



PROJECT VISION HAWAII

*Hele for Health*

# WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT



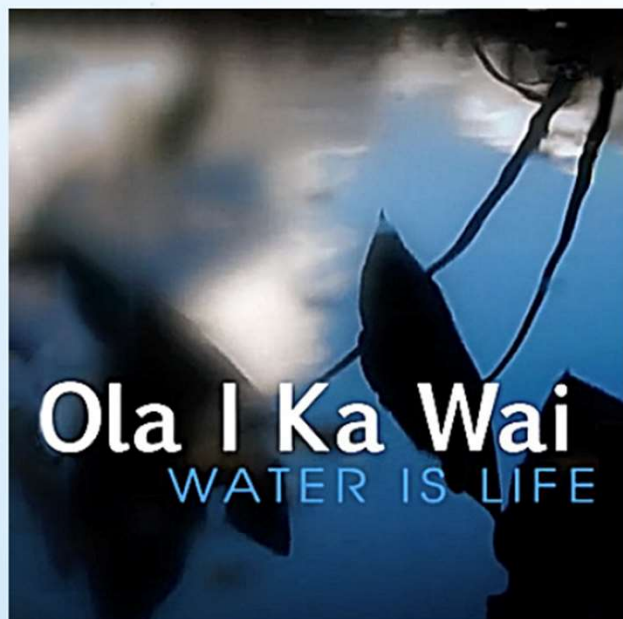
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## Key Points

- Water is not a luxury, but a necessity.
- We help our most vulnerable houseless populations on Maui.
- We help make connections to other services.
- We offer emotional support and compassion.



## Wai Ola: The Water of Life



- According to the United Nations General Assembly & Human Rights Council, access to clean drinking water & sanitation is essential.
- 61 out of 73 surveyed respondents admit they face barriers to access 15 liters of potable water per day, which is the UN's daily minimum water access standard.
- Barriers: transportation, security, age and mobility .



## Serving the most remote, vulnerable populations.

- Covid decreased access
- Unsafe sources such as River Water!
  - Contaminated water and poor sanitation are linked to transmission of diseases such as cholera, diarrhea, dysentery, hepatitis A, typhoid and polio
- **Providing water and sanitation access to our unhoused population is a key preventative measure to protect their overall health and well-being**



# Emotional Support & Compassion

- 1/3 suffer from behavioral health issues
- Trauma-informed care and understanding of root issues required
- Relationship-building
- Empathetic & non-judgmental support



# Access to other services

- We bring services directly to people who otherwise would not seek out services.
- Coordinated and persistent outreach efforts.
- Creative and proactive engagement to build trust.
- In 2022, we provided 330 units of street medical services to the unhoused. So far in 2023, we have provided 219 units.
- Community partnerships for collaboration and referrals.
- Ultimate goal: housing







# Mahalo to our partners





# Project Vision Hawai'i Water Distribution Summary of Success

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- Distribute 300 gallons weekly.
- Provided over 60 clean containers to store the clean water.
- This service is at no cost to our clients, eliminating the need to pay for water.
- Creating an alternative to having to use river water and/or public park fountains.
- Provide potable drinking water to 100+ clients weekly.





## PITC 2022

**Table 2: 2022 Maui Household Configuration Summary**

	Maui Total	Sheltered		Unsheltered	
	#	#	%	#	%
Individuals	503	132	26.2%	371	73.8%
Family Individuals	238	173	72.7%	65	27.3%
Adults	102	72	70.6%	30	29.4%
Children	136	101	74.3%	35	25.7%
All Individuals	741	305	41.2%	436	58.8%
Family Households	63	44	69.8%	19	30.2%

