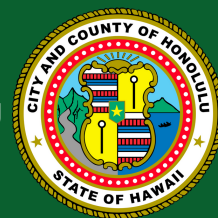




CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU



Mayor's Highlights

June 2022



THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS:

- Agricultural Grants & SLFRF Funds
- Household Preparedness & Our First Responders
- COVID-19 Safety Updates
- Hurricane Season

O'AHU AGRICULTURAL GRANTS

In May 2022, the City announced the first phase of a three-year grant program to assist farmers to sustain and increase agricultural jobs, increase production to meet the needs of the community, and help to create a more resilient and sustainable food system on O'ahu.

Utilizing funding from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), the Blangiardi Administration is developing a new \$3 million agricultural grant program for farmers, ranchers, and growers on O'ahu. Originally proposed by Council Vice-Chair Esther Kia'āina as part of a broader effort to deploy federal funds to support local agriculture producers, the first phase of this program will award \$1 million each year in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

"I am so excited for this new City program as it helps our farmers impacted by the pandemic, promotes food security, and advances economic diversification," said Council Vice-Chair Kia'āina. "We must move beyond talking about the importance of agriculture and get our farmers and producers the necessary resources they need to increase agricultural production. I am proud of the City for partnering with our state and federal leaders in making agriculture a priority for the people of Hawaii."

"Growing more food locally is absolutely essential to strengthening our local economy," said Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi. "These grants are vital to our strategy of creating precious sustainable jobs for our small farmers, ranchers, and growers and ensures the money stays in our local communities."

Applications for these grants will be accepted for six weeks starting in late June 2022. Farmers, ranchers, and growers can start preparing to apply for grants by visiting oahuaggrants.org to learn more.

About SLFRF*

*STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

WHAT IS SLFRF?

The SLFRF is part of the federal government's \$1.3 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) package that provides relief in many ways. The City will receive \$386 million in SLFRF funds.

Visit oneoahu.org/federal-funding to view dashboards showing the City's CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act spending. Learn more about SLFRF at oneoahu.org/frf.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEYS

The City is conducting continued surveys to get insight from our communities on how to best use SLFRF funds. Learn more at oneoahu.org/frf/#survey.

Household Preparedness

HONOLULU'S FIRST RESPONDERS PROVIDE HELPFUL TIPS

We all know that the best defense is a good offense, and nowhere is that more true than in the home. Preparing your home and family for emergencies will help to keep you safer and will make it easier for Honolulu's front-line first responders to assist you in the event of an emergency. Use these tips from our first responders to help make sure your family is prepared no matter what happens.

What you can do to be prepared:

In the Home:

- Teach your children how and when to **call 911**. The more prepared they are, the more information they can give to first responders.
- Have a **list of all your family's medications** to give to first responders in a medical emergency.
- **Check your smoke alarms**. Visit fire.honolulu.gov/fire-and-life-safety to learn more.
- Make sure you have a **14-day emergency kit** for your household. Learn what to prepare at honolulu.gov/dem.

Out of the Home:

- The Honolulu Fire Department provides **Bystander CPR and AED training** to community members. Call 723-7015 or e-mail hfdcpr@honolulu.gov for more information.
- Teach **keiki water safety** and keep a close eye on them when you are near the water. Learn more at honolulu.gov/esd.
- **Hike safely**. Know your limits, bring plenty of water, make sure you are prepared, and visit dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/hiking/hiking-in-hawaii.

Honoring Our First Responders

Honolulu's First Responders are the City's front-line response to medical, fire, and other emergencies. These tireless individuals show their commitment day-in and day-out to ensuring a safe, healthy, and happy O'ahu. Their service is recognized each year with a Mayoral proclamation and lighting of Honolulu Hale in their department colors. In 2022, Emergency Medical Services Week and Police Week were May 15-21, recognizing the sacrifices of fallen officers and the dedication of those retired and still serving. Fire Prevention Week will be October 9-15, 2022. Mahalo to all our first responders for their service and dedication to our community.

