



2024

IMPACT DASHBOARD

www.sustainablemolokai.org



A SPECIAL MESSAGE...

Aloha mai kākou,

As we reflect on 2024, my heart is filled with gratitude for our community, partners, donors, and supporters who continue to uplift Sust'ainable Molokai. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and advanced our shared vision of restoring 'āina momona—abundant land and thriving people—for Molokai.

This year, our programs continued to persevere and adapt through transitions, thanks to the steadfast commitment of our staff, board, and volunteers. Their unwavering commitment reminds me daily that sustainability is not just about resources—it is about relationships. 'Āina sustains us, and in turn, we are called to mālama 'āina with care, responsibility, and aloha.

As we move forward, we remain rooted in lōkahi, knowing that the power of unity and collective action will guide us in building a healthy and resilient Molokai. Each contribution of time, knowledge, and resources strengthens the foundation for future generations.

On behalf of our team, I extend my deepest mahalo to you for believing in our mission and standing with us on this journey. It is your continued support that allows us to dream boldly and work diligently toward a sustainable future for our island home.

Me ke aloha nui,



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Tehani Kaalekahi
Executive Director
Sust'ainable Molokai

ABOUT SUST'AINABLE MOLOKAI

Sust'ainable Molokai is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community development organization committed to restoring 'āina momona (thriving people and abundant land) to Molokai by uniting traditional practices with responsible, modern sustainability solutions.



Our programs are dedicated to strengthening Molokai through efforts in:

**FOOD
SOVEREIGNTY**

**ENVIRONMENTAL
& NATURAL
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION**

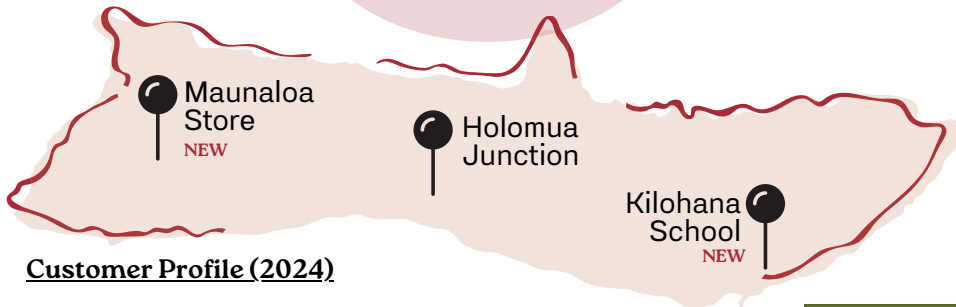
**ENERGY
RESILIENCE**

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

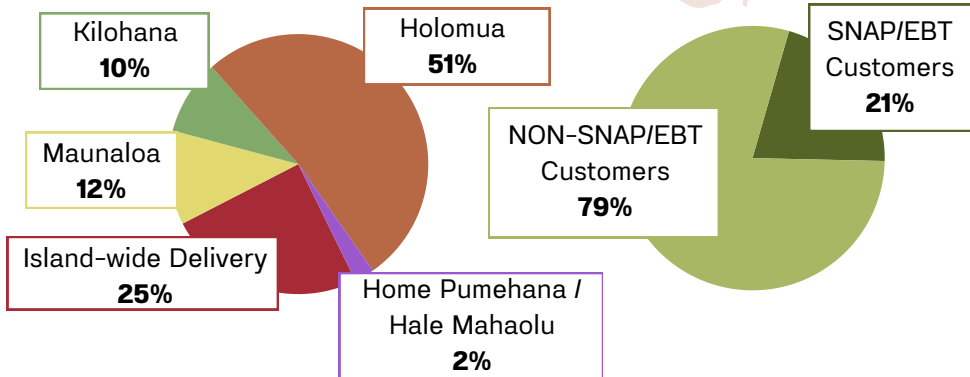
Sust'ainable Molokai serves the entire island of Molokai which consists of approximately **7,500 residents**. According to socio-economic statistics, the majority of our community can be considered low-income and impoverished. Statistics do not tell the whole story, though, as we are also the Hawaiian Island with the largest percentage of **Native Hawaiians (62%)**; our rural setting and strong activism history means residents have a strong connection to our 'āina and our culture.

