuring marine resource management decisions are well informed by local mana'o. The process will benefit from the inspired and informed engagement of the HMI Fund-supported Hawai'i Island Marine Capacity-Building Cohort. Science will play an increasingly strong role with HMI, as the Hawai'i Monitoring and Reporting Collaborative and DAR deepens their collaboration with communities. DO-CARE will continue to expand and strengthen the Makai Watch Program as more communities engage and increase capacity.

HCF looks forward to the completion and results of GroundSwell's midpoint evaluation of HMI and presentation of its findings later this year. HCF also plans to convene grantees this fall to further strengthen pilina and gain community and partner perspectives on the HMI Fund's grantmaking strategy and priorities. As HMI moves forward, HCF will continue collaborating closely with partners and the HMI Fund Advisory Committee to develop and support funding opportunities strategically advancing effective

community-engaged co-management of nearshore marine resources. New grant awards will include projects supported through Pāpio Grant funding opportunities, the Lawai'a Engagement funding opportunity targeting



Makahanaloa Fishing Association guides HCF staff and Advisory Committee member during a site visit.

commercial and non-commercial fishers released in April 2026, and the 2026 Makai Watch Program organization funding opportunity released in May. New funding opportunities will include a Community Advocacy Cohort for 2026, support for data and monitoring, and the likely launch of another islandwide Marine Capacity-Building Cohort.

Building on the work of more than 55 organizations implementing over 77 projects across Hawai'i's nearshore marine areas, the HMI Fund will continue its key role advancing a shared vision of healthy marine ecosystems and abundant nearshore resources. Through these efforts, Hawai'i's communities and residents will continue to enjoy coastal waters, sustain livelihoods, and feed families for generations to come.

Mahalo to our Funder Partners

PHILANTHROPY'S ROLE is vital to launch and sustain the local efforts of this Initiative. Our donors share the passion and vision for a resilient Hawai'i with vibrant reefs and marine life that benefit generations of residents and visitors alike. Mahalo for supporting this unprecedented partnership between government and philanthropy, proving that what we do locally in Hawai'i can demonstrate collaboration and leadership globally.

Current Funders:

Aditi Fund

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Dorrance Family Foundation

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Marisla Foundation

Oak Foundation

The 'ohana of funding partners to the HMI has also included Kamehameha Schools, Kōaniani Fund, Oceans 5, The Tiffany & Co. Foundation, the Weissman Family Foundation, and others committed to healthy and abundant nearshore marine ecosystems. Mahalo piha.

Advisory Committee

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE was formed in July 2020 and is charged with identifying funding priorities that are best suited for philanthropic support to reach the goals of the HMI. The Committee meets quarterly to review proposals and make recommendations to HCF's Board of Governors on funding, and/or to review progress on existing awards and the status of identified priorities. The Advisory committee consists of representatives from various sectors of the community that share kuleana for the nearshore marine environment in Hawai'i including marine science, conservation, community organizations, fishers, and cultural experts.

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