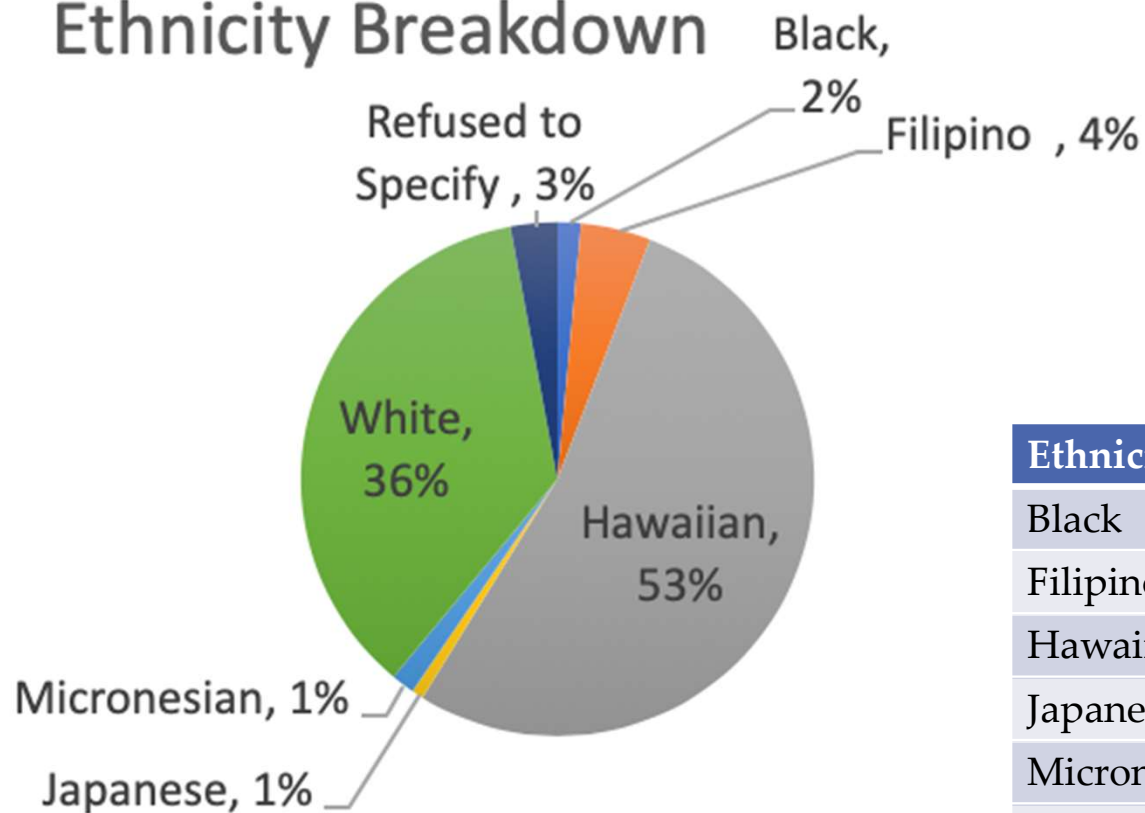
County of Maui Point in time 2019 Unsheltered Interviews With Chronically Homeless







## Ethnicity Breakdown



Ethnicity	Count
Black	2
Filipino	6
Hawaiian	72
Japanese	1
Micronesian	2
White	49
Refused to Specify	4
Total	136



# End Results

- Health & Safety
- Resource Navigation
  - food, medical, shelter, documents, phones, support
- Relationships that encourage Engagement
- Consistency
- Safe Space
- Aloha





## Cost savings

- We have served 170/260 people (65% of all chronically homeless on Maui) for less than \$65k.
- That's only \$367 per person.
- Average ER visit costs \$1,100.
- If 25 percent of those served visited the ER one time for a water-related issue, the cost would be \$46,750.





## Obstacles.

- Weather (relocated several clients)
- Sweeps (DLNR,MPD,DOT)
- Not being able to serve individuals who are within a two-mile radius of a water source, such as those at Kahului Harbor & Kanaha.
  - Individuals with wheelchairs, mental illness, disabilities, co-morbidities, etc.



# We would like this project to continue and grow

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- Implement case management
- Hygiene services
- Wound care & entry into health care system
- Expand reach

Mahalo for your consideration!



