



VIBRANT HAWAII



2020 HUBS FINAL REPORT



2020 RESILIENCE HUBS

September 27 - December 18, 2020

In September 2020, Vibrant Hawai'i (through its fiscal agent Hawai'i Rise Foundation) was awarded \$1,700,000 of CARES funds to launch a network of resilience hubs to provide connectivity for distance learning, access to meals and food supplies, and build community resilience. Five Hawai'i County Council members provided an additional \$171,100 to support the Vibrant Hawai'i resilience hubs initiative.

2020 Hubs Impact

- 21 Hub sites that provided access to laptops and wifi, programming and restaurant prepared meals and food boxes
- 14 Hub sites that focused solely on food distribution
- 11 Programs that supported hubs and broader community resilience
- 41,733 households and 108,214 individuals (38 percent under age 18) were assisted
- Over \$544,000 invested across 30 local restaurants that provided meals to hubs
- Over \$335,000 supported over 100 community members serving the hubs. All were paid at the living wage rate of \$20 minimum per hour.

2020 Hubs Partners

Resilience Hubs leaned in to building up social networks and human capital. We intentionally worked to position federal dollars in communities islandwide and support.

Restaurants and Food Suppliers that supported Hubs: Amoo Enterprises • Andrade's Cafe • Any Kine Wonton • Asami's Kitchen • Brine (Hilo Food Hub) • Cafe Pesto • Chef Hui, Mariah Williams • Chef Kanekoa • Chef Living HI • Coffee Grinds • Dimple Cheek Cafe • Gramma's Kitchen • Hana Hou • Hawai'i Community College Culinary Arts Program • Honoka'a Country Market • Hula Hulas • Ippy's Hawaiian BBQ • Jackie Reys • Ka'ai & Soo-Ling Delights • Kalaekilohana Inn • Kaleo's • KBXtreme LLC • Kilauea General Store • KTA Superstores • Lava Rock Cafe • Liquid Life • Luquins • Mom's Hilo • Pancho's Tacos • Papa'aloa Country Store • Poke Market • Remy's Food Service • Shaka Shack • Short N Sweet • Suisan • Sushi HI • The Fish House • Tin Shack Bakery • Umekes • Uncle's Kitchen

Businesses that provided in-kind donations to support Hubs:

Creative Arts Hawai'i • Hawai'i Island Board of Realtors • Waiākea Hawaiian Volcanic Water





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Cooper Center and Volcano Arts Center, Kim Miller & Linda Ugalde
County of Hawai'i Kawanānākoa Gym, Chelbielyn Hanohano Flemming
Haleki'i Resilience Hub and Friends of the Children of West Hawai'i, Michael Olsen
Hāmākua Youth Foundation, T. Mahealani Maikui & Jeannette Soon-Ludes
Hawaiian Beaches/Hawaiian Shores, Jessie Aguilar
Hawaiian Paradise Park Activities Center, Judi & Vanessa Houle
Hilo Coffee Mill, Caitlin Davis
Kailapa Community Center, Shari Ann Drummondo
Kō Education Center, Kalehua Kukahiko
Kua O Ka Lā, Pilimai Traub
La'i'ōpua, Kawehi Inaba
Laupāhoehoe Train Museum, Doug Connors & Auntie Lucille Chung
Leilani Community Association, Greg Armstrong
Lower Puna, Sammy Hastings
Maku'u Farmers Market, Laua'e Kekahuna
Nā'ālehu Hongwanji, Michelle Galimba & Nadine Ebert
Nānāwale Community Association, Aaron Ferreira & Kanaka Ha'aheo
Nā Kahua Hale O Uluwini, Toni Symons
Ocean View, Pam & Hannah Ako
Pāhala Community, Katie Graham
Pāhoa Schools Foundation, Hoku Fernandez
Pana'ewa Farmers Market and Hub, Justine Kamelamela & Ahia Dye
Partners in Development Foundation and Overflow Church, Ross Pagat
Pōhāhāikalani, Kūlia Tolentino-Potter
Puna Baptist Church, Paula Minney
Salvation Army Hilo Corp, Lt. Jacob Bratton
St. James Church, Lauren Avery
Sure Foundation Puna, Richard Gorman
University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Farrah Marie-Gomes
Volcano School of Arts & Science, Kim Miller & Kalima Kinney





