

# NUESTRO FUTURO

ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR 2021



# DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

As the pandemic continued to accelerate in 2021, the demand for nonprofit services in Hawaii continued to increase. This increase in demand presented challenges and opportunities for the nonprofit sector. Our nonprofit partners have proven themselves to be versatile, adaptive, and responsive during this exceptional year. As a foundation, we have experienced significant growth within our community outreach and capacity to actively collaborate with fellow funders. Nuestro Futuro's community of partners has grown to more than 50 nonprofit organizations actively promoting positive impact for Maui County and beyond.

Thanks to the leadership of the Nuestro Futuro Board of Directors, the foundation has committed over \$1.2 million to local organizations in 2021. Nuestro Futuro is proud to practice intersectional funding supporting projects that have the capacity to simultaneously address aspects of food security, education, building community, and addiction prevention. Nuestro Futuro has also aimed to be of the most benefit by offering not only financial support but also serving as a conduit to help connect organizations with additional opportunities on a state and national level.

**ABIGAIL PERRIN**

Executive Director



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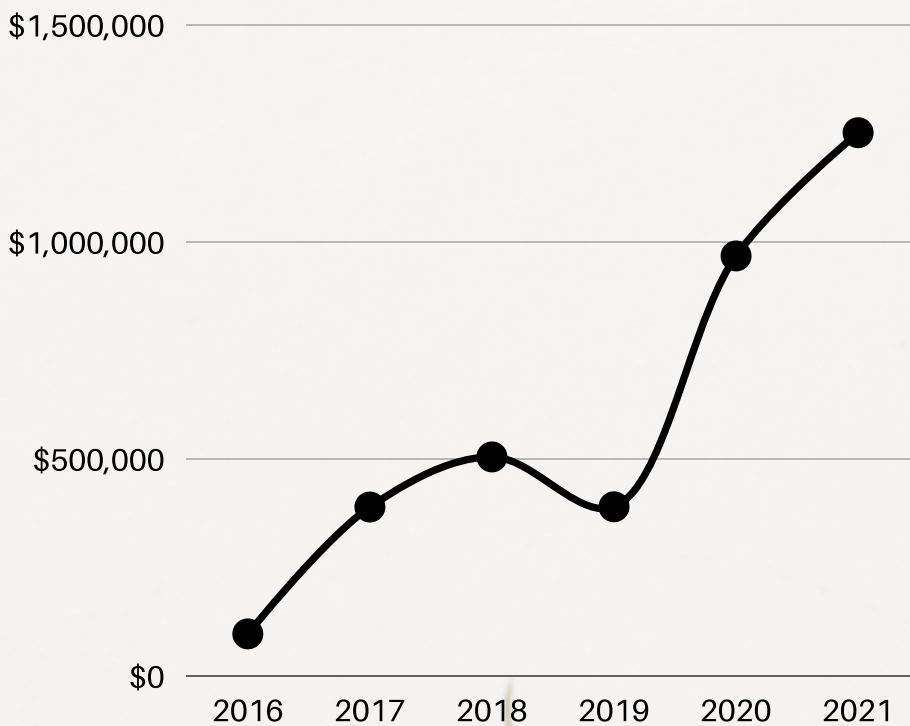




# MISSION STATEMENT

Nuestro Futuro is building community, funding education, youth programs, and addiction treatment programs.

