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**FTHF**  
FEED THE HUNGER FUND



**Sponsors:**







**Feed The Hunger Fund (FTHF)** is a mission-driven Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) **committed to fostering economic equity and food sovereignty** by investing in small-scale food and agricultural businesses.

**FTHF focuses on** improving lives through **access to capital and technical assistance** - especially for entrepreneurs historically excluded from traditional financing.



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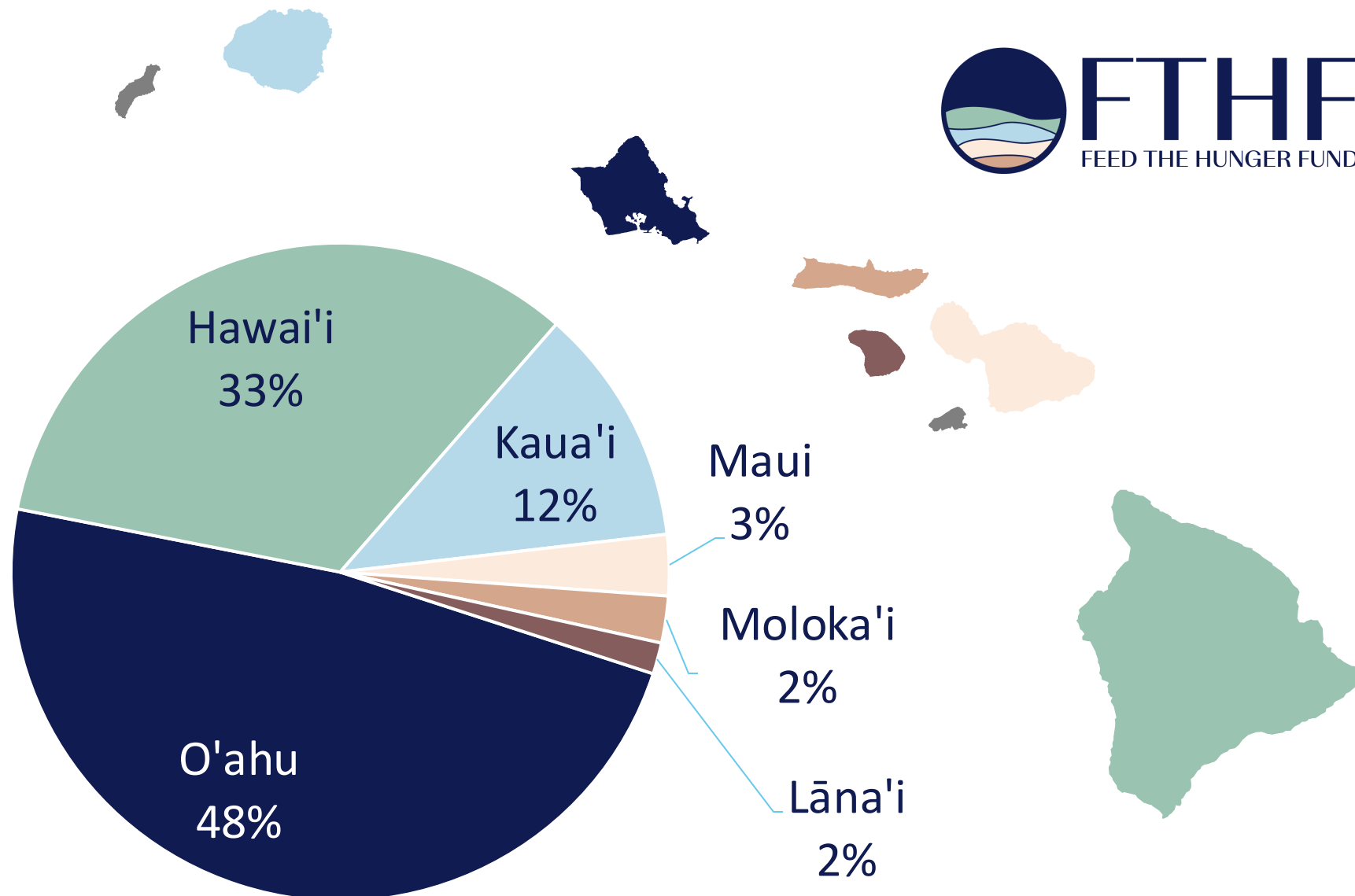
Since inception in 2010, FTHF has deployed \$18.3 million across 340 loans in Hawai'i and California,

\$13.0M has been deployed in Hawai'i.

