



SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

Workforce Development Division Update

1. Maui Wildfire National Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant

Total award of \$21,062,640 to DLIR-WDD based on an emergency application to fund temporary employment to clean up and repair damage on Maui County caused by severe fires that started on August 8, 2023, and resulted in destruction of more than 2,200 buildings and more than 90 fatalities. The destroyed buildings, infrastructure, outdoor structures, trails, roads, and other various public and private property requires significant clean up before rebuilding can begin. WDD is partnering with Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO), Inc. to provide temporary employment opportunities on Maui.

2. Community Demonstration Grant – Hawaii Digital Work Skills Grant

Total award of \$975,000.00 to improve digital literacy and digital equity to reduce the workplace skills gap in socioeconomically disadvantaged communities. WDD is partnering with the Hawaii State Public Library System and the Hawaii State Community Schools for Adults to offer entry and intermediate level digital literacy classes across the State.