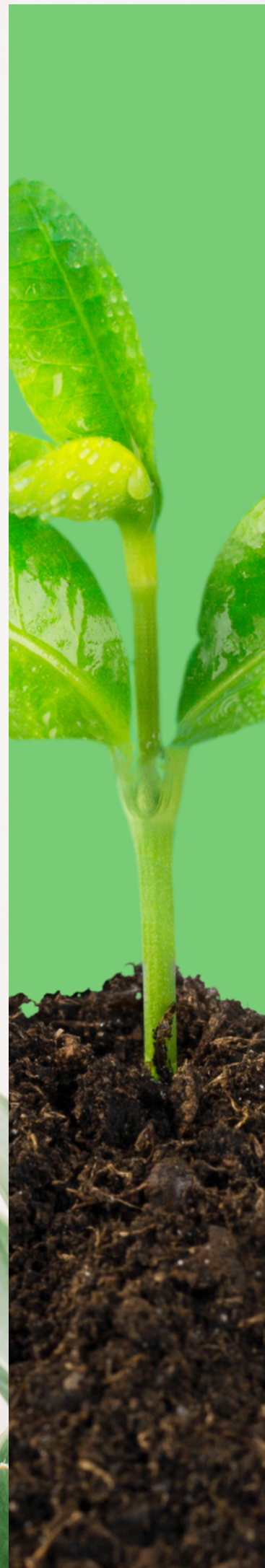
## Nuestro Futuro Grantmaking 2016-2021



### Historical Grantmaking

Year	\$
2016	97,300
2017	389,648
2018	505,075
2019	390,214
2020	968,179
2021	1,252,171

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# Nuestro Futuro Foundation 2021 Grantmaking

Organization	\$
Maui Farm	2,100
Boys and Girls Club of Maui	3,000
Haiku Community Association	3,000
Maui Coalition for a Drug Free Youth	6,400
Hawaii Public Radio	10,000
Malama Hamakua	10,000
Malama Family Recovery Center	13,000
Upcountry Strong	13,000
Civil Beat	15,000
Feeding Hawaii	18,000
UH Foundation	30,000
Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike	33,000
Maui Hui Malama	33,000
Maui Huliau	40,000
Grow Some Good	40,800
Maui County Food Access Coordinator--HIPHI	50,000
Malama Kauai	50,000
Common Ground Collective	75,000
Friends of the Children's Justice Center	75,000
Maui Economic Opportunity	100,000
Maui United Way- KK4K	190,000
ROOTS	441,871
Total	1,252,171



