



# VIBRANT HAWAI'I



**Resilience Hub  
Overview**



Since our inception in 2020, we have channeled over \$10M directly to community partners in the form of grants, contracts, stipends, supplies, and equipment to create the conditions for people to discover their power and initiate change in their community in two mutually reinforcing ways:

- First, we invite and resource hyper-local opportunities to turn ideas into action;
- Second, we remove the barriers that make neighbors feel disconnected from their ability to solve the problems that matter most.

## What is Resilience?

re·sil·ience

/rə'zilēən(t)s/

noun

The capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.

## What is a Hub?

Central Node/Focus: A, "nerve center" or, focal point where activity is concentrated.

## What is Resilience Hub?

A central place in a community where people come together to build the capacity to withstand challenges and recover quickly from disruptions.





- Kohala Resilience Hub
- Hawaiian Volcano Education and Resilience Institute (HVERI)
- Kalopa Resilience Hub
- Honokaa Resilience Hub
- Magic Sands (formerly White Sands)
- Kailapa Community Association
- Waimea Resilience Hub
- Orchidland Neighbors
- Hawaiian Acres Hub
- Puna Makaukau - Fern Acres
- Ka'ū Hana Lāhuli Lāhui 'O Kau
- Naalehu Resilience Hub
- Hope DIA-Mend Ministries
- Pahoa Resilience HUB/Kanaka Ha'aheo  
SPACE
- Pepe'ekeo Community Development Corporation
- Volcano Emergency Response Team (VERT)
- Waipi'o Valley Resilience Hub
- Kiholo Resilience Hub

Hookuaaina  
SILC / Disability Hub  
Friends of Kahana  
KEY Project  
Voyaging Foods  
Hui o Hauula  
Kailua Alert & Prepared (KAP)  
KKCERT  
Ho'āla 'Āina Kūpono  
Hanohano Huliāmahi  
Kahalu'u United Methodist Church  
Nurture Cultivate Inc  
Christ Church Uniting  
Hale Ofa





## **Vibrant Hawai'i Provides Hubs With**

- **Solar Generators**
- **Starlink**
- **2-Way Radio communications**
- **Storage space**
- **Emergency shelter supplies**
- **Ongoing certification/training**
- **Monthly tabletop exercises**
- **Annual training conference**



## ANNUAL POINT OF DISTRIBUTION DRILL

- Site management
- Resource & inventory management
- Traffic and crowd management
- Comms & Coordination
- Demobilization & Reporting



**6,000**

**KEIKI SERVED**

Ensuring children have access to essential nutrition during summer

**452,774**

**MEALS PROVIDED**

Each meal represents care, community & commitment towards Hawai'i's future

**684**

**VOLUNTEERS**

Strengthening community bonds through collaboration

**\$239,980**

**VOLUNTEER VALUE**

6,760 hours at \$35.50/hr  
(Independentsector.org)

**\$267,943**

**TO LOCAL FARMS**

Directly boosting Hawai'i's agricultural sector

**32**

**LOCAL FARMS**

Fresh, locally-sourced produce for families

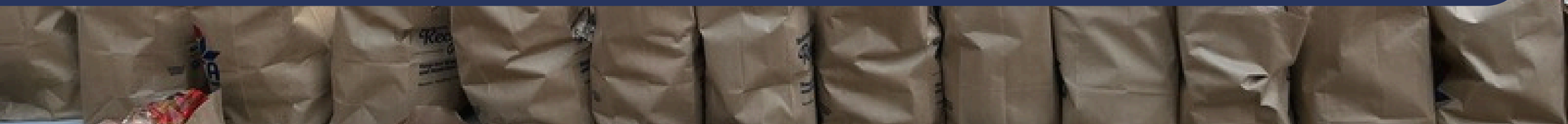


# ALOHA IN ACTION

Community-Led Response and Mobilization

**3 WEEKS**

**74,000 PEOPLE SERVED**



## Hubs Provide Hazard Mitigation

Mitigation is proactive action taken to reduce the long-term risks and impacts of hazards—whether natural or human-caused—before they disrupt a community.

“For every dollar invested in mitigation, \$6 is saved in damage and response, and for every dollar NOT INVESTED, \$33 is lost in economic activity for that community.”  
Will McDow, Environmental Defense Fund





FEDERAL IMPACTS

## FEMA Suspends Key Pre-Disaster Mitigation Funding

URBAN WIRE

## FEMA Is Eliminating Hazard Mitigation Programs, Leaving Americans Nationwide at Risk as Disasters Worsen

POLITICS

## Trump administration ends key grant program that helps communities prepare for disasters

The administration called the program “wasteful and ineffective” and said it would halt [\\$3.6 billion in funding awarded but not yet paid](#) and would not award \$882 million in grants for the following fiscal year.

The program’s disruption upended projects across hundreds of communities in both Republican- and Democratic-led states, thwarting plans to improve stormwater drainage, harden electrical lines and even help relocate households living in areas most vulnerable to disasters.



**CHAINSAW SAFETY  
AND FELLING CERT**

**7 TEAMS  
56 CERTIFIED**

"In Kahana, stream maintenance really made a huge difference.

Homes along Kahana Valley Road that usually flood were spared, and our community was proactive about digging trenches as we monitored the storms."





**HUI HĀNAI KA MOKU:  
20 COMMUNITIES | 10,000 KEIKI**



**16 FIRST AID/CPR INSTRUCTORS  
1 YR OUTCOME, 400+ CERTIFIED**

**15 PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID  
INSTRUCTORS, 120 CERTIFIED**

**YOUTH RESILIENCE ACADEMIES**

**RESILIENCE CONFERENCE**

**STATEWIDE RESILIENCE COALITION**

Building capacity to  
withstand challenges and  
recover quickly from disruptions.

**Demonstrated readiness  
through continuous training  
and real-world  
implementation**

**2014 - Tropical Storm Iselle**

**2018 - Kīlauea Eruption**

**2020 - COVID**

**2021 - Mana Road Fire**

**2022 - Kona Low / Severe  
Storms and Flooding**

**2023 - Wildfire and High Wind**

**2024 - Hurricane Hone**

**2025 - Government Shutdown**

**2026 - Kīlauea Eruption**



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Vibrant Hawai'i Mini Grants

#VibeHI Day

150 Projects

7,000 People Engaged





**Everyday, families are facing personal disasters.**

**In underresourced and rural communities, people are figuring it out with the abundance they have in skillsets, relationships, and reliance on each other.**

**This is resilience.**



**WE ARE NOT FIRST RESPONDERS,  
WE ARE IMMEDIATE RESPONDERS.**



# Get Involved

**We each hold one piece that is a part of something bigger.**

To learn more, connect, collaborate, or contribute, please contact us.

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