

Preliminary List of CARES Act Grant Recipients

Funding Categories:

CARE A1: Food Services
 CARE A2: Non-Profit Economic Loss Support Grants (e.g. Child care support, Community Services)
 CARE A3: Mental Health & DV Prevention Grants to Non-Profits
 CARE B1: Agricultural Assistance Grants
 CARE B2: Transforming Tourism/Economic Diversification Recovery Support Program Grants
 CARE B3: Rise to Work - Non-Profit Grants (e.g. Ag, IT, and Conservation Workers)

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CARE A1	E Ola Mau Na Leo O Kauai	Operation Kekaha Kokua	<i>description coming soon</i>	\$177,245
CARE A1	Kauai Government Employees Federal Credit Union	Meal Kit Delivery Program	<i>description coming soon</i>	\$150,000
CARE A1	Hoomana Inc	Ho’omana Meals Kaua’i: Hot Meals Food Prep & Distribution	<i>description coming soon</i>	\$125,326
CARE A1	Kauai Economic Opportunity	Elderly Nutrition & Homeless Services	<i>description coming soon</i>	\$177,245
CARE A1	Crossroads Christian Fellowship	Nourish Kauai	<i>description coming soon</i>	\$200,000
CARE A2	ClimbHi	ClimbiHi Bridge	ClimbHI Bridge is a portal built to connect and match educators and businesses through streamlined communication regarding the following opportunity types: Guest Speaking / Guest Teaching; Judges & Coaches Sought; Mentorship; Job Shadowing; Project-Based Learning; Site Visits and Other Events; Career Fair Participation and Job Readiness Activities; and Internships. Your participation will help to engage and shape Kauai's students into building careers on our island that will benefit them, your industry, and our economy. Join in today and inspire Kauai's students to build their careers. To enroll or learn more, email info@climbhi.org .	\$42,000

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CARE A2	Kaua'i Veterans Council	Save the Kaua'i Veteran's Center	The Kauai Veterans Center is not only home to our island veterans, but it's also available to the community to rent for major events, classes, or meetings. COVID19 shut down the Veterans Center and its revenue stream, and put it in danger of closing permanently. As we slowly reopen, this grant will pay the salaries of our employees, pay our utilities, buy extra cleaning supplies, a pest control contract, and a contract to disinfect our building weekly to insure we have the cleanest and safest venue for those who rent it. This grant is a life saver and will insure the Veterans Center remains open for our veterans and the community to use, so please call 246-1135 and let us host your event.	\$62,660
CARE A2	Church of the Pacific	Ho'okipa Kauai Food Pantry	Church of the Pacific manages two pantry lines, where all are welcome, and a garden that produces vegetables for the pantry lines. The pantry in Anahola distributes at 11:00 am Wednesdays on Anahola Road across from Anahola Beach Park. The pantry in Princeville distributes from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Wednesdays on Church property at 4520 Kapaka Road. CARES Act funds will purchase food and sanitary supplies plus allow an expansion and upgrade of worn out facilities that now handle up to four tons of food each week, distributed to a participation that has more than doubled since onset of the Coronavirus pandemic.	\$101,186
CARE A2	Women in Need	WIN's Rent/Mortgage Asst. & Childcare Subsidy	Women in Need's program can provide services for up to 160 households for rent/mortgage assistance and 55 families for child care subsidy to Kaua'i residents who have suffered a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information please call our mainline at 245-1996, or email Sharon.winkauai@gmail.com.	\$360,000
CARE A2	Easterseals Hawaii	Coronavirus Pandemic Support	Easterseals Hawaii has been serving the disabilities community for more than 73 years and the generous support from the Kauai County Cares grant will allow us to purchase personal protection equipment and rigorously sanitize our locations to help ensure the health and safety of our program participants, their families and our staff on Kauai. Bringing peace of mind while helping maintain important disability services. In addition, we will use funds to expand our telehealth offering by providing tablets and data packages to local families in need. A huge thank you from our more than 200 program participants and more than 30 team members on Kauai. To learn more about our programs or services, email info@eastersealshawaii.org or call 808-536-1015.	\$92,450