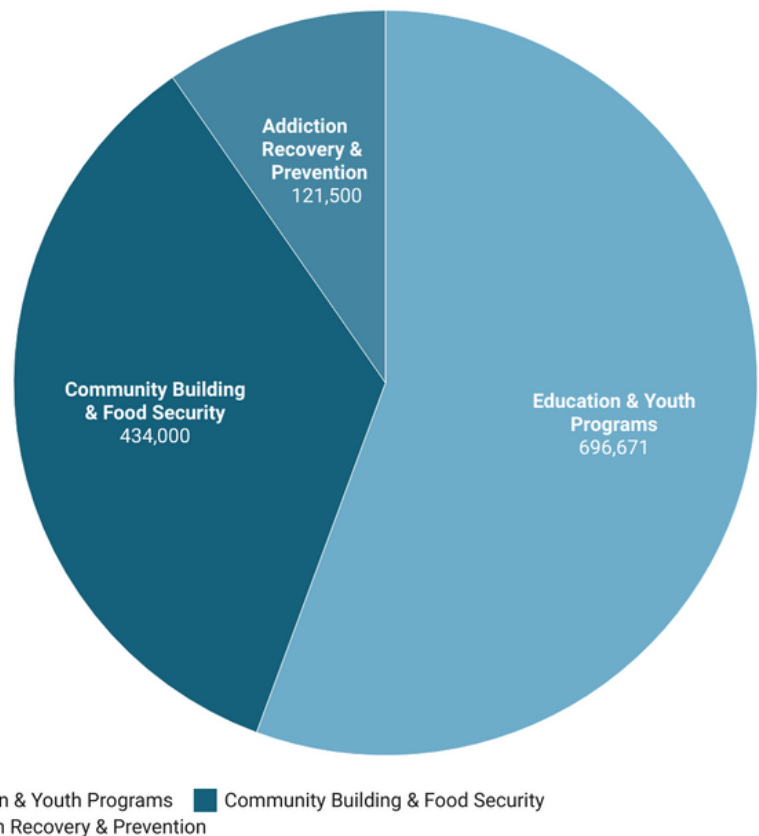


# PROGRAM UPDATES



## 2021 Funding by Program Focus

Nuestro Futuro's 2021 programming and grantmaking stood in alignment with its mission. Funding was strategically diversified between education and youth programs, addiction recovery and prevention programs, food security, and community building. Food security continued to be a priority in response to increased demand for support specifically in relation to addressing Child Food Insecurity (CFI). Nuestro Futuro actively promoted strategic partnerships with foundations, federal, and state funding opportunities to leverage its grantmaking efforts for the greatest impact.



Focus	\$
Education & Youth Programs	696,671
Community Building & Food Security	434,000
Addiction Recovery & Prevention	121,500

# ADDICTION RECOVERY & PREVENTION PARTNERS

## **Maui Coalition For Drug Free Youth (MCDFY) -\$6,400**

Nuestro Futuro provided \$6,400 to support MCDFY in its efforts to implement evidence-based substance use prevention policies for Maui County that prevent and reduce youth substance use and its related consequences. The funding will support MCDFY's community assessment to identify substance use priorities in Maui County.

## **Maui Economic Opportunity Molokai Drug Prevention Program- \$100,000**

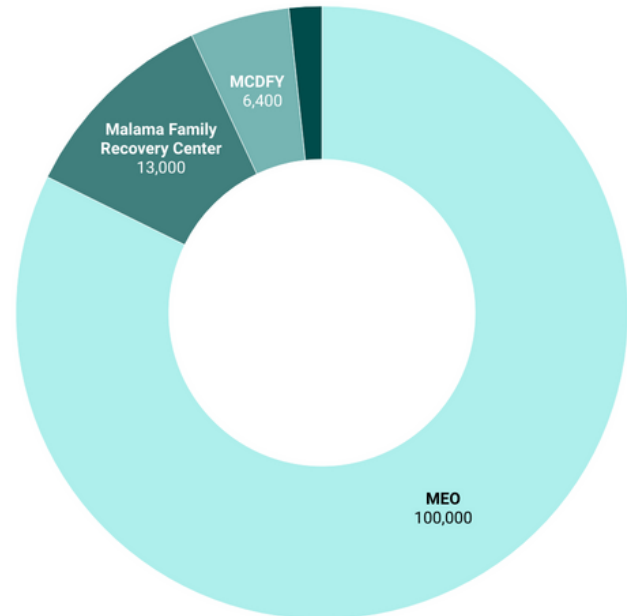
Nuestro Futuro committed to providing \$100,000 towards this 2022 Molokai based program that focuses on providing programs to reduce and delay initiation age of alcohol use among youth in addition to increasing family communication and discussion about consequences of substance use and abuse. MEO will offer in and out of school activities targeting 100 Moloka'i youth ages 11-18 years.

## **Malama Family Recovery Center- \$13,000**

Over the course of 2021, Nuestro Futuro donated \$13,000 to Malama Family Recovery Center's General Fund in response to a need for funds for "immediate needs" to help women, and especially those with children. Malia Bohlin, Development Director of Malama stated, "A new client gave birth, and went immediately into Malama. She had nothing for the baby - they even had to buy a car seat to bring the baby to Malama. (Especially with COVID, wanting to have new / clean items) and then also had to buy diapers, wipes, etc." For circumstances such as these, Malama could be responsive by either allowing their staff to buy, on behalf of the client, or for staff to give to clients in the form of gift card so they can purchase the items for themselves and their children. The response to this donation was greatly appreciated by the center.

### **Funding Allocation by Organization**

MEO Malama Family Recovery Center MCDFY Maui Farm



"Thank you so much for your time today and continued commitment to the health, safety and well-being of our keiki on Maui. We are grateful to have partners like you, supporting our mission and programs."

