

## Update on Rapid Response by Kayla Rosenfeld

### Disaster DWGs

WDC has contracted HiEmployment as the 3<sup>rd</sup> party staffing agency on Kauai and Hawaii Island. Staffing agency will:

- provide payroll services on Kauai and Hawaii Island
- match eligible dislocated workers with approved businesses of record

### Kauai Disaster DWG

- Two projects operating: 1) Malama Kauai, Meia on Wheels; and 2) Makana O Kauai, reef debris clean up

### Hawaii Island DWG

- Two projects operating: 1) Hawaiian Sanctuary, cacao farm recovery and internships; and 2) CTAHR, propagating disease-resistant papaya seeds

### Challenges:

- Explaining to businesses that this grant is designed to put people back to work – not to make the business whole.
- Business of record must be supporting disaster recovery work
- Vetting job description
- Recruiting individual and business participants

### Timeline:

- Have begun drawing down funds

### Published WIOA Bulletin:

- Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant Policies and Procedures, Change 1

### Statewide Rapid Response

Kayla continues to work with Oahu and Hawaii Island WDBs to streamline the Rapid Response protocol.

### Recent WARNS:

- Oahu –
  - Hagadone Printing – scheduling Rapid Response session for late December 2018
  - Lanikai Juice – working to schedule Rapid Response session for January 2019
- Hawaii County
  - Bubba Gump Shrimp Company
    - Rapid Response session held on Dec. 7 in Kailua-Kona
    - 14 attendees who were very happy to see the team
    - State and County Reps: Unemployment, Wagner-Peyser/Vets, Hawaii County Housing, Hawaii County Senior programs, Goodwill Industries