FOOD HUB - MOBILE MARKET

Mission: permanently align the local food supply with our community's needs, increase the total food production on Molokai, and ensure that everyone has access to affordable, local, healthy food.

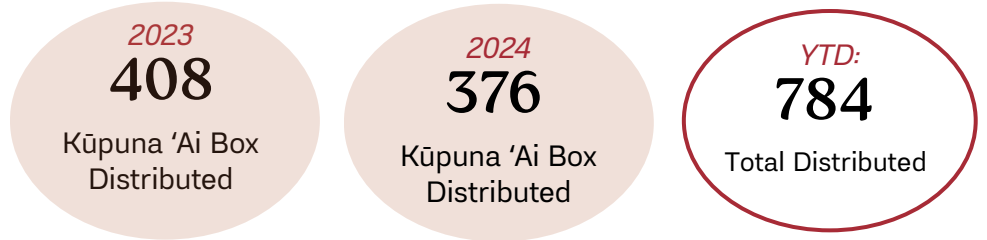


Customer Profile (2024)



Kūpuna 'Ai Box

Our new program allows community members to purchase food boxes (containing fresh, locally grown products) to be donated and delivered to local kūpuna in need.



Farmer's Markets

This program allows us to celebrate agriculture, sustainable living, community resilience, and the spirit of unity. We support local businesses and embrace sustainable practices.

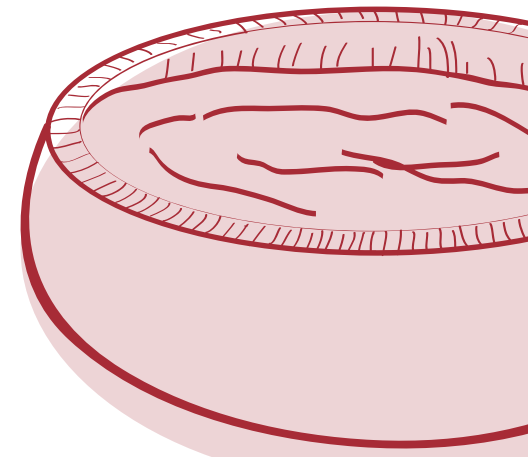


'Ai Holo Food Box Delivery for Keiki by Maui Food Bank

'Ai Holo provides a free weekly food box to keiki living in rural areas in Lanai, Maui, and Molokai. The 'Ai Holo program is committed to supporting our community by providing essential nutrition to those who need it the most.



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Families Served



MOLOKAI FOOD BANK & MAUNALOA FOOD PANTRY

Sust'ainable Molokai participates in monthly Food Bank distributions by sourcing local food and supplying them to the Maui Food Bank, which then donates/distributes to **20+ agencies on Molokai** - which includes the Maunaloa Food Pantry that we operate.

20+

Maunaloa 'ohana served through the Maunaloa Food Pantry (2024)



MAUI MAHI'AI DISASTER RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

The Maui Mahi'ai Disaster Relief Grant Program offers up to \$22,500 in grant funds to provide emergency disaster funding and education and may be used to directly increase agricultural resilience against natural disasters and to assist in recovering market losses.

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Small farmers and ranchers on the island of Maui who have been affected by August 2023 Maui wildfires

HO'OMĀHUAHUA AGRICULTURAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

Mission: provide on-site learning opportunities to support our community in growing more food! These programs give future farmers and ranchers the **knowledge and skills** to grow crops and learn about our island's food system, such as marketing and distribution, value-added products, and creating locally sourced healthy meals.

