

# 2023 Impact Report

## Mission

Lifting up community practices that build health and connection among people and places.

## Commitment

The HMSA Foundation supports community-based organizations committed to strengthening health and well-being in Hawai'i.

## Impact Snapshot

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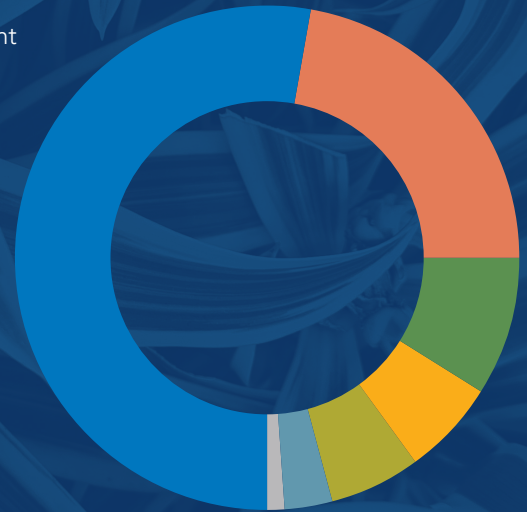
**million**

total grants awarded

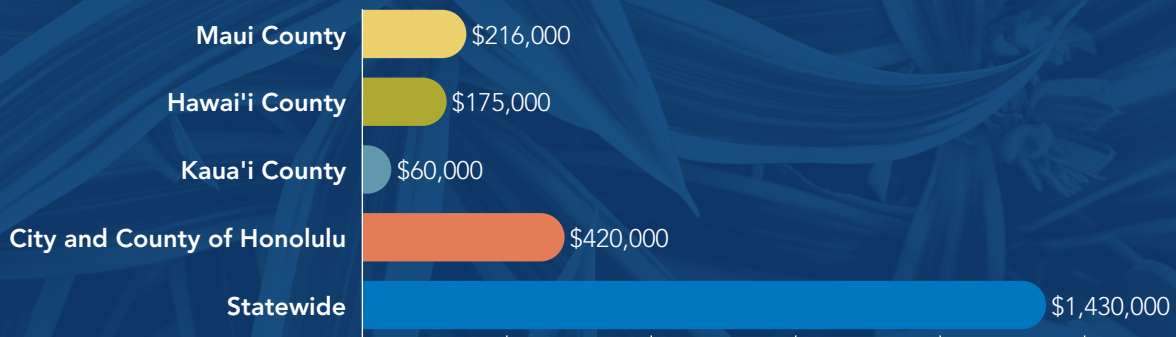
**23** organizations

## Grants by Program Areas

- 53% Workforce Development
- 22% Health and Wellness
- 9% Food Security
- 6% Mental/Behavioral Health
- 6% Research
- 3% Access
- 1% Health Literacy



## Grants by Population Area



# Supporting Workforce Development

A well-trained and competent workforce is essential to delivering effective health care services and improving health outcomes in Hawai'i. That's why we awarded more than half of the grants in 2023 to organizations that support programs that focus on workforce development.

One of the programs that the HMSA Foundation is proud to support is Hawai'i Interprofessional Education (HIPE). HIPE consists of University of Hawai'i health professional faculty members who are committed to educating students to work together to improve the health of Hawai'i by delivering patient-centered care.



An Interprofessional Education (IPE) activity with students from the UH Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing, UH John A. Burns School of Medicine, UH-Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, and the Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health with the Department of Human Nutrition Food and Animal Sciences. This IPE simulation focuses on students collaborating and using teamwork skills while developing a patient-centered and culturally appropriate discharge plan for a geriatric patient.

## Testimonials



**Rosa Waters**  
Master of Social Work graduate, 2022  
Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health

"The Graduate Assistantship with Hawai'i Interprofessional Education (HIPE) was a rich learning experience and the highlight of my Master of Social Work program. I learned the value of effective interprofessional health care communication and collaboration. I was afforded high quality educational programming, involvement in research, and connection to exceptional health care leaders. I sought out a role as a medical social worker in a clinic where I could engage in interprofessional health care work. HIPE made me feel confident in my expertise and collaboration with colleagues from various health disciplines, enhancing care for our patients."



**Kal Peterman**  
Doctor of Nursing Practice graduate, 2021  
Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing

"I was first introduced to the Hawai'i Interprofessional Education (HIPE) program through a simulation activity at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. It was an exciting opportunity that enriched my education and allowed me to practice a challenging scenario before encountering it in real-life patient care. That experience made me feel supported and more aware of the resources that we offer patients. Now that I've been a nurse practitioner for a few years, I realize how invaluable the HIPE experience was. The HIPE program introduced me to an important aspect of health care that allows me to be a better clinician in my daily practice."



