

Rapid Response Report to WDC Executive Committee
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Disaster Rapid Response

To assist with the North Shore Kauai and East Hawaii Island recovery effort, the WDC is administering two disaster dislocated worker grants: \$500,000 Kauai; and \$3.5 million Hawaii County.

Permitted grant activity on either island includes demolition, cleaning, repair, renovation, debris and mud removal, park and trail restoration, reconstruction of damaged and destroyed structures, facilities, and lands, county- and state-owned stream, bridges, and culvert mitigation, and housekeeping.

As administrator of both disaster DWGs, Kayla Rosenfeld has begun implementing the infrastructure necessary to perform island recovery projects.

- Staffing agency selected and contracted to administer individual payroll services that include benefits, insurance, taxes, and workers compensation.
- community briefings have been scheduled for each county: one on Kauai (Sept. 25); three in Hawaii County (Sept. 27);
 - Representatives from WDC, the staffing agency, WDB, and AJCH will attend all meetings.
 - first round of grant participants will be processed.
- established secure data transfer protocol between the AJCH and staffing agency,
- identifying priority worksites, and
- recruiting businesses of record to employ eligible dislocated workers.

Regarding Hurricanes Lane and Olivia, and their impact on Kauai, Maui County and Hawaii Island — President Donald Trump signed disaster declarations for the state of Hawaii to help with emergency response efforts. But the declarations are limited to FEMA moving and positioning life-saving/sustaining resources.

FEMA currently, has damage assessment teams conducting analysis in impacted areas. After the assessments are complete the state will then decide whether or not to request a major disaster declaration. If the disaster declaration request is approved, then federal assistance will become available.

In the meantime, the WDC continues to monitor post-hurricane situations via news reports and correspondence with our county partners

Statewide Rapid Response for Hawaii Businesses

OAHU	Notification Date	AJCH action
DuPont Pioneer	2017	RR on 8.6.18 (second)
Wailana Coffee House	8.27.18 news article	Awaiting workforce survey responses
Island Energy Services	8.29.18 news article	Awaiting workforce survey responses

KAUAI	Notification Date	AJCH Action
St. Regis Princeville Resort	9/13/2018	WDD coordinates

HAWAII ISLAND	Notification Date	AJCH Action
Jacks Tours	7.26.18	8.2.18
Mauna Lani Bay Hotels and Bungalows	8.2.18	Timing didn't work

MAUI	Notification Date	AJCH Action
Honua Kai Resort and Spa	7.13.18	WDD coordinates

WDC created a standardized post-Rapid Response reporting form that the AJCH submits to the Statewide Coordinator after each session.