Homegrown Keiki Hero

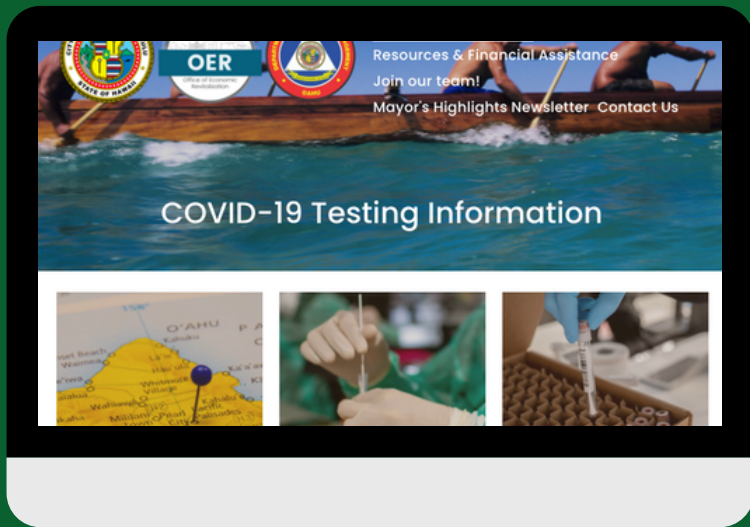
Teaching our keiki basic household preparedness and how to call 911 is critical. In May, the City and County of Honolulu honored a local keiki hero, Cody, for his quick response calling 911 when his mother experienced a medical emergency. His calm, collected attitude meant he was able to quickly and accurately provide information about his mother's condition to emergency medical personnel. **Bravo, Cody!**



Cody, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, and Honolulu EMS personnel

COVID-19 Safety Update

COVID-19 CONTINUES TO BE PRESENT ON OUR ISLAND



“ COVID-19 is not going away. With the rise in case counts on O'ahu, I encourage everyone to demonstrate personal responsibility and wear your masks when around others, get tested if you are not feeling well, and please make sure to get your booster shot.

MAYOR RICK BLANGIARDI ”

The O'ahu community has lived with the COVID-19 pandemic for over two years at this point. Because of the efforts of all of our community members to keep each other safe, we have avoided some of the worst-case scenarios seen elsewhere. Mahalo for all the sacrifices and for your dedication to keeping our community healthy and safe.

However, despite our collective best efforts, COVID-19 remains prevalent on O'ahu. Case counts are only one indicator of community spread. As we monitor the impacts of COVID-19, hospitalizations and the strain on our medical resources are key.

We know that getting your vaccinations and booster shot(s), wearing a mask, and staying home when you are sick will have a huge impact and help keep our hospitalization rates low. Not only will that help fight COVID-19, it will help ensure there are resources for other critical medical services.

Please continue to do your part and use your best judgment both in public and with your loved ones.

Together, we can keep O'ahu safe.

Do your part in keeping our communities safe:

- Get your COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shot(s), especially if you are immunocompromised or over the age of 50
- Wear your mask in crowded situations or if you are feeling sick
- Stay home if you are sick, and get tested for COVID-19
- Practice good hygiene and handwashing
- Follow CDC guidance if you test positive or are exposed to COVID-19

Good sources of accurate and up-to-date COVID-19 information:

- City and County of Honolulu: oneoahu.org
 - Find free COVID-19 testing, including the City's free testing sites: oneoahu.org/covid19-testing
 - Find a vaccination or booster near you: oneoahu.org/find-vaccine
- State of Hawaii Department of Health: hawaiicovid19.com
- US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: cdc.gov
- Order Free COVID-19 At-Home Tests: covidtests.gov



Hurricane Season

CENTRAL PACIFIC HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30

Hurricane preparedness shouldn't start only when a storm is coming. Preparing your home and family should happen well in advance so you can be ready all hurricane season.

A few things to remember *before* a storm: build your 14-day disaster supply kit, harden your home to withstand hurricane winds, check your insurance to make sure you have the right coverage, and, most importantly, make a plan so your whole family knows what to do in case of a hurricane.

Learn more about hurricanes, how to prepare your home and family, and what do to in the event a hurricane is on the way at honolulu.gov/dem/hurricane.

Off the News

HONOLULU ZOO WELCOMES NEW BABY SLOTH BORN MAY 5, 2022.

Harriet, the zoo's Linneaus's two-toed sloth, gave birth to her sixth baby on May 5, 2022. Watch the zoo's live sloth cam and other animal cams at honolulu.gov/zoo.



Report an Issue in Your Community

You can report anything from a pothole to graffiti to a parking violation using the City's 311 app or website. Visit your phone's app store or honoluluhi.citysourced.com to learn more!

Get Emergency Notifications and City Services Updates

HNL.info is a one stop site for City services from emergency alerts to registering for City activities. Visit the website or download the app today!

Get in touch

THE CITY WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

MAYOR'S OFFICE	HONOLULU.GOV/MAYOR	(808)768-4141
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	ENVHONOLULU.ORG	(808)768-3486
PARKS DEPARTMENT	HONOLULU.GOV/PARKS	(808)768-3003
COVID-19 INFORMATION	ONEOAHU.ORG	(808)768-2489
SATELLITE CITY HALLS	HONOLULU.GOV/CSD	(808)768-4325
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION	HONOLULU.GOV/NCO	(808)768-3710
GOLF COURSE & ZOO INFORMATION	HONOLULU.GOV/DES	(808)768-5400