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# Our Ongoing Wildfire Response

*An Update on Recent Efforts for Maui's Recovery*

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**State of Hawai'i**

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# Recovery Plan in Action

## Our progress so far

- NCS individuals has fallen from **7,796** to **~3,109** (~60% decrease)
  - ~850 units under construction with mid-summer move-in
  - More housing projects in the pipeline
- **Decreased costs** as we bring in more FEMA resources, including debris clearance, condo, and housing development
- **Expanded FEMA eligibility retroactively to COFA families**
- **Completed temporary school** to replace King Kamehameha Elementary (350-600 students)

Note: Units under construction include Haggai, Kilohana, Kala'iola, Kapalaua



SAMPLE CONCEPT ELEVATION 1

# We continue to focus on safety and STR enforcement

## New Safety Measures

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- New beta wildfire sensors with 24-hour alerting capabilities, detecting wildfires before they start
- Federal coordination for future resilience



## Short-term rentals (STR)

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- **No STR moratorium will be instituted.**
- We have reached the minimum number of units needed to successfully house impacted families through our rental programs
- We still would welcome more housing for families: <https://helpingmaui.org/offer>
- Focus on increasing enforcement on illegal and non-compliant STRs with the counties.
  - Empowering Attorney General to form taskforce to crack down on illegal rentals
- Anticipate new legislation limiting STRs in Hawai'i this session



# Using our resources effectively

## Stable Financial Outlook

- **March Council on Revenues projections remain stable at 4% growth**
- We have ample resources to effectively manage cost
- Rainy-day fund intact (EBRF - \$1.5B)
- **Fully preserved essential state services**
- **Focus on using all available resources** and funding state priorities and the recovery effort



## Managing Costs

- **Requested \$297M for Temp Housing Build and ongoing recovery response**
- **\$65M for One 'Ohana Fund**
- Secured federal assistance for COFA residents ~\$30M
- Clarified Condo eligibility with FEMA ~\$43M
- Secured 100% Debris Removal coverage for 6-months – 90/10 cost share after (potential \$107M)
- Hawai'i Community Foundation support for Kala'iola - \$40M
- **Financial Plan is strong** with General fund carryover balance of **\$681M-\$981M in FY24\*** and **\$350M-\$650M in FY25\*** (This includes full funding for our priorities: GAP II – Cost of Living tax breaks, Housing, Healthcare, Climate, etc.)

\*potential lapse of extra ERS payment, TBC

# Recovery Timeline - We are currently at stages 2/3

The Maui wildfire disaster is unprecedented and devastating for the state of Hawai‘i, local residents, and communities

- 101 lives lost
- 12,000 residents on Maui displaced
- 3,971 properties destroyed — \$4-6 billion in estimated property damage
- 561 homes, owned and occupied by Lahaina residents, destroyed
- 8,000 local businesses within the disaster area

Current state

	Stage 1: Immediate response	Stage 2: Short-term recovery	Stage 3: Mid-term recovery	Stage 4: Long-term recovery	Stage 5: Full recovery and resilience
Objectives	Provide emergency shelter, support basic needs, and ensure the continuity of life for affected individuals.	Address immediate housing needs, provide financial assistance, and initiate recovery programs.	Engage the community in long-term recovery planning, establish temporary housing, and support early settlements.	Construct permanent housing, settle all claims, and receive support from federal agencies for infrastructure.	Complete the recovery process, rebuild communities, and establish long-term economic stability / growth.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shelter survivors: Provide immediate housing for displaced individuals</li><li>• Support life continuity: Ensure access to essential services</li><li>• Accommodations: Utilize hotels to house displaced residents during the initial phase of recovery</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide long-term housing up to \$500 million + services for health and mental health</li><li>• Introduce settlements totaling \$175M for families</li><li>• Recovery programs (e.g., SBA, Debris Removal, FEMA/ARC, TANF, and HCF)</li><li>• Recovery frameworks and economic dev. planning</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engage community in long-term planning</li><li>• Build transitional housing; 2,000 units across multiple locations</li><li>• Settle early claims; contemplate land contributions for displaced families</li><li>• Return historically recognized lands to Lahaina community</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Construct permanent housing, estimated 5,000 units</li><li>• Settle remaining claims comprehensively</li><li>• Receive HUD support for infrastructure master planning; early estimate \$500 million</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalize community rebuilding efforts and establish memorials</li><li>• Achieve full economic revitalization for Maui</li></ul>

