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**Hawai'i Community Foundation's Stronger Hawai'i Initiative Supports Preparation Efforts
on Kaua'i Ahead of Hurricane Lowell**

\$22,000 in Kaua'i Strong Fund Deployed to Three Local Nonprofits to Date

KAUA'I — The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) has deployed \$22,000 in Kaua'i Strong Funds through its [Stronger Hawai'i Initiative](#) to support three Kaua'i organizations so far as it prepares for potential severe weather from Hurricane Lowell this weekend.

The funds will strengthen the resilience of vulnerable families and households on Kaua'i and Ni'ihau by enabling Hawai'i Foodbank – Kaua'i, Kāko'o Lahui, and Project Vision Hawai'i to deliver proactive preparedness outreach and rapidly procure and distribute essential food, supplies, and other life-sustaining resources ahead of the storm.

"Disasters don't wait until communities are ready, which is why preparedness and rapid response are so critical," said Terry George, HCF CEO & President. "Through the Stronger Hawai'i Initiative and Kaua'i Strong Fund, HCF can quickly mobilize philanthropic support for trusted community partners on the ground before, during and after severe weather events. As we move through this El Niño hurricane season, our focus is on helping ensure vulnerable families and households are prepared, safe, and connected to the resources they need to recover."

While HCF's island-specific funding goes directly to the island county, its Stronger Hawai'i Fund provides a flexible resource that can accelerate response to the communities that need it most, while catalyzing support and investing in long-term recovery and resilience, statewide.

Individuals and organizations interested in learning more or contributing to the Stronger Hawai'i Fund can visit www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/strengthening/stronger-hawaii.

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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 110-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 2025, HCF stewarded more than 1,175 funds, established by individuals, businesses, and organizations committed to building a better Hawai'i. Through these funds, along with contracts and private foundations, we've distributed over \$116 million in grants statewide so far this year, including scholarships assisting more than 1,400 Hawai'i students. For more information about HCF, please visit hawaiicomunityfoundation.org and follow our social media channels on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#).