DESTINATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS UPDATE





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'UMEKE PROGRAM UPDATES

- Application portal launched August 1.
- So far, there are 85 applications in total
- Four of the 85 are submitted
 - Community Enrichment (44)
 - Kahu 'Āina (18)
 - Kukulu Ola (14)
 - Signature Events (9)
 - Hoʻokipa Malihini Initiative (0)



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'UMEKE PROGRAM UPDATES (CONTINUED)

- Seven in-person info sessions scheduled.
- Six in-person sessions held: one on each island and two on Hawaii Island.
- Total of 48 people attended in-person sessions.
- Lāna'i's in-person session transitioned to virtual due to no registration.
 - Nine people registered after switching to virtual.
 - Two registrants were from Lāna'i and seven were from off-island.



'UMEKE PROGRAM UPDATES (CONTINUED)

- Two virtual sessions were held with 188 registrants.
 - Ranked partnership opportunity interest:
 - 1. Community Enrichment Program
 - 2. Signature Events
 - 3. Kukulu Ola
 - 4. Kahu 'Āina
 - 5. Hoʻokipa Malihini Initiative

'UMEKE PROGRAM UPDATES

- Info booth set up during Native Hawaiian Convention (Sept. 17-19)
- Portal closes on Sept. 20 at 4:30pm HST
 - Go to <u>www.kilohana.com</u> for more information





FOUNDATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Six in-person workshop panels and resource fairs scheduled:
 - One on O'ahu;
 - Two on Maui;
 - One on O'ahu;
 - Two on Hawai'i Island;
 - Hawai'i Island workshops moved to virtual due to severe weather.



COMMUNITY TOURISM COLLABORATIVES: COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

- Nine organizations selected.
- Receiving technical assistance and funding to grow their stewardship work ranging from \$18,500 to \$50,000
- Approximately 90% of contracts executed.



COMMUNITY TOURISM COLLABORATIVES: REGENERATIVE EXPERIENCES

- 15 organizations selected.
- Receiving technical assistance and funding to grow their regenerative experiences work ranging from \$20,000 to \$35,000.







- 110 organizations registered.
- 21 organizations certified.
- With the exception of Moloka'i, all islands are on track to reach their year one goals well ahead of the deadline.
- Auditing process has created a slight lag between businesses who have applied, and those certified.
 (This should be resolved by end of August)

- Qurator was present at Destinations International in Tampa.
- The program was well known among sustainability and DEI professionals onsite.



'Umeke Partnership Events VEPAM









 As requested by the HTA board, VEPAM is promoting 'Umeke Partnership Events and curating multicultural experiences.

