

	ERA 1	ERA 2
Number of Households	2,177	1,015
Average Assistance Paid per Household	\$12,470	\$7,325
Maximum Months of Assistance	15 months	18 months

2. What is the deadline to expend the County’s total allocation of ERA#2 funds?

The US Department of Treasury website identified September 30, 2025 as the ERA2 period of performance. The County’s contract with our vendor, Catholic Charities Hawaii, lists an end date of June 30, 2025. This date was determined in consultation with the State Department of Budget and Finance to allow the vendor and the County to reconcile financial records in order to meet federal closing timelines. The Treasury rules do allow for expenses to be accrued up until September 30, 2025.

3. How can these funds be used to support those directly or indirectly impacted by the August 2023 Maui wildfires?

The ERA2 program was authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and provided \$21.55 billion to “assist eligible households with financial assistance, provide housing stability services, and as applicable, to cover the costs for other affordable rental housing and eviction prevention activities.” In addition to rental assistance, eligible uses of the funds include: housing stability services, eligible administrative costs, mediation to mitigate evictions.

Catholic Charities Hawaii works closely with the four agencies that receive Rental Assistance Program funds from the County for rental subsidy, deposits, and utility assistance. We expect that these collaborations will continue forward, and that those impacted by the fires (both Upcountry and Lahaina) will receive support for which they are eligible. The Department is committed to working with our social service network to provide as much assistance and support as we are able to help to sustain those whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by the fires.

4. Other than rent, what other expenses can the funds be used for to assist households?

Please refer to the information provided above.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7805.

Sincerely,



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