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CARE A2	Homestead Community Dev	Micro Business Recovery Project	The Micro Business Recovery Project seeks to support micro businesses with 5 employees or less, to continue to operate, or to reopen and operate in the Anahola region of Kauai with a new business strategy made necessary by COVID 19. Eligible micro businesses are eligible for project support for business lease rent, COVID 19 business facility improvements, purchase of goods or services including virtual marketing websites to enhance business viability that increases local patrons. Applications will be available by the end of August. For more information contact Faisha Solomon at info@hawaiianhomesteads.org.	\$91,350
CARE A2	Big Brothers, Big Sisters	BBBS Kaua'i: Connection for a Virtual Future	Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii will soon expand mentoring services virtually, through a new free Mentoring App that connects keiki with supportive mentors who will supervise their mentees as they learn, practice, and master important new skills. The app will enable mentors to track students' use of the world's best educational and mental health programs. Mentors will take the time to listen to goals and provide the encouragement and accountability mentees need to achieve their goals, all while being monitored by BBBS Staff, adding an important layer of security and oversight. Contact Regional Director Nicole Cowan at 808-631-8642 to learn more.	\$40,000
CARE A2	Kaua'i Community Science Center	Hookui Project	Kauai Community Science Center's KCSC HOTspot brings together resources to improve distance-learning outcomes for students, teachers and parents in the near term and promote science education now and into the future. KCSC will deploy a mobile WIFI hotspot equipped with STEAM learning resources, bringing education, science and technology to you. Collaborations with other successful mobile STEAM programs, Mobile FAB Lab from Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburg, PA and The STE(A)M Truck in Atlanta, GA will support KCSC in developing a Mobile HOTspot that improves student access to fun STEAM activities and exposure to related career pathways. KCSC will also partner with local organizations to disseminate information and resources to students, teachers and parents as it moves through neighborhoods in West Kauai. Learn more on the KCSC website and follow us on Instagram and Facebook too.	\$176,506

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CARE A2	St. Theresa School	Transition to Success	St. Theresa School (STS) is honored to be partnering with the County of Kaua'i on our Transition to Success project providing training for teachers, staff, parents, and learners on new policies and procedures related to COVID-19, broadening the network capabilities, streamlining our online educational platform to prepare for hybrid learning and daily operations to ensure the safety of all persons on campus. Our technical infrastructure will be modified with a broader bandwidth to accommodate for larger access for WIFI accessibility and connectivity so learning can take place virtually anywhere on property (including St. Theresa Church and the perimeter parking lots along our campus). Our extended WiFi capabilities will benefit the community by providing access to the network for work or educational purposes through our "drive up and connect" hub similar to internet café.	\$40,700
CARE A3	Kauai Economic Opportunity	Mental Health Counseling for Homeless	Through the CARES Act grant, KEO will be providing a licensed private provider who will be available for mental health counseling during scheduled appointments for all participants in the Homeless and Housing Programs. These services include psychological assessments, individual or family counseling with a licensed, certified mental health professional.	37,800
CARE A3	Women in Need	WIN's Domestic Violence Intervention Program	WIN's Domestic Violence Intervention Program is designed to assist clients, who could not otherwise afford to pay for Domestic Intervention classes, who experienced job loss, business closure, furlough and reduction in work hours due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is designed to assist in the mental health care of our community, and offer financial assistance participants of who are either already enrolled in current classes or are currently enrolling in future classes. The goal is to ease the financial stress so they can continue attending and successfully complete the program. Contact person is Sharon Graham, Housing Director at 808.245.1996 or 808.855.5360.	40,000
CARE A3	Hale Opio Kauai	Fostering Mental Health Wellbeing, domestic violence, & suicide prevention utilizing Circle powered Social Emotional Learning	Hale Opio Kauai will use the grant to foster Mental Health Wellbeing, Domestic Violence Prevention, and Suicide Prevention utilizing TrustCircle powered Social Emotional Learning Programs for the Kauai community impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic. For more information, contact Priti Tayal, EdM, MA, Community Programs Director at ptayal@haleopio.org or (808) 245-2873 x8209.	250,000