75% of funds have gone to BIPOC-owned businesses

57% of funds have gone to women entrepreneurs,

In 2024, 28% of all capital deployed was to Native Hawaiians.



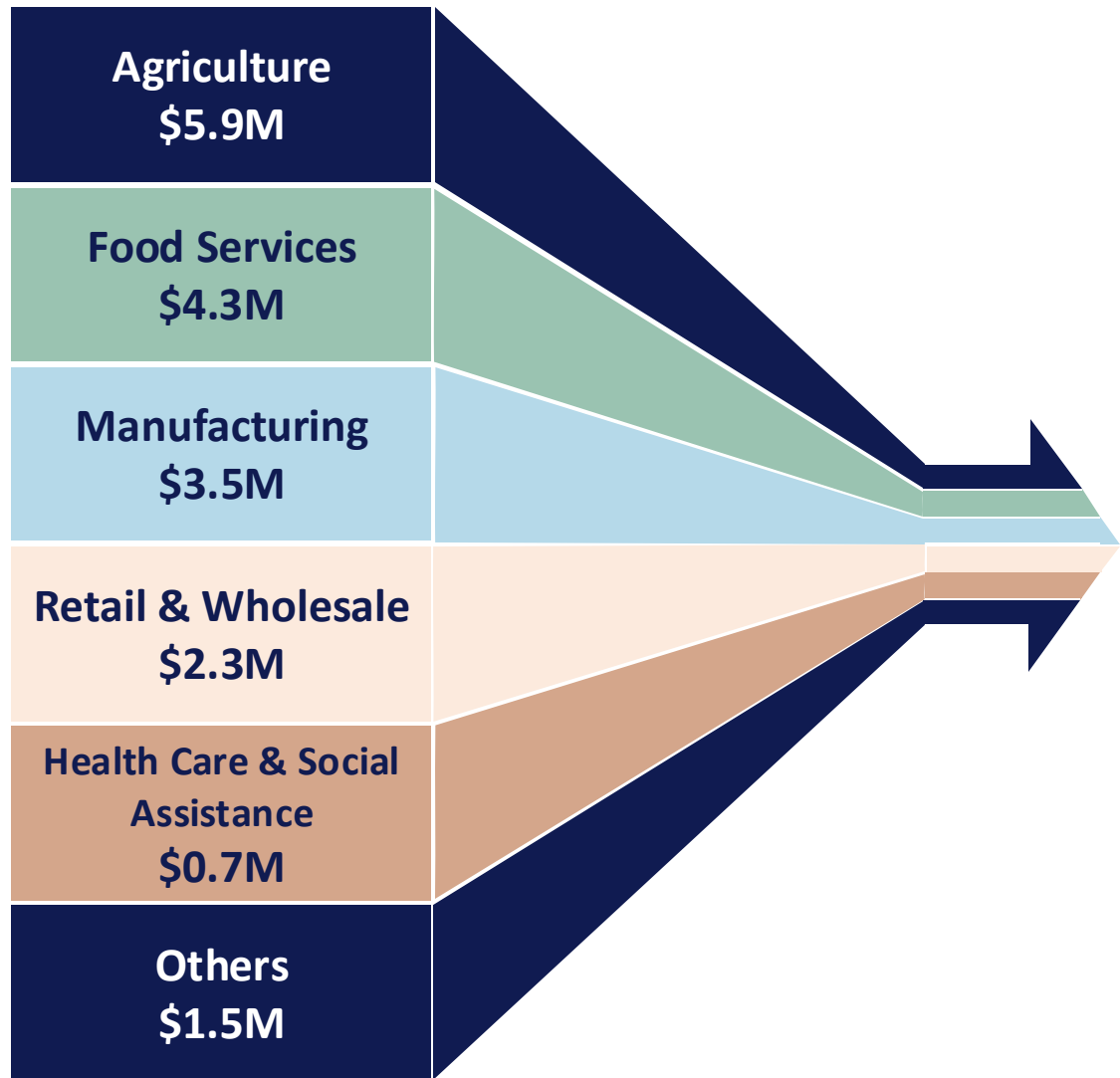
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Ranching **Restaurants**  
Aquaculture **Food Processing**  
**Value-Add** Luthier **Skin Care**  
Physical Therapy **Grocery**  
**Store** Trucking  
**Slaughterhouse** Online  
Retail Data Management **Food**  
**Trucks** Immigration Support  
Senior Care **Farming**  
Landscaping **Taxi Service** Towing



