

# The IRC Gazette

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## This Week in the IRC:

### RSFs:

#### Community Assistance RSF

On 03/06/2024 CA convened a meeting with Maui County to discuss a draft Scope Of Work on proposed commercial redevelopment and ROW improvements and requested county input on how it can be amended to best meet the county's needs. Attendees included County representatives from Public Works, Zoning and Long-Range Planning; priorities to be discussed next week include identifying sites for redevelopment, opportunities for reuse/resale and new 'code zones'.

#### Economic RSF

Milton Cochran provided an hour-long overview of EDA's efforts working with DOL to provide dislocated worker grant funding for displaced clam farmers in Florida. Attendees included Federal partners, State of Hawaii, and several Hawaii Counties. A second presentation is scheduled for 3/19 for Maui County who had a scheduling conflict. A lively discussion followed with several follow-up emails.

#### Health and Social Services RSF

On 05MAR Federal HSS Behavioral Health SMEs supported HIDOH-led meeting to prepare Providers and NGOs for upcoming "Wellness for Aloha" workshops scheduled for 03/14 and 03/20. Federal HSS Education Branch SMEs and Human Services Branch Director met on 03/05 with state education homeless student coordinator and team regarding displaced students. This team has a new mobile office for Maui which arrived approximately two weeks ago, allowing the team meet families where they are at rather than requiring families to meet at school.

#### Infrastructure RSF

IS Field Coordinator accompanied, Director of USACE's Engineering, Research and Design Center (ERDC) on a tour of Lahaina and the Debris Storage area.

#### Natural and Cultural Resources RSF

Began socializing the change in NCR RSF leadership with the Maui County NCR Leads during the County NCR Leads meeting. NCR RSF participated in the monthly National Coalition for Arts' Preparedness & Emergency Response (NCAPER) call. The call highlighted local Maui based efforts to instill hope for the future through arts, performing arts, and cultural activities for survivor recovery. Had a meeting with EDA to discuss options of a nature reserve along the West Maui Greenway and the inclusion of cultural signage.

### Advisors:

#### Civil Rights Advisor

Monitored direct leasing programs with Disability Integration and Cultural Protocol. Engaging with the Cultural Protocol Task Force, NCS Transition, SESF 6, Maui Disability Task Force, and other pertinent stakeholder/shareholder assemblies

#### Cultural Protocol Task Force Advisor

On 03/06, CPTF participated in the Maui Strong Mental Health Response Convening held at the UH-Maui Campus and hosted by the Governor's Office of Wellness and Resilience. Approximately 75+ invited service providers documented their mental health response efforts from the date of the fire through the present, including the challenges encountered and recommended best practices going forward. Identifying federally funded options to reimburse PNPs for costs/expenses incurred in providing essential social services.

#### Disability Integration Advisor

DIA assisted in connecting ARC and DOH for a process in place to alleviate the more difficult cases referred to our team. Supporting Temporary Housing Resource fair 03/09 at Royal Lahaina in Maui. DIA and DIS continuing outreach efforts at NCS hotels for assistance in case reviews, bridging gaps with resources, and mitigation of unmet needs.

#### Hazard Mitigation

Attended the Department of Health and Environmental Protection Agency presentation for Wahikuli Subdivision residents on 03/06 to assess mitigation opportunities. Wahikuli Subdivision is being migrated to a sewage system within the next five (5) years and this presentation provides an opportunity of residents to ask questions on rebuilding to the same footprint in preparation to migrating away from current cesspool systems.

#### Philanthropic Advisor

Collaboration call with peer-to-peer support from the Paradise Building Resilience Center and USDA-RD to discuss feasibility of funding a similar effort in Maui. Research for philanthropic support for state purchased hotel for survivor housing.



## **Grow Some Good Farm to School Partnership with the YMCA**

The Economic RSF and FEMA, met with Nā Māla Kaiāulu Farm manager a local non-profit to discuss their challenges and learn about the Grow some Good Farm to School partnership with the Maui Family YMCA. The hands-on community garden grows a variety of plants, and fruit trees, while teaching about agroforestry that mimics what happens in the natural forest. “Since 2008, Grow Some Good has provided school garden programming and now supports over 7,000 students each year. School Gardens are a key resource for learning, engaging with nature, and instilling healthy habits.”



To learn more about Grow some Good programs go to:

[Grow Some Good | Cultivating a healthy community by strengthening local agriculture and improving access to nutritious, affordable food](#)