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CARE A3	Kauai Planning and Action Alliance	Community-Based Mental Health - Suicide	<p>KPAA's Kauai Resilience Project, in partnership with our KRP partners, will provide community-based activities designed to promote suicide prevention and mental health stigma reduction. Activities will be led by KRP partners, including the Hawaii Children's Theater, Kauai Team Challenge, Kauai Mental Health Advocates, the Kauai Community College Performing Arts Center, Catholic Charities, Hale Opio, and individuals providing suicide prevention training. In addition, KPAA will promote these messages in the community through a public education campaign, which will include radio, print, and social media ads; webinars; and the creation of two public art murals by local artists. The campaign's messaging will be guided by the members of the Prevent Suicide Kauai Task Force and Dr. Deb Goebert, Professor and Associate Director of Research and Director of the Hawaii's Caring Communities Initiative for Youth Suicide Prevention at JABSOM. Contact person is Alice Luck at alice@kauainetwork.org or (808)632-2005.</p>	251,573
CARE A3	Life's Bridges	Aloha Wellness Program	<p>Aloha Wellness is a program designed by Life's Bridges to address the overwhelming feelings of grief our community is experiencing from COVID-19. Life's Bridges understands grief and the impact it can have on individuals, families, and our community as a whole.</p> <p>Aloha Wellness 6-week support groups are designed to help you navigate the stress, struggle, and loss of the status quo as we navigate COVID-19. We are inviting you to IMAGINE SOMETHING DIFFERENT as you begin your journey into a vision of healing and building individual resiliency during this difficult time.</p> <p>Join us Monday, August 3, 2020 for our Co-Ed group, held at Kapaa Missionary Church. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information regarding times, dates, locations, and to register call 616-510-6363.</p> <p>Aloha Wellness groups will follow all State and local recommendations on social distancing and mask requirements.</p>	62,640

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CARE B1	Kauai County Farm Bureau	Lydgate Farms - Emergency Hires	Kauai County Farm Bureau is grateful to the County of Kauai Office of Economic Development for their support of agriculture through this grant project. Lydgate Farms raises vanilla, honey, tropical fruits, and cacao that has been rated as among the best in the world at the Cocoa of Excellence Awards in Paris, France. This grant provides for the hiring of two new full time team members from mid-August through December 31st, with the intention of keeping those team members on after that period. In addition to providing high quality ag employment to keep this farm running (when covid has caused a loss of over 80% of sales), this grant gives them a small amount to market their products locally and create interest in local value added ag products.	\$44,625
CARE B1	Waipa Foundation	Ho`oulu Waipa	The Ho`oulu Waipā project will support the transformation of 9 acres of agricultural land currently overgrown with invasives into productive dry and wetland planting areas. Waipā Foundation is excited about expanding our lo`i kalo, agroforestry and food crop plantings to help help decrease our communities' reliance on off island food products, and bring us closer to becoming a self-sustaining Kaua'i. Waipā's production of kalo and poi, fruits and vegetables will continue to help feed Kaua'i's north shore communities and those islandwide through our existing distribution systems for years into the future. Part of this project will focus on the installation of agroforestry and forage plantings such as Ho`io fern, bananas, and other crops which will eventually require minimal maintenance yet serve as food resources especially in times of extreme crisis.	\$143,108
CARE B1	Aina Hookupu O Kilauea	Ag Resiliency	Aina Ho'okupu O Kilauea's AgResilient grant project is to expand local farming capabilities and production levels while creating jobs for both experienced and aspiring farmers. It will also be to support these expanded farming and aggregation operations with administrative staff, and to help continue to build and service connections between produce users such as restaurants, value-added producers and consumers, and the local Kaua'i farmers who grow it.	\$659,650