**PROJECT VISION**

*pūpūkahi i holomua*



**Mission:** To increase access to  
health and human services.

**Vision:** To improve  
health equity

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# Delivery of health, hygiene, support services



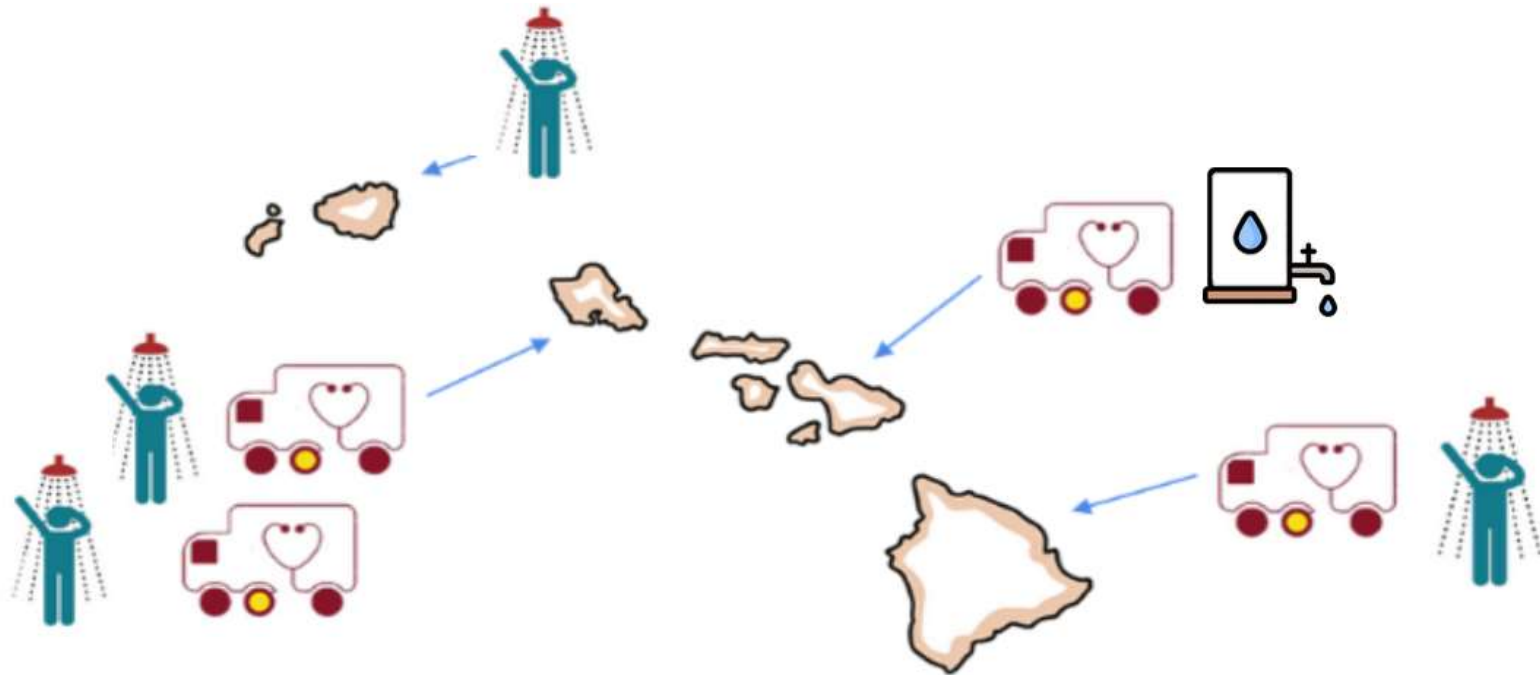
4 MOBILE  
HYGIENE UNITS

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4 MOBILE CLINICS

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1 WATER TRUCK





We seek to *reduce* costs, cultural, and geographic *barriers* to basic human needs. These included of vision services, food, and hygiene facilities.

