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Aloha displaced Maui residents,

HHFDC's Hawai'i Fire Relief Housing Program continues to make progress. To date, the program has helped approximately 300 families that lost their homes to last month's Maui brushfires.

Landlords and homeowners have offered up nearly 1,300 individual rooms, units and houses for immediate occupancy.

Our staff at HHFDC continues to respond personally to those among you who've reached out to us either with questions or for guidance. We have received an overwhelming response and we thank you for your patience as we work as quickly as possible to respond to everyone.

The list of available housing options that you can find on our website continues to be updated daily. Please bookmark <https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hhfdc/hawaii-fire-relief-housing-program/> and visit frequently for updates.

Here are a few other details and reminders about HHFDC's Hawai'i Fire Relief Housing Program:

- > The program operates essentially as a listing service for displaced