# Immediate Aftermath – Stage 1



**We worked quickly to ensure that community members were housed, received treatment, and necessities**

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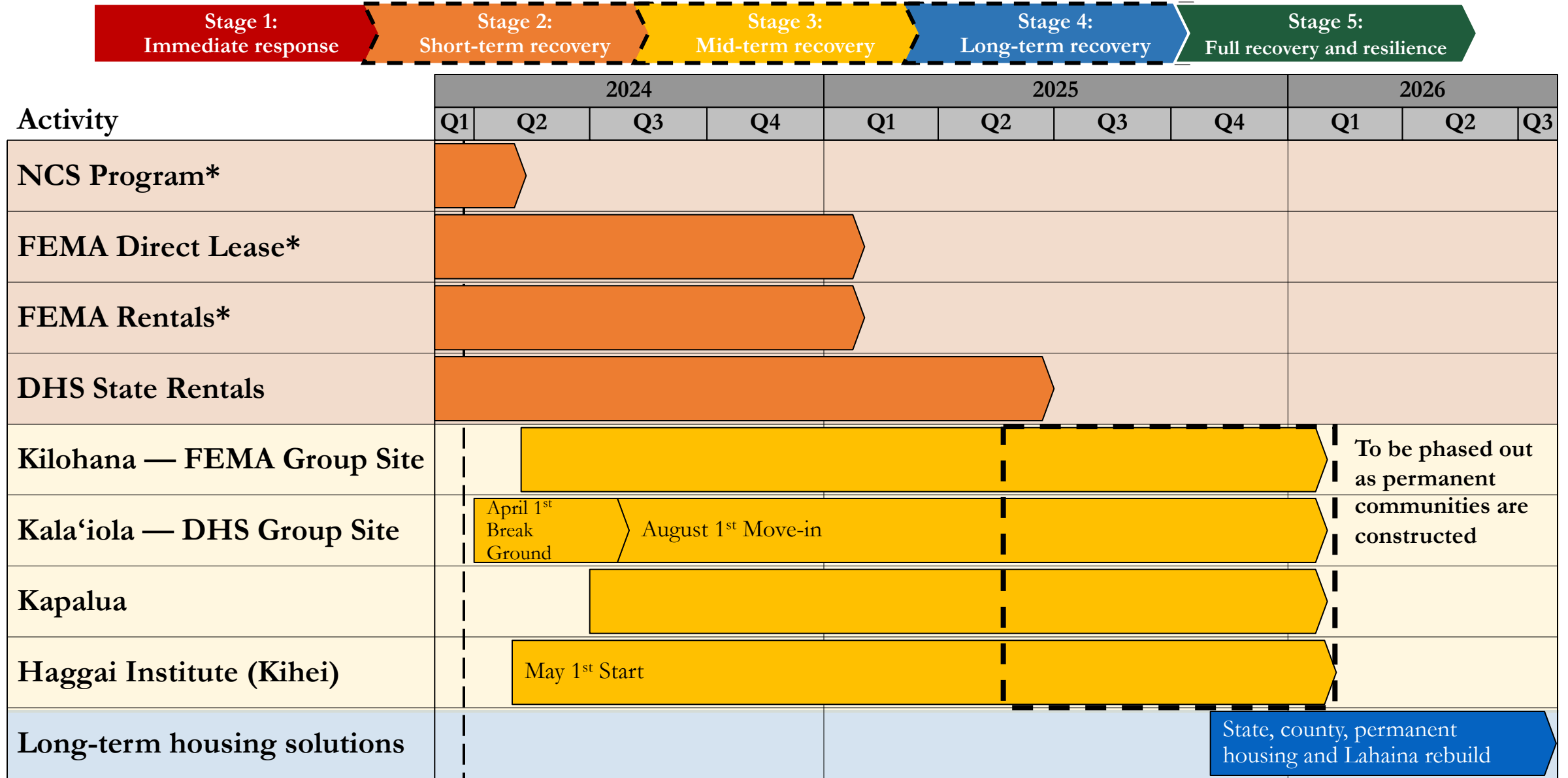
**Emergency Shelter:** 7,796 people housed within the first 13 days of the disaster

**Continuity of life and care:** Ensured access to essential services, including food, medical care, and emergency services

**Accommodations:** Quickly moved individuals and households into more secured hotels to house displaced residents during the initial phase of recovery