# Program Expansion

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## 1. Prevention

- **Screenings**
- Schools-based health system
- Primary care
- Vaccines & tests
- Education
- Water & food

## 2. Houselessness

- Mobile hygiene
- Wound care
- Case Management
- Workforce development
- Emergency response


## 3. Treatment

- Re-entry
- Cultural options
- Navigation services
- Medical-home referrals
- Free surgeries





# Mobile Outreach: Populations We Serve



Houseless service  
providers & clients

Congregate settings:  
prisons, group  
homes

Minority  
communities, public  
housing

Homebound,  
disabled, restricted  
transport



Bridging the Gap  
Partners in Care  
O'ahu Continuum of Care



# 2022 POINT IN TIME COUNT Comprehensive Report

# 5,973

PEOPLE EXPERIENCED  
HOMELESSNESS IN THE  
STATE OF HAWAII



3,951



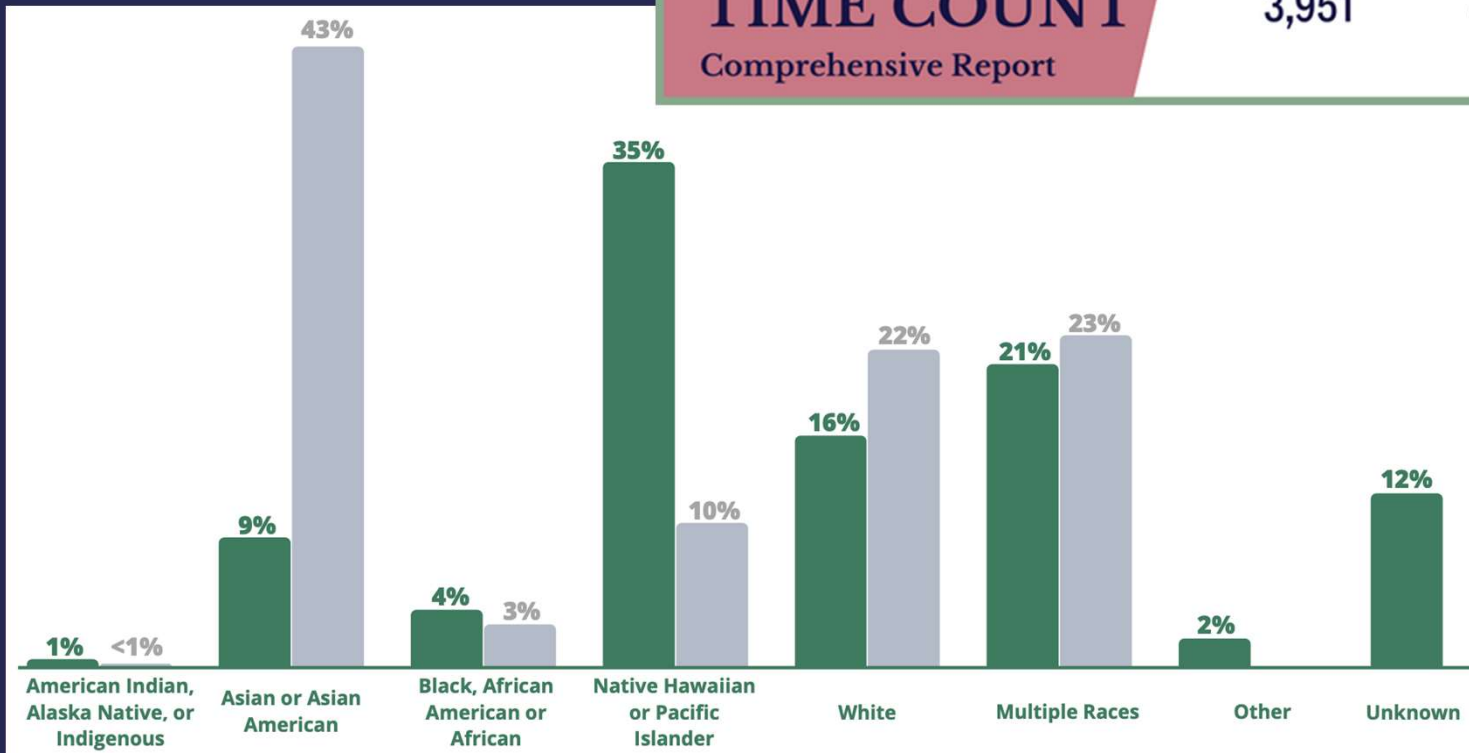
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# Social Services