MOLOKAI AG EXPERIENCE

This 12-week program focused on providing opportunities in food systems for all ages over 16 in the Molokai community. This year we were able to offer two pathways (Track 1: Get Experienced, Track 2: Get Growing)

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Molokai Host Sites

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Participants

PEEP (POULTRY EGG EDUCATION PROJECT)

Mission: to increase local egg production, boost our island economy, and support our cohort in their business goals.

2024

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PEEP Participants

EGGS 2 MARKET

This program allows our Egg Collective and community poultry farmers to officially sell their eggs through Sust'ainable Molokai's Food Hub, local groceries, and food bank.

23+

Local egg producers in our Egg Collective

MAHI'AI MOA PROJECT

Mission: increase local poultry production on Molokai, boost our island's economy, and support our participants in their business goals.

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Mahi'ai Moa Participants

FARM BUSINESS SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Mission: provide direct business support to Molokai farmers and producers. It was developed during our 2019 Farmer Training series.

ENERGY RESILIENCE

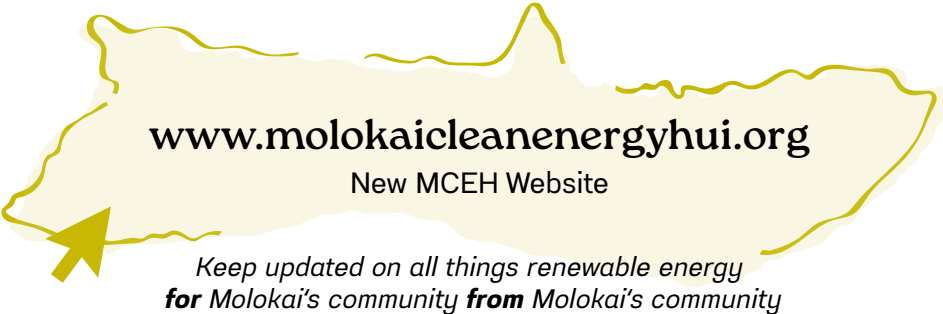
We develop clean energy project portfolios and programs to achieve 100% renewable energy for Molokai. Projects are feasible, respectful of Molokai's culture and environment, and strongly supported by the community through an island-wide planning process that is **community-initiated, driven, and led**.

Did you know, the State of Hawaii has a mandate to achieve 100% clean energy by 2045.

MOLOKAI CLEAN ENERGY HUI (MCEH)

For the first time ever, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Hawaiian Electric have paused their normal off-island energy planning process. This allows us, the Molokai Community, to develop our own plan! MCEH is a group of community members inspired to build on Molokai's history of energy advocacy.

60+
MCEH Members



www.molokaicleanenergyhui.org
New MCEH Website

Keep updated on all things renewable energy for Molokai's community from Molokai's community

MOLOKAI COMMUNITY ENERGY RESILIENCY ACTION PLAN (CERAP)

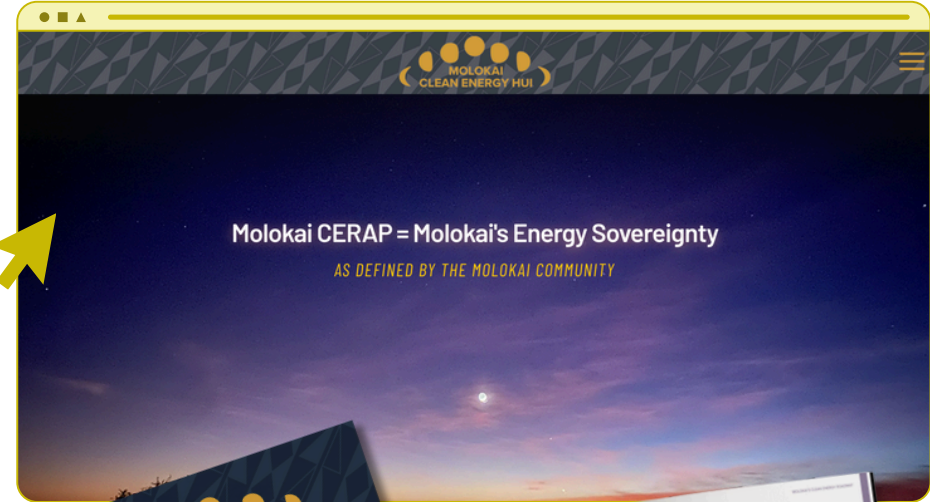
An independent, island-wide, community-led and expert-informed collaborative planning process to increase renewable energy on Molokai.

