## **EDB Committee**

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## Aloha

I very much would like to see the Kama'aina First program continue it has helped make a huge difference for our ranch horseback industry especially our company as horseback riding is a big part of the tourism industry but not always considered.

We are 100% dependent on tourism and were not sure we could survive the last few months but Kama'aina first changed that by enabling us to reopen and be found by our kama'aina clients! I have guests tell me that they found us on the site and Facebook page so I know it is working!

I think we would have folded if it had not been for the program!

OED are all so kind and helpful finding ways to help Maui small business feel secure in the future on our island and knowledgeable by helping us all navigate this crisis and giving us hope so desperately needed.

Please keep supporting MAuis OED we really need them!!

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