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Housing

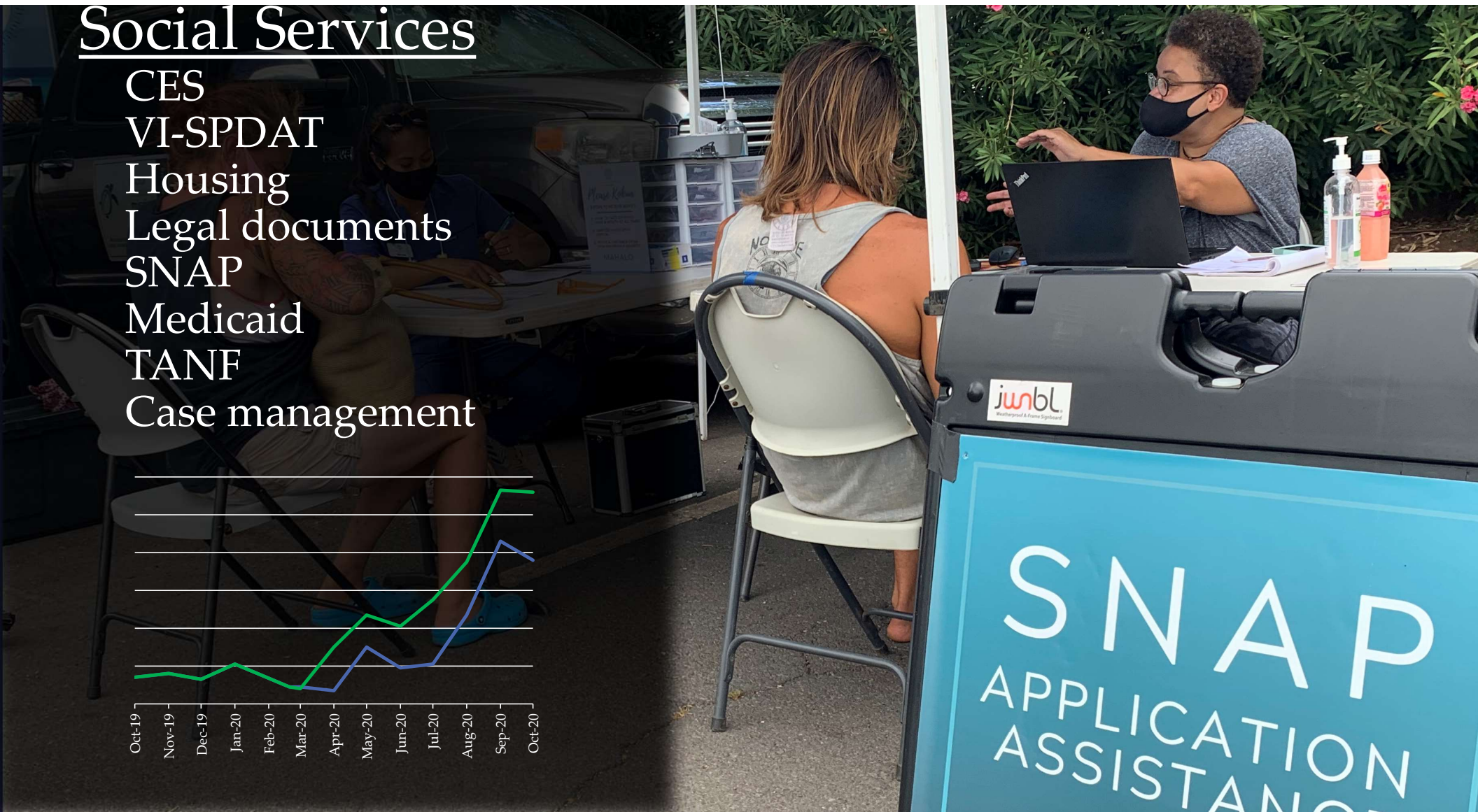
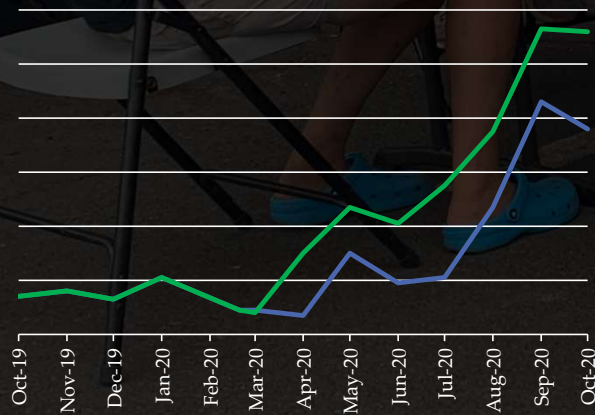
Legal documents