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CARE B1	Kauai Economic Development Board	Livestock Feed production Infrastructure & Equipment for Cattle Finishing	HBI currently farms approximately 50 acres of alfalfa commercially, exclusively producing small square/rectangular bales. Disruptions in the market due to the COVID-19 pandemic have forced local livestock ranchers to seek reliable, lower-cost local sources of feed, in excess of current local production. Additionally, operational and logistical concerns preclude the practical use of small bales by some ranchers/livestock owners, who have requested the availability of cubes, pellets, or other feed product formats that have higher storage and nutrient conversion efficiency and are more economically sustainable for their operations. This project will purchase, install, and operate equipment required to rapidly expand both the volume of local feed production as well as the range of products produced, helping local livestock ranchers and owners address the supply chain disruptions, strengthening and improving the sustainability of our local livestock industry	\$750,000
CARE B1	Moloaa Irrigation Cooperative	Water Meter support to improve food production	Moloa'a Irrigation Cooperative (MIC) has received funding for water system improvements to help farmer members reduce their cost of water due to leaks in the system. Farmers in Moloa'a have sustained severe economic losses due to restaurant and market losses during the pandemic. This Kupa'a Kaua'i project will reduce water costs which will provide added resiliency to those farms. We are proud of the resourcefulness of our MIC members as they meet the challenges of establishing new cropping and marketing strategies in this difficult time.	\$52,415
CARE B1	North Shore EVP	Safe and Stable Kauai Farms Initiative	The Safe & Stable Kaua'i Farms Initiative is providing technical assistance and direct grant support to forty Kauai farms to help position them to enter new local markets. This project addresses food safety and infrastructure challenges by subsidizing free Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) training that enables farms to be compliant with some Food Safety and Modernization Act requirements, and invests in necessary food safety and business upgrades at the on-farm level that support farms in scaling into larger and more stable markets. The project is a collaboration between North Shore EVP, Malama Kaua'i and UH College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR).	\$280,246

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CARE B1	Kauai Economic Development Board	G&R Pasture Improvements for Cattle Finishing	Due to the pandemic, ranchers found that shipping cattle to O'ahu became more difficult and costly. This project brings fallow lands into a modern and productive ranching operation to allow for management of the herd and regular finishing of cattle for processing working toward an all Kaua'i grown and Kaua'i finished product. Improved handling of cattle using manageable paddock pastures will allow the animals to live under ideal conditions and have less stress.	\$1,000,000
CARE B2	GIRCD	Transforming Tourism at Makauwahi Cave Reserve	CARES Act funding from the County of Kaua'i has been awarded to Garden Island Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. for improvements to Makauwahi Cave Reserve (MCR) near Poipu. Funding will help upgrade the visitor amenities at this popular destination, including construction of low-impact composting toilets and wash stations for visitors, and improvements to the trail system and signage in the park. MCR had over 60,000 visitors last year. Since the pandemic shutdown the site has gradually re-opened to local visitation, currently 10-4 Thursday through Sunday in accordance with County safety guidelines. For more information, see www.cavereserve.org .	\$26,250
CARE B2	Hanapēpē Economic Alliance	Reinventing Hanapepe Friday Art Night	Hanapepe Art Night is going virtual! For those missing the weekly Friday night art walk through Hanapepe town, we'll be bringing the local arts and crafters community to you! Visual tours of local galleries and crafters tables, art, artist talks and demos, live music, and even food demonstrations, will be created for people to enjoy from the comfort of their own homes. Support the local creative community, stay tuned for updates by visiting our website where we will be actively sharing videos, photos, links and more! For more information or to inquire about participation or offering support, please email info@hanapepe.org .	\$115,815

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CARE B2	Hanalei Initiative	Collaborative Workspace	<p>The Hub is your new place to get things done. Whether you need a place with reliable fast internet and presentation / teleconference capabilities, A/C, a quiet office with a secure place to store your stuff away from the distractions of home, or a private room to conduct social, personal, or business services, The Hub could be the perfect place for you. The Hub is a fully-featured business office with complete equipment and supplies including high-definition TV screens, whiteboards, a printer/scanner, private lockers, and customized furniture layouts to fit your needs. The Hub includes private rooms, community collaboration space, and hands-on personal support for scheduling and assistance. A variety of subscription offers allow members to tailor their usage needs to perfectly fit their budget.</p> <p>As a special introductory offer (valid through December 2020, thanks to a grant from Kupaa Kauai), new members may apply for significantly discounted rates based on their personal situation and business needs. The management of the Hub is happy to schedule a tour and show you all of the features you can take advantage of, as well as help determine how this space can best fit your unique needs. Availability is limited, so apply early for your best chance to secure the space and scheduling times that best fit your needs.</p> <p>To schedule a tour, receive an application form, or simply inquire for more details on rates and availability, please contact Joel Guy at typaguy@yahoo.com or call 808-635-2074.</p>	\$52,080
CARE B2	Kauai Government Employees Federal Credit Union	Agriculture A.I.D. Program (Common Ground)	<p>The Agriculture-AID program seeks to build resilient and sustainable supply chains by developing capacity in companies making locally-sourced consumer packaged goods and developing an online retail platform for Kauai-made agriculture products. Launching in August, 2020 the Business Incubator Program will provide business training and support for Kauai companies making value-added products. An online retail platform will launch in November, 2020.</p> <p>For those interested in applying for the Business Incubator Program or to find out more about the online retail platform please contact Jennifer Luck at jen@commongroundkauai.com or Dana Hazelton at dana@kgefcu.org</p>	\$491,654