RESILIENCE HUB PROGRAMS

Big Island Face Shield Group/3D Printing: Kean Wong, Ava Williams, Caroline Landry
Community and Financial Resilience, Rebecca Choi, Cheryl Matsumura, Kalehua Kukahiko
and Kim Kobayashi

Conscious Communities, Sulma Gandhi

Full Life, Mar Ortaleza

Hāmākua Harvest, Marielle Hampton & Lei Lei Paolacci

Honeybee Education Program, Jenny Bach

Ke Kula 'O Aloha 'Aina, Heidi Hart

Keiki Heroes • Wellness Training for Students, Donna Matthews & Lacy Matsumoto

Young Keiki Learning and Enrichment, Cheyenne Jouppi





EXIT EVALUATION OF HUB TEAMS

What are you proud of?

- The program's ability to service multiple gaps in the support infrastructure for some of the island's most critical needs – food, childcare, financial independence
- food distribution volunteers
- Being able to provide a safe space for keiki to continue their distance learning, parents were able to return to work and continue to provide for their Ohana.
- I'm proud to have been able to help so many local families in need. The food distribution was huge for many people.
- The relationship that developed with local farmers that will continue after the grant by providing Miloli'i with 2nd grade avocados and papaya for palu so Miloli'i fisherman will use to hani 'ōpelu koa.
- So proud to see our community come together at a grassroots level and support one another and our willingness to "suffer a little so that no one has to suffer a lot."
- Being able to support artists, and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities.
- That we could pull it all together so fast. Wasn't neat and pretty but it was amazing , brave, and beautiful.
- Servicing the youth
- With COVID, being at home is not always the safest place and many of our young people are learning at home or in hubs. Interpersonal violence needs and support have escalated since stay at home guidelines were in place.
- Interpersonal violence is a hard topic to discuss – especially virtually. However, in our current context of virtual learning it is doing something like we did – or nothing at all. I am so proud of our brave educators who despite everything that is on their plate – decided to try something new and they all have much excitement to continue to implement in the new year. We are looking at ways to continue to support these KKP educators in 2021.
- The collaboration with other staff in the operations of all of the Kua O Ka Lā Hubs. These times have been challenging for everyone so I am extremely thankful to KOKL staff who worked diligently to serve our keiki and families at our Hubs.
- By having a Resilience Hub in Kohala we were able to provide child care for school teachers, staff and other working parents/guardians so they could continue working.
- I am most proud to be part of an effort that is thoughtfully addressing systemic inequity island-wide by honoring Hawaiian values and connection to place. These are big issues and the commitment to using local skills and resources to uplift our island will result in tailored solutions to shared challenges.





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What are you proud of?

- The ability for community leaders to come together for a common purpose was impressive. Every one stepped into leadership roles without hesitation and that was what we needed in this time of uncertainty.
- Made me feel happy and hopeful to see people serving and uplifting their communities. Serving in the communities where they reside.
- We are most proud of the way in which the Vibrant Hawaii project led the way to encourage communities and organizations around Hawaii Island to "formally organize" to do the most good for the people in our towns. Without Vibrant Hawaii leading the way in a positive, organized and thoughtful way, we would not have accomplished as much as we have in very short time.
- The speed and scope of the project was amazing. It all happened pretty fast and was able to get food, information and resources directly to those in need in our communities.
- I am most proud of the impact that has been made on our island communities. So many keiki and families have been fed, local restaurants and businesses have been supported, financial, housing, disaster plans, education, trauma, CPR & First Aid, and sustainability resources have been made available to the public. Jobs have been provided through Vibrant Hawaii to those who live in the community.
- Our ability to network within our community to reach so many new families.

