



# Maui County Office on Aging

## Update on Four-Year Area Plan on Aging 2023–2027 (WASSUP-1(7))

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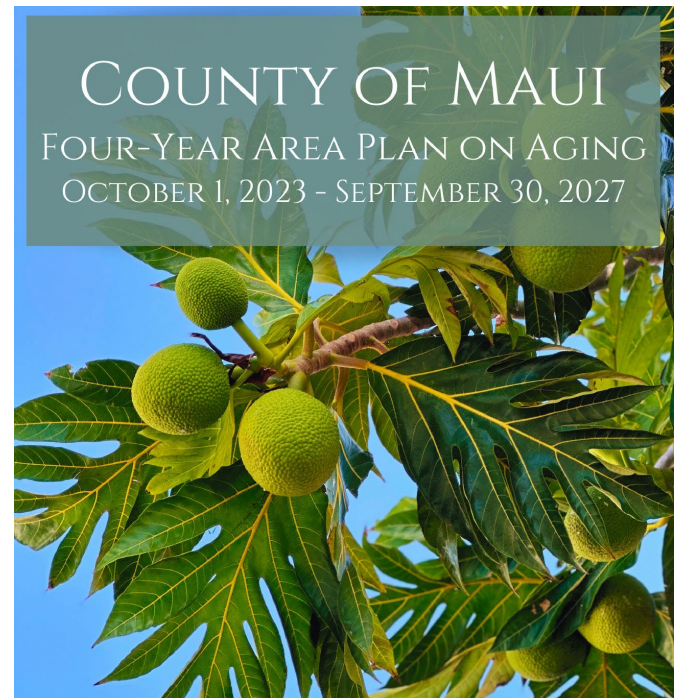
# Plan Purpose

- Guides the services for Maui's older adults and caregivers through 2027
- Enables County to receive federal and state aging funds
- Aligns with goals of the State Executive Office on Aging and Administration for Community Living

# Plan Approval

- Submitted to the State Executive Office on Aging (EOA)
- Approved by EOA
- Reviewed and signed by:
  - Council on Aging Chair
  - DHC Director
  - Mayor of Maui County

County of Maui Four-Year Area Plan on Aging;  
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# Community-Based Planning

- Based on surveys and public input:
  - 470 older adult surveys
  - 142 caregiver surveys
- Includes public meetings, stakeholder feedback, feedback from the Council on Aging
- Person-centered and equity-focused approach
- Information gathering from both the State and County levels

# **What information did assessments reveal?**

The Needs Assessment Surveys Identified the following themes:

- Caregiver support
- Social Isolation
- Transportation and Built Environment
- Access to Core Services
- Equity/Inclusiveness
- Elder Abuse
- Emergency Preparedness
- Healthy Aging
- Workforce Capacity
- Housing
- Nutrition
- Access to Technology
- Financial Literacy
- Fall Prevention

# UNMET NEEDS

## Awareness and Education

Respondents indicated challenges to navigate and find information, services and resources available in the community.

## Breadth of Services

Respondents indicated need for expanded “choices” and “options” of services and support.

## Access to Services

Respondents indicated challenges to access and be “connected” to programs and services.





# Key Goals of the Plan

1. Aging Well – Promote health and independence
2. Emergency Preparedness – Improve readiness for health threats/disasters
3. Equity – Expand access for underserved populations
4. Aging in Place – Support living at home and in the community
5. Caregiver Support – Strengthen services and respite care options

# Highlights & Progress

- Continued programs: Nutrition, caregiver support, in-home services, falls prevention
- ADRC: Continued development as central access point
- Partnerships with over 30 local and state organizations
- Outreach activities
- Emergency Preparedness partnerships with MEMA and AARP
- Compliance with federal and state programs: Title III, Kupuna Care



# Looking Ahead – FY2026 Goals

- Ongoing plan monitoring and updates
- Continued collaboration with partners and Council on Aging

## Focus areas:

- Emergency preparedness
- Increased outreach in the community
- Advocacy for accessible Senior housing and transportation access
- Caregiver support
- Program/funding sustainability

# Advocacy Efforts

In early May 2025, representatives from all counties met with:

- Senator Mazie Hirono
- Congresswoman Jill Tokuda
- Office staff of Congressman Ed Case

Discussions highlighted:

- The critical role of OAA services, including nutrition, caregiver support, and in-home assistance
- The threat of service disruption to rural seniors and underserved communities

# Advocacy Efforts

Ongoing efforts include:

- Coordinated public awareness campaigns
- Testimony collection from service recipients
- Engagement with federal officials to secure stable funding

# Federal Budget Cuts – What We Know Today

- Official FY 2026 President's Budget funds all OAA programs at FY 2025 levels
- Title III C1 (Congregate) and C2 (Home Delivered Meals) maintained at \$1.1 billion nationwide
- Significant increase for Title III E Family Caregiver Support Program
- Programs will be housed under the new Administration for Children, Families and Communities (ACFC), not CMS
- Ensures continued collaboration and coordination across aging and disability networks

# Next Steps/Continued Work

- Public awareness campaign (regarding Title III and Kupuna Care funded programs)
- Share stories of our Kupuna
- Local funding flexibility
- Federal advocacy
- Collaborations with Aging and Disability network organizations and other county agencies
- Expand outreach to rural areas and strengthen service delivery in these areas