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CARE B2	Royal Coconut Coast Association (RCCA)	Royal Coconut Coast COVID-19 Tourism Recovery	<p>Funds going to the Royal Coconut Coast Association (RCCA) are allocated toward projects to support restoring Kauai residents' economic viability through helping businesses to re-open or expand their current business level and re-hire furloughed workers. Projects are primarily targeted to future visitors and kamaaina in order to position the east side as an attractive place to stay, dine, shop, play and explore, with a focus on educating potential travelers about COVID-19 guidelines for being on Kauai.</p> <p>Funds dedicated to the Old Kapaa Town Business Hui, through RCCA, are designed to establish coordinated messaging and practices among member businesses about COVID-19 safety as well as establish information, images and social media to promote those member businesses — in its effort to improved economic viability in Kapaa with safety and collaboration in mind.</p> <p>The Royal Coconut Coast Association (RCCA) provides informational resources to the public focusing on Kauai's East Side through one central website that is updated frequently, royalcoconutcoast.org, email contact is info@royalcoconutcoast.org, phone number is 808-639-6895.</p> <p>The Old Kapaa Town Business Hui will provide heightened access to COVID-19 safety information and materials as well as a website as a central source of information, email is oktbh.info@gmail.com, 808-347-3303</p>	\$66,550
CARE B2	Homestead Community Development Corp.	Homestead Campground & Marketplace Project	<p>This project transforms two Hawaiian nonprofit projects, a campground and an open-air market, to mitigate COVID 19 realities through installation of best practices in social distancing, hand sanitizing stations, and other safety measures. In addition, the project will implement physical and program improvements to reflect local flavors, tastes, experiences, to create greater access to local vendors by patrons in the new kamaaina economy created by the pandemic. And finally, the project seeks to create consignment shops for local practitioners in local products, foods, art and culture, and services as part of the campground and open-air marketplace transformation.</p> <p>Consignment Applications will be available before the end of July 2020. For more information, contact Faisha Solomon at info@hawaiianhomesteads.org.</p>	\$48,090

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CARE B2	Hawai'i Visitors and Convention Bureau	KVB Tourism Recovery Efforts	This project puts a focused effort into education marketing to potential visitors on not only how to travel to Kauai but also how to act accordingly during the COVID-19 pandemic and aftermath. Messaging will also include education on the challenges that the resident population is facing and how things have changed. Efforts will focus on respectful travel and the importance of adhering to local requirements including mask wearing and social distancing as well as updated quarantine requirements. Part of the funds will also target marketing to Kama'aina to stimulate the local economy. Funds will also supply PPE for incoming travelers to remind them of the importance of local efforts.	\$1,000,000
CARE B3	GIRCD	Makauwahi Cave Reserve Jobs Program	CARES Act funding from the County of Kaua'i has been awarded to Garden Island Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. for expansion of the Makauwahi Jobs Program at Makauwahi Cave Reserve (MCR) near Po'ipū. This program has offered on-the-job training in conservation skills since its inception during the last recession in 2009. Funding from the County has made it possible to expand this program, creating jobs for nine new employees. All positions were filled in the first week of the program. For more information about the work of MCR in biocultural conservation and education, see www.cavereserve.org .	\$208,000
CARE B3	Kupu	Kupu Natural Res Mgt Entry Level Job Training	Kupu will provide hands-on workforce development training in the green jobs sector. Each program trainee will be matched with a Kupu partner agency and receive valuable hands-on experience and targeted training while assisting with environmental stewardship projects such as removing invasive plants, restoring native habitats, maintaining trails, controlling erosion, and preserving cultural sites. Partner agencies (project sites) may include National Tropical Botanical Garden (Limahuli and Lāwa'i), Kokee Resource Conservation Program, Department of Land and Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, Malama Hule'ia, Kumano I Ke Ala, and Kaua'i Forest Bird Recovery Project. Please email Kupu at conservation@kupuhawaii.org or call 808-735-1221 for additional information.	\$225,000