-Kandice Johns, Executive Director,  
Maui Farms



# COMMUNITY BUILDING & FOOD SECURITY PARTNERS & PROGRAMS

## **Common Ground Collective- \$75,000**

In the beginning of 2021, Nuestro Futuro committed to assisting Common Ground Collective (CGC) scale up their operations with financial support of \$75,000. CGC, a locally based nonprofit that provides education and assistance to promote food security, economic and education opportunities in Maui County. With this funding CGC was able to:

- Secure a commercial space that has been pivotal to their growth
- Purchase a company vehicle
- Hire additional staff to expand their operations.
- Scale up their volunteer efforts by onboarding two grant writers

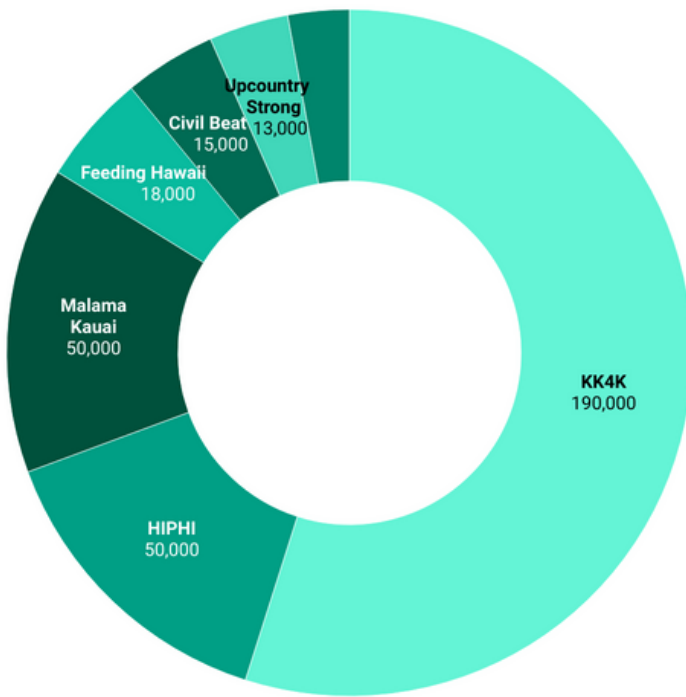
CGC operates a gleaning service that enables residents to easily have their fruit harvested that otherwise would have gone to waste. A majority of this produce is then donated to local nonprofits that work to feed residents in need creating a reciprocal lifecycle to support a more sustainable food system for the island. In addition to these efforts, CGC launched their Foster Farm Harvest Project in partnership with locally run business, Maui Fruit Jewels, to provide 1,200 lilikoi starts to initiate a resident powered lilikoi growing industry. In the summer of 2021, CGC was able to partner with the historic Haiku House Maui to create a community garden with which the harvested produce will be donated to those in community that are in need. The Haiku House Common Ground Community Garden will also provide educational opportunities for individuals to experience hands on learning about sustainable rowing practices.



# COMMUNITY BUILDING & FOOD SECURITY PARTNERS & PROGRAMS

## Funding Allocation by Organization/Program

KK4K HIPHI Malama Kauai Feeding Hawaii Civil Beat Upcountry Strong HPR



## HIPHI- \$50,000

In an effort to address systemic food security obstacles within Maui County, Nuestro Futuro in partnership with the Department of Health SNAP-Ed fund, supported the position of a fulltime Food Access Coordinator to oversee the Maui Nui Food Alliance (MNFA) and other food access work within Maui County. This position works in collaboration with Maui County's food and commercial agricultural systems to advance high-impact system interventions. The MNFA is focused on three strategic priorities; Promote a culture of health, Plan for our food future, and Advocate for impact. The coordination of these community engaged efforts have been provided through this full time position have been fundamental in working towards a strategic approach rooted in collaborative efforts to encourage a more food secure Maui.