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# HFFI Program Goals



**Research in Support of Regional Food Systems Plan (e.g., Systems Design & Mapping, Research, Leverage Point Analysis)**



**Network Building and Social Network Analysis**



**Technical Assistance = 700 hrs, 100 clients/projects served**



**Grant Deployment = \$756,000 deployed**



**Debt Deployment = \$5,245,000 deployed**



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Number of grants and/or loans made	140
Number of TA clients/projects served	100
Dollar amount of loans and/or grants made	\$7,700,000
Leveraged capital – the amount of other capital supporting the program	\$9,000,000
Number of Food Retail projects served	40
Number of Food Enterprise (non-retail) projects served	59
% of projects that support Food Supply Chain Resilience	60%
% of projects served supporting Local or Regional Food Systems	60%
% of projects served located in rural areas	65%
% of projects served owned by women	55%
% of projects served owned by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color	60%



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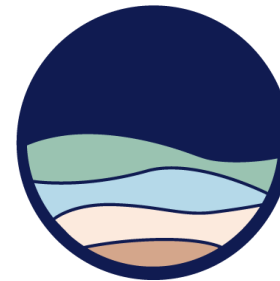
# HFFI Partners



HAWAII  
INVESTMENT  
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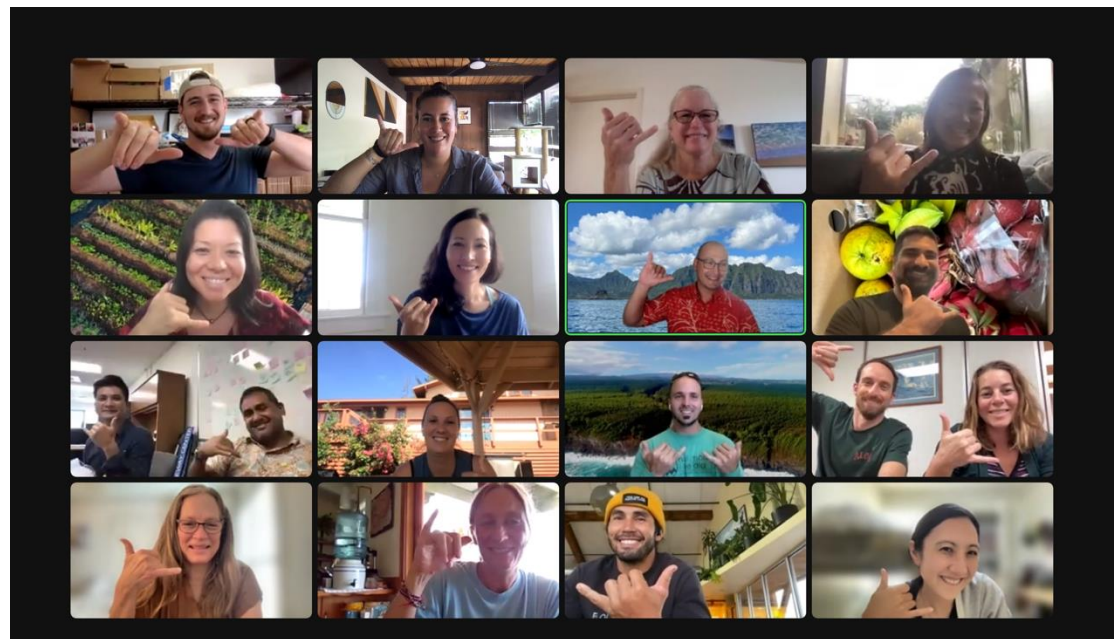
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Hawai'i Investment Ready (HIR), is a **native founded and native led** nonprofit accelerator that **supports impact-driven enterprises in Hawai'i, centering on Indigenous values,** regenerative economies, and community wellbeing.

**HIR provides deep expertise in systems thinking, business strategy, and blended capital solutions for mission-aligned businesses,** particularly those rooted in local food systems.