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CARE B3	Mālama Kaua‘i	Aloha Aina Workforce Program	The Aloha ‘Āina Workforce Program is working with various conservation and food systems organizations/businesses across the island to provide dislocated workers with hands-on, benefitted jobs in the conservation and food systems/agricultural fields, as well as administration roles in these industries. These temporary jobs will be supplemented with personalized resume writing and career coaching sessions and job-specific training/certifications to help assist with and support career transitions into these new fields for the dislocated workers.	\$300,000
CARE B3	Anaina Hou Community Park	Recreational Maintenance	Anaina Hou Community Park is grateful for the support of OED and funding from the CARES Rise To Work grant which will allow us to provide four jobs for the community. In turn, these positions will help us maintain the safety and beauty of Anaina Hou Community Park, keeping it accessible and enjoyable to whatever level is appropriate during these difficult COVID-19 times.	\$110,000
CARE B3	Hui Makaainana o Makana	Sustainable Food Security Project / Security Project	This project proposes the restoration of ancient loi kalo (taro fields) within the Kee Loi complex in Haena, Kauai, to address the issue of food instability due to the COVID 19 pandemic. This project will create 10 jobs and provide work for several licensed professionals.	\$210,000
CARE B3	National Tropical Botanical Garden	NTBG's Rise to Work	The National Tropical Botanical Garden’s Rise to Work proposal is intended to help create temporary COVID-safe jobs at NTBG’s Kaua‘i gardens. The temporary workers will help restore and enhance areas of the garden to provide access to NTBG’s environmental and recreational resources. The intent is to offer safe places for Kauai’s citizens to recapture their physical and mental-health resiliency among the gardens’ beautiful collections of natural resources following months of being homebound.	\$225,000
CARE B3	Leadership Kaua‘i	Rise to Work Program	This program will build a state-of-the-art online learning platform to deliver leadership programs for 10+ leaders training and include fees and support for the program. This online learning platform will offer an opportunity for new and continued learning with outcomes that will increase community resilience. This project funding will support 6 jobs -3 new temporary hires by contract or employee, and 3 maintained currently employed with LK to complete the project plus create an unlimited opportunity for facilitators, trainers, and speakers to earn income through the workshops and programs they produce.	\$65,000

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CARE B3	Mālama Nā `Apapa	Marine Debris Cleanup and Reef Monitoring	Mālama Nā `Apapa (kuaicoral.com) seeks to diversify work opportunities available for dive professionals on Kauai whose typical tourism-based operations have been halted by the COVID19 outbreak. Funding by the County of Kauai enables qualified SCUBA personnel to utilize their relevant training, equipment, and experience to contribute to reef conservation through two main objectives. The first is the safe and efficient removal of debris - including fishing line, nets, tarps, and other highly-destructive items - from reef environments. Secondly, MNA will lead coral monitoring projects, assisting the Division of Aquatic Resources to collect baseline information about the health of Kauai's coral reefs and instilling a sense of stewardship that leads to continued care and advocacy for the environment.	\$200,000
CARE B3	HCDC	Homestead Job Corps Project	The project seeks to create short term job opportunities earning \$15 an hour, for up to 20 weeks through December 2020 to assist unemployed or under-employed Kauai residents. Job Corps positions are available immediately until filled and are tasked in teams serving kupuna households to create backyard gardens, yard clean-ups, and other land stewardship projects that protect, improve and increase access to environmental, cultural and recreational resources at HCDC project sites. A limited number of Job Corps positions will be dedicated to clerical functions in digitizing records and installing virtual platforms to serve nonprofit client safety. Applications are available now. For more information or to request a project application contact Faisha Solomon at info@hawaiianhomesteads.org.	\$200,000