## Civil Beat- \$15,000

Honolulu Civil Beat is a local, nonprofit news organization dedicated to cultivating an informed body of citizens through publishing in-depth, investigative and explanatory coverage of the issues that impact our islands. Civil Beat works to identify and fill gaps in local news. In early 2021, Nuestro Futuro made a 2 year commitment to fund a part time journalist who would focus solely on Maui County issues. This support has allowed Civil Beat to experiment with expanding their scope and depth of coverage for specific to Maui. Thus far, this has been a great success and Civil Beat's Maui stories have generated 548,000 page views from 378,000 unique visitors, and 289,000 interactions on social media.





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## **KauKau for Keiki- \$190,000**

According to a recent University of Hawai'i Study published in March of 2021, "nearly half of Hawai'i families with children reported struggling to pay for meals" in addition to this one in five children in Maui County experienced food insecurity during 2021, totaling 54,600 children. KauKau 4 Keiki was created to address this need by focusing on the gap in food access for school age children specifically when school is not in session.

During the summer of 2021, in partnership with the USDA, DOE, Chan Zuckerberg Foundation, No Kid Hungry, Sidney Stern Memorial Trust, Hawaii Food Bank, and Hawaii Food Service Alliance, Nuestro Futuro supported the launch of KauKau 4 Keiki. In conjunction with USDA support, Nuestro Futuro funded the Maui County portion of the 6 week statewide initiative providing 600 boxes a week totaling 50,400 meals for the entirety of the summer program. During a review of the summer program Nuestro Futuro became aware that there was a waitlist of over 1000 children who were unable to participate due to lack of capacity. In response to this significant gap, Nuestro Futuro initiated a privately funded KK4K for fall break with the intention to meet this need. During the fall break of 2021, 1500 boxes were distributed throughout Maui County with a resounding positive response from a multitude. The program has gained significant momentum drawing in Consuelo Foundation and Sentry Foundation as additional funding partners. Numerous private and public stakeholders participated including Maui Food Bank, Matson Brothers, Hyatt, and Hui No Ke Ola Pono, Mahi Pono, Hana Farms, Seabury Hall, and HFUU.