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## **HIR is leading the development of a Hawai'i Regional Food Systems Financing Plan**

**The plan will coordinate philanthropic, government, and private-sector investments to overcome systemic food system barriers**

### **Activities:**

System mapping, research, stakeholder engagement, and leverage point analysis

Actor mapping, network activation, and identifying investment-ready deal flows

Technical assistance

### **Outcomes:**

Shared understanding of root causes, a collective vision for Hawai'i's food system, and a roadmap for scalable, sustainable investments



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# CULTURAL HEALTH AND HEALING

A FOOD IS MEDICINE EDUCATION WORKSHOP  
FOR PHYSICIANS, NURSES AND DIETITIANS

Learn how Native Hawaiian medicinal crops can help manage chronic health conditions

**REGISTER HERE!**

Saturday  
June 22, 2024  
9am - 2pm

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**Ho'oulu 'Āina**  
3659 Kalihi Street

Lunch provided  
Cost: \$40 | Payable at Event  
Seats are limited  
Only 20 spots available

HAWAI'I GOOD FOOD ALLIANCE

Kalihi Valley Health Center

Ho'oulu 'Āina



The **Hawai'i Good Food Alliance (HGFA)** is a statewide nonprofit organization **dedicated to rebuilding thriving community food systems** in Hawai'i.

Established in 2019, **HGFA is a diverse hui (group) of community leaders and organizations** involved in the production, aggregation, and distribution of food, **aiming to promote food justice and equitable access to healthy, locally grown food** for all residents.



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**HGFA provides technical assistance (TA) to food enterprises focused on increasing access to local, healthy food in Hawai'i.**

**Activities:**

TA services include business capitalization support, USDA program navigation, application coaching, and capital readiness (e.g., tax compliance).

**Outcomes:**

Help food system businesses launch or expand and build sustainable income streams.

Stronger food supply chains, increased market access for local producers, and more healthy food in underserved communities.



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**The Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA) is a state agency committed to supporting, enhancing, promoting, and protecting Hawai'i's agriculture and aquaculture industries.**

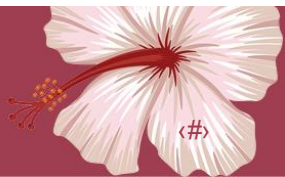
**HDOA plays a pivotal role in fostering a sustainable and diversified agricultural sector that contributes significantly to the state's economy and environmental stewardship.**



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The **Hawai'i Department of Agriculture (HDOA)** is **actively participating in cross-sector collaborations** and assisting in community outreach and engagement.

### **Activities:**

HDOA is providing critical support via **loan guarantees and loan participations** that enable FTHF to expand its lending to food enterprises serving underserved communities.

### **Outcomes:**

HDOA is helping FTHF **unlock capital for small and mid-sized food system enterprises** across Hawai'i, directly advancing HFFI's goals of increasing access to healthy, local food and building a more resilient, equitable food economy.



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# What products are being offered

- Technical Assistance
- Term Loans
- Credit Enhancements
  - Guarantees
  - LLR
  - Performance based grants
  - Re-grants
- Flexible terms
  - Extended interest only periods
  - Balloon payments
- Projection based lending



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# Funded Businesses



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Farm Link Hawai'i, is an online marketplace and delivery platform founded by local farmers to improve access to local food.

With HFFI support, **FTHF** provided working capital to support operations while they continued to fundraise

FTHF is working with Farm Link to **co-develop a forward contract lending product, helping producers secure loans** based on pre-arranged sales, reducing financial risk.



Flowers & Lei →



Dairy & Eggs →



Alcohol →



Meat & Seafood →



Snacks →



Charcuterie Spreads →



Drinks →



Bakery →



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**Hawai'i 'Ulu Cooperative, a farmer-owned network of over 100 small, family-run farms** located on Hawai'i Island, Maui, O'ahu, and Kaua'i.

**The co-op revitalizes Indigenous crops** like 'ulu (breadfruit), kalo (taro), and 'uala (sweet potato).

**With support from HFFI, the cooperative has** scaled its processing and aggregation facilities, **increased market access**, and launched branding initiatives that uplift Native agriculture.



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**Mokuwai Piko Poi is a family-owned poi mill** located in Honoka'a along the Hāmākua Coast of Hawaii Island **and a 22-acre farm** located in Waipi'o Valley specializing in traditional poi production and preserving Hawaiian agricultural practices.

**With support from HFFI**, Mokuwai Piko Poi was able to receive working capital and purchase bagging equipment to increase packaging efficiency strengthening the farm's sustainability while honoring cultural traditions.



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