# Hui Partners

The HMSA Foundation partners with a hui (cohort) of 10 community-based organizations committed to addressing the deeper roots of health in Hawai'i. Multiyear funding is provided for operational support and to facilitate connection between hui partners to learn, grow, and work together.

Our 10 partners statewide are deeply rooted in the communities they serve and are aligned in a shared mission of strengthening health and well-being in Hawai'i. Together, they address many health-related social needs to ensure that individuals, families, and communities can enjoy ever-healthier lives.

Every year, the HMSA Foundation hosts the cohort to gather, learn, and connect with each other. In October 2023, the hui gathered in Hāna for discussions on setting goals for the future.



“The work with the hui is like the 'Aha moku system theory. When there were issues that were greater than the community, different people from different moku would gather and weave in mind, body, and spirit for the well-being of the people. Issues like health and wellness are so important; we need to have that macro relationship.”

– Talia Cardines, Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways

We're proud to work with our hui partners throughout the state.

1	Hawaiian Community Assets	Poverty & Housing
2	The Food Basket	Food System
3	KEY Project	Keiki & 'Ohana
4	Kipuka O Ke Ola	Mental Health
5	Kōkua Kalihi Valley	'Aina & Food
6	Kumano I Ke Ala	'Aina Based
7	Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike	Education
8	Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways	Trauma
9	Waimānalo Health Center	Traditional Healing
10	We Are Oceania	Social Services



# Support for Maui

As part of our commitment to support families directly and indirectly impacted by the Maui wildfire disaster, the HMSA Foundation proudly partnered with the Maui Police Department (MPD), Ho'oikaika Partnership, and Kokua Lahaina Rising. The Foundation also supported Hawai'i Community Foundation's Maui Strong Fund.

## Maui Police Department

MPD launched the voluntary program Project L.I.Y.T. (Live in Your Truth) in June 2023 to help at-risk youth ages 12 to 24 who are dealing with mental illness and substance use. Many of these young people are homeless. The goal of the project is to help them discover their potential regardless of their circumstances. The program focuses on six components of health and wellness: physical, emotional, spiritual, mental, social, and environmental.

MPD has partnered with community organizations such as the Maui AIDS Foundation, Maui Memorial Medical Center, Mental Health America of Hawai'i, Parents and Children Together, and



Graduates of the C.O.R.E. unit's inaugural Project L.I.Y.T. program engage in workshops and seminars focused on healthy living, substance abuse, and suicide prevention.

Young Men's Christian Association to provide resources and services and facilitate workshops and activities. Participants have the chance to explore their interests, develop crucial skills, and create meaningful connections.

## Ho'oikaika Partnership

Ho'oikaika Partnership is a coalition of community-based organizations, individuals, and county and state agencies committed to preventing child abuse and neglect in Maui County. In 2023, nearly 70 organizations attended monthly meetings, organized community outreach events, and developed educational materials to strengthen families and prevent child maltreatment. One of their strategic goals is to develop specialized grief and post-disaster trauma training for the prevention and provider workforce for Maui wildfire survivors.

The 2024 Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma Summit was an opportunity for Maui-based practitioners to learn and connect with others to address long-term impacts of the wildfire disaster. Their workforce has been struggling to keep up with the increased demand for services while also caring for their own well-being. Many of their partner organizations have limited resources and this support helped those who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend.

## Kōkua Lahaina Rising

With over 13,000 people displaced from the Lahaina and Kula fires, many pregnant women and children are not getting the routine care they need. Kōkua Lahaina Rising organized the Keiki Health Fair and Grown Ups Too! to address the physical and emotional health needs of Maui families. Members of the medical community provided routine childhood vaccines and other care to children and pregnant women. They also provided flu and COVID-19 vaccines to people of all ages.

## Mahalo to our 2023 Community Partners

Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii

Five Mountains Hawaii, Inc.

Habilitat, Inc.

Hawai'i Community Foundation

Hawaii Literacy

Hawaiian Community Assets, Inc.

Ho'oikaika Partnership

Kōkua Kalihi Valley

Kōkua Lahaina Rising

Kualoa-He'eia Ecumenical Youth Project

Kumano I Ke Ala

Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike

Maui Police Department

Molokai Child Abuse Prevention Pathways

Queen's University Medical Group

Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii

The Food Basket, Inc.

The Queen's Medical Center

University of Hawai'i, John A. Burns

School of Medicine

University of Hawai'i, Nancy Atmospera-

Walch School of Nursing

Wai'anae Community Redevelopment

Corporation

Waimānalo Health Center

We Are Oceania



Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii kicked off their spring semester What's Next initiative to help students in various grade levels transition to high school, prepare for SATs and ACTs, and narrow their college choices.