2021-2024	2021-2024	2021-2024	2021-2024
2,700	996	16	39
Community Conversations	Surveys Collected	Community Events Hosted	Workshops and Focus Groups

HUI UP! ENERGY-EFFICIENT APPLIANCE EXCHANGE

Hui Up! helps our island become more sustainable by allowing Molokai residents to exchange old appliances for new energy-efficient ones and reduce our island's carbon footprint.

Spring 2024		Fall 2024
108		115
Total appliances distributed		Total appliances distributed



Molokai CERAP = Molokai's Energy Sovereignty
AS DEFINED BY THE MOLOKAI COMMUNITY



Molokai Clean Energy Hui
MOLOKAI COMMUNITY ENERGY RESILIENCY ACTION PLAN
JUNE 2023 CERAP 1.0

MOLOKAI'S CLEAN ENERGY ROADMAP

ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

We work together to preserve Molokai's resources. With a commitment to sustainability, we strive to harmonize modern practices with traditional wisdom, ensuring a balance that respects the ecosystems that define our island. By upholding Molokai's values, we take meaningful steps towards an abundant and self-sustaining island.

MOLOKAI CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCY PLAN (CCSLAR)

Mission: a visionary initiative aimed at fostering community resilience and adaptability on the island of Molokai in the face of climate change impacts, specifically focusing on coastal inundation due to a significant rise in sea level. The overarching objective is to develop a plan that reflects an indigenous, place-based perspective by entrusting the planning process to Molokai kama'aina and community leaders.

View
the Molokai
CCSLAR
Master Plan!



MOLOKA'I COASTAL HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY RESILIENCY PLAN (MCH-CRP)

We served as a community outreach consultant for Phase I of the Moloka'i Coastal Homestead Community Resiliency Plan, led in partnership with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and the project's primary planning team.

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Community
Workshops & Talk
Story Sessions

MOLOKAI WETLAND PROJECT

This Project brings together organizations and individuals with an interest in protecting and enhancing the island's wetlands and water for the benefit of community and wildlife.

www.molokaiwetlandpartnership.com



MOLOKAI GORILLA OGO LIMU HUI

A community-led, research-backed conservation project. We build capacity for place-based community management of the invasive limu, Gorilla Ogo (*Gracilaria salicornia*).

LANDBACK INITIATIVE

In 2022, SM launched a community buy-back initiative for Molokai Ranch. By 2024, this effort evolved into a landback initiative, with paperwork filed to establish the Molokai Heritage Trust—a community-based nonprofit to acquire and oversee management of Molokai Ranch lands.

www.molokaiheritagetrust.org

Molokai Heritage Trust Website

Ratification
of Bylaws

August 2024

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Board of
Directors

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Voting
Members

'UMEKE 'AI O MOLOKAI "FOOD BOWL OF MOLOKAI"

Mission: build a resiliency center and expand our food hub. This facility would be a permanent Food Hub and Food Bank, working with other agencies on island, to serve the entire Molokai community and become the headquarters for Sust'ainable Molokai. We envision this facility to have the following key components:

PHASE 1 (MARCH '22 - '25)

- Community Needs Assessment (Precedent Studies Inc.)
- Precedent Site Visits to Maui, Oahu, and Hawaii Island (Hilo and South Kona)
- Feasibility Study
- Site Assessment
- Conceptual Design and Programming
- Architectural Design Begins





JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

Your support provides the resources our programs need to carry forward our vision of 'āina momona, ensuring abundance for generations to come.

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