ACCS Hawai'i Foundation

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Empowering our local community through partnerships to create a brighter, more sustainable future

ACS Hawai'i Foundation CHELSIE NOH

Board President

Aloha Friends,

The AES Hawai'i Foundation (AHF) was formed in December 2021 to serve as the central hub of AES Hawai'i's social impact giving to unify and amplify AES Hawai'i's longstanding commitment to community engagement. We collaborate with community organizations to support programs that create lasting impact, ensuring our islands' unique resources and people thrive.

2024 was a milestone year, awarding nearly \$250,000 in grants to community organizations across the State of Hawai'i. The highest total amount awarded by the Foundation since its launch in 2021. Last summer, I had the incredible opportunity to join the AES Hawai'i team to help us steer the Foundation to new heights. As we continue to strengthen our relationships in the communities AES Hawai'i works in, we hope to continue to increase our support to create a brighter more sustainable future for Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

Chelsie Noh AHF Board President

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MISSION

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IMPACT PILLARS

Social justice & energy equity Education & workforce development Mālama 'Āina: environmental stewardship & native species conservation Community health & resilience

FOCUS AREAS

Oʻahu: Waiʻanae, Kahuku & Koʻolauloa, Central Oʻahu, Kapolei Kauaʻi: West & South Kauaʻi Hawaiʻi Island: Waikōloa Maui: Central & West Maui

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

LOCAL INVESTMENT

Since its inception in 2021, AHF has invested over \$610.000 in the State of Hawai'i.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

AES Hawai'i employees and their families spent 85 hours volunteering to to support organizations the community.



2024 GRANTS

AHF awarded \$248.335 to local programs and initiatives. Increasing our giving by 15% from the previous year.



SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsored 4 community events benefitting more than 14,000 people.



FOCUS AREAS IMPACTED

We consider grants and sponsorships to communities near AES Hawai'i's renewable energy projects along with programs or initiatives that fall within our Impact Pillars. Here's a breakdown of community organizations supported in by location in 2024.



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INVESTMENTS BY IMPACT PILLARS

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<u>Social justice & energy equity</u>

We partner to address systemic disparities and ensure everyone has access to affordable energy and essential services



<u>Mālama 'Āina: Environmental stewardship</u> <u>& native species conservation</u>

We're committed to safeguarding Hawai'i's unique natural heritage and nurturing a sustainable, respectful relationship with our precious land, native species, and natural resource





Education & workforce development

We invest in STEM education and workforce development to shape a brighter future for our keiki in a rapidly changing world





Community health & resilience

By strengthening our local communities, we foster resilience that endures through challenging times

28%



NOTABLE PARTNERSHIPS

MAKAHA LEARNING CENTER

Supported the launch of STRIVE, (Sustainability through renewable impactdriven vocational education) a Solar 101 cohort in the Summer of 2024. The program delivered 100 hours of technical and hands-on solar PV training. The AES Hawai'i Foundation was the title sponsor of this training, awarding Makaha Learning Center with a \$48,000 grant. This initiative aligned with our impact pillars related to social justice and energy equity along with education and workforce development.





HAWAI'I KEIKI MUSEUM

With a focus on education along with community health and resilience, AHF invested \$50,000 for the development of an interactive children's museum science exhibit at Hawai'i Keiki Museum in West Hawai'i. The exhibit, expected to open in 2025, will showcase how wind, solar, and battery storage provides consumer electricity to local homes.

HAWAI'I AGRIVOLTAIC RESEARCH CENTER

Hawai'i Agrivoltaic Research Center's (HARC) mission is to advance farmer success through innovative agrivoltaic systems that enhance crop production, soil health, and renewable energy integration. In partnership with other renewable energy developers in the state, the AES Hawai'i Foundation awarded a generous \$100,000 grant for research to optimize agrivoltaic systems, foster community engagement, and promote sustainable agricultural solutions. Notable outcomes showcased the ability to integrate Native Hawaiian crops like taro, maile, and māmaki into their systems, all producing promising results. Community engagement increased in the last year by hosting weekly tours, hands-on workdays, and educational collaborations with local schools, universities, and programs like CSP Army internships. All of the outreach provides direct exposure to agrivoltaic farming, sparking enthusiasm for addressing agricultural and renewable energy challenges in the state.



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