SNAP

Medicaid

TANF

Case management







# Street Medicine





~4 times per week



ave. of 7 patients / event





















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### Testimony for Maui County Council – April 2023

Project Vision Hawai'i is increasing access to care with Homeless Outreach and Street Medicine in Maui County. Statewide, the organization employs six RNs and two APRNs who bring healthcare services and resources to encampments, beaches, and parking areas where people tend to congregate. By "meeting people where they are," we bring direct access to healthcare, case management, harm reduction services, and other benefits navigation with the purpose of encouraging jobs, treatment, and housing.

### Proposed Programs and Funding Requests

Project Vision seeks support for two initiatives in Maui County. If funded, Maui County dollars will be leveraged by a State Grant-In-Aid contract, which started April 1, 2023.

#### 1) Water Outreach - \$97,100

Project Vision seeks to expand its water outreach that was previously limited to remote areas, such as Kahakuloa and Maliko Gulch. Through a recent contract with Maui County, the program provided clean drinking water to more than 100 people every week. This outreach is expanding to include case management services with an emphasis on permanent stability and partner coordination using the Homeless Management Information System.

#### 2) Street Medicine - \$91,450

Project Vision has employed street medicine staff members on Maui since August 2022. Through weekly outreach events, clients access regular clinical visits, reducing dependence on emergency room visits for basic medical care. Project Vision is pursuing insurance reimbursement for street medicine, which will enable long-term sustainability for this service.

In addition to delivering street medicine and water, Project Vision helps individuals access resources such as food, shelter, health insurance, cell phones, and various forms of support for behavioral health and substance dependency problems.

### Description of Street Medicine

Street Medicine brings basic medical care, preventative screenings, vaccinations, wound care, and referral services to people experiencing homelessness. Since bringing street medicine to Maui in partnership with the Maui Police Department, Maui Rescue Mission, and others, demand for medical services has increased dramatically. In 2022, Project Vision provided 330 units of street medicine services on Maui. In the first quarter of 2023, the organization provided 219 units of street medicine services in this community.

### Need for Street Medicine on Maui

The number of houseless people in Maui County is 741, including 436 unsheltered individuals, according to the 2022 Point-in-Time count. The number of unsheltered houseless individuals increased by 5% compared to January 2020, prior to the pandemic.

This project responds to a key recommendation in the Bridging the Gap 2022 Report to "expand and enhance street outreach." The report states that street outreach staff are often the only connection to high-risk persons living in encampments or places not meant for human habitation, stressing the importance of providing direct medical assistance, evaluation, and follow-up care to people in need. Additionally, street medicine reduces the cost of emergency visits. An estimated \$8.3 billion is spent each year in the U.S. on emergency department care that could have been provided in another location. This is based on \$1,917 average cost per ED visit.



## BFED Committee

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**From:** Gina M. Young  
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**Subject:** Correspondence from CM Sinenci on Project Vision budget priority  
**Attachments:** Presentation from Project Vision Hawaii Water Services.pdf; Project Vision MAUI Overview of proposed services.pdf

Aloha BFED committee staff,

Please find a copy of both handouts for CM Sinenci's budget priority for Project Vision Hawaii.

Thank you,  
Gina Young, Executive Assistant  
CM Shane Sinenci