# Our Plan to Recovery: Maui Housing Pathways Forward



\*under negotiation for extension

Today (3/27)



# Stage 2 - Short-term recovery efforts for safe and stable housing

Stage 1:  
Immediate response

Stage 2:  
Short-term recovery

Stage 3:  
Mid-term recovery

Stage 4:  
Long-term recovery

Stage 5:  
Full recovery and resilience

## NCS Temporary Housing

NCS households (HH) have been placed into 40 hotels (**currently 11**) and other lodging for short-term housing

State continues to cover NCS costs for **FEMA-non reimbursable**

**NCS peaked at 7,796 individuals to ~3,109 in NCS today**

## RAP, Direct Leasing, & CHNA

**Direct Leasing:** 1342 units have been secured and we have placed 452 HH with FEMA-funded direct leases

**Rental Assistance (RAP):** 125 HH have provided with rental assistance from the DHS who help them secure safe units

**CNHA / County - Host Housing Support Program** - Provides financial assistance to host families offering housing, funded by the Red Cross, Hawai'i Community Foundation, and the County and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA).

## Current state and path forward

We remain committed to supporting **all** those displaced from their homes by the fires, regardless of nationality or citizenship status **through all means of assistance**

As we transition away from temporary NCS into **long-term builds and developments**, we expect families to move into secure and safe housing options over the **next 1-2 months**



# Building Community Resilience in Mid-Term Recovery– Stage 3

Stage 1:  
Immediate response

Stage 2:  
Short-term recovery

Stage 3:  
Mid-term recovery

Stage 4:  
Long-term recovery

Stage 5:  
Full recovery and resilience

## Constructing Temporary Housing

Governor Green's priority is on providing safe and stable housing options to impacted individuals

- Converting the **Haggai Institute**, formerly the Maui Sun Hotel, into affordable and teacher workforce housing (175 units) and preschool classrooms
- Building 450 interim housing units in the **Kala'iola community** north of Lahaina
  - These units have been diversified to meet the needs of impacted families of all sizes, with move-in scheduled for August 1
- Coordinating with FEMA to create temporary housing communities for displaced families (**Kilohana**), 169 units planned. Ask is for 1,000

## Block Grant Funds from HUD

We are working to secure Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) **Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery** funds for recovery

These funds can be allocated to mitigate future disaster risks and losses



# Sustainable rebuilding and infrastructure for long-term growth and recovery – Stages 4 and 5



## Constructing Permanent Housing

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In the long-term, Governor Green's priority is to provide **permanent housing opportunities** for survivors impacted by the fires, including returning residents to properties and homes

- HH continue transition to permanent units such as units provided with support from private, insurance, SBA, and FEMA sources
- We are currently constructing multiple affordable housing projects across Maui, including Kaiaulu O Kukuia (Lahaina), Hale O Piikea, Kaulana Mahina Apts (formerly Wailuku Apts), and Hoku'ula (Makawao)
- We anticipate that long-term resilient recovery will take shape in 5-10 years

## Rebuilding Lahaina and Healing

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Our priority is to ensure that a rebuilt Lahaina incorporates input from community stakeholders

- Includes planned Cultural Corridor for Moku'ula, Maui's Sacred Island, in our restoration plan as well as returning historically recognized lands to the community
- Includes economic development and regrowth for lost businesses to ensure an economically robust, community-centered Lahaina
  - Maui Economic Recovery Commission (ERC)



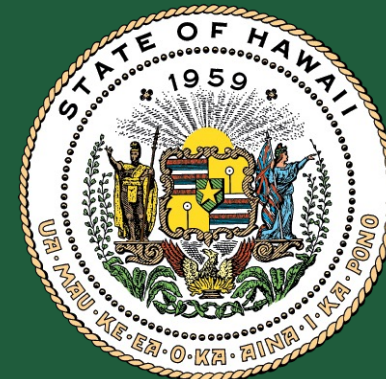
# Our plan continues to progress forward into long-term recovery

- Over a 60% decrease in impacted families in NCS, representing a major shift into long-term housing
- Negotiated up to \$220M in savings for the state of Hawai‘i with our federal partners
- Carry over balances continue to improve
- School and housing parcels proceeding rapidly from 850 units currently to over 2,000 units
- Empowering the AG to further address illegal STRs without a moratorium

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Mahalo!