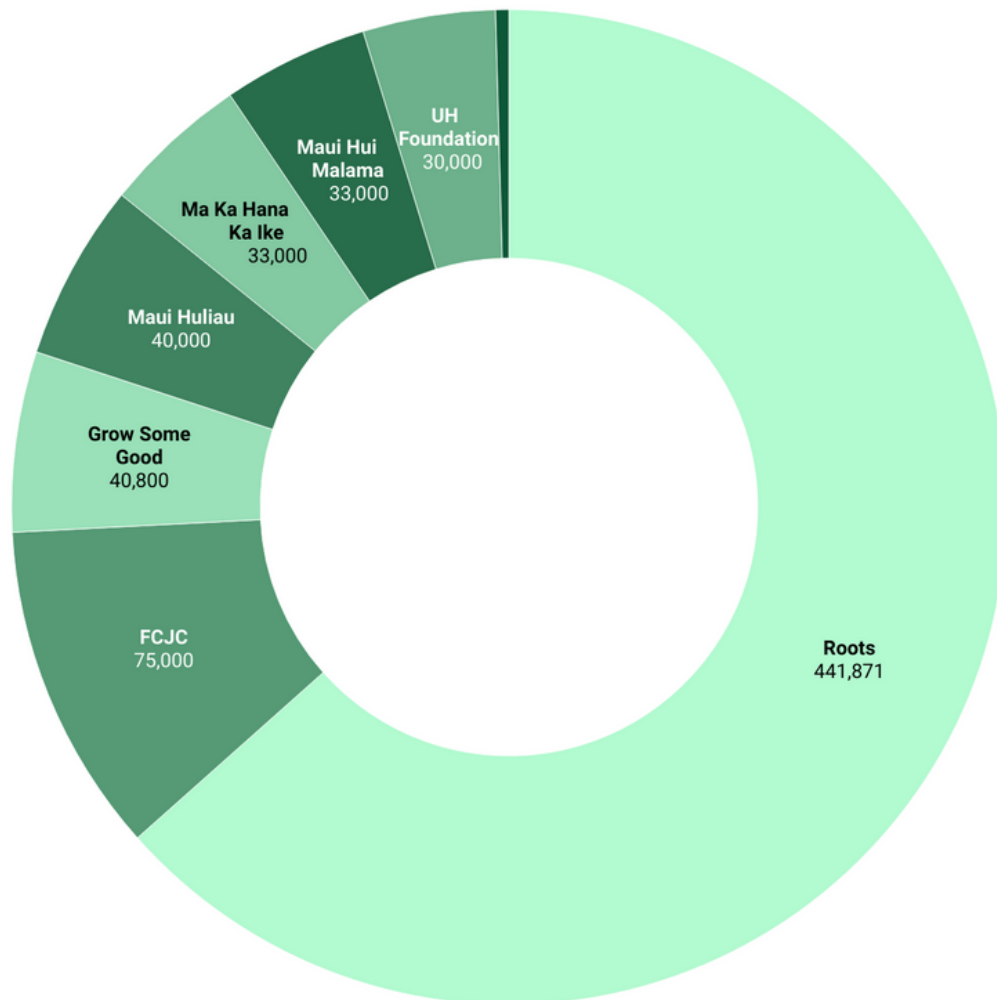




# EDUCATION & YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Funding Allocation by Organization

Roots FCJC Grow Some Good Maui Huliau Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike Maui Hui Malama  
UH Foundation BGC



### **Grow Some Good- \$40,800**

Grow Some Good is "dedicated to cultivating healthy communities through garden-based education". In early 2021, Grow Some Good was faced with the challenge of continuing to engage students in meaningful learning experiences while working with the blended learning models due to the constraints of the pandemic. Within this challenge the organization pivoted towards expanded their online curriculum and distributing take home garden kits.

The garden kits included age-appropriate garden journal, colored pencils, a magnifying lens, pots, soil, and seeds. The students plant, observe and perform various activities outlined in their interactive garden journal while the teacher executes specifically tailored online lessons and videos linked to each activity. Once the course is complete the students have the opportunity to practice "giving back" by donating a portion of their plants to be redistributed within the community. This program not only teaches valuable garden skills it also supports a culture of contribution.





# EDUCATION & YOUTH PROGRAMS

## **Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike- \$30,000**

Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike utilized the funds donated by Nuestro Futuro to continue provide transformational educational opportunities for youth in East Maui. Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike focuses on teaching hands-on community based projects. Through the delivery of these projects they raise participants skill capacity and also ensure that they have the tools necessary to help serve the most vulnerable populations. In 2021, MKHKI engaged a total of 444 participants contributing to a total of 32,798 engagement hours. The MKHKI youth participants also contributed to the harvesting and preparing of fresh fruits, vegetables, kalo and tea for the fall Kau Kau 4 Keiki program.

## **UH Foundation Kauluwehi Project-\$30,000**

Nuestro Futuro committed to two years of funding in partnership with UHMC and Kamehameha Schools. to support the Kauluwehi Project. Kauluwehi, meaning *a beautiful place for plants to thrive*, is an ethnobotanical garden coordinated by the Sustainable Living Institute of Maui at the University of Hawai'i Maui College campus that provides a living learning lab for students and the community to engage in natural resource conservation, local food production and green workforce education and trainings Kauluwehi provides a living lab for the UH Maui College campus to model regenerative agricultural and natural resource conservation methods for the Maui community that proactively apply climate impact strategies such composting, land restoration, carbon sequestration, agroforestry, intercropping and nutrient management. Local Food Project pilot program was initiated in April 2020 to address community food security in response to COVID-19. Over the past year, 300 kalo plants, 50 fruit trees and a diverse multitude of biodiverse indigenous and endemic plants have been cultivated to create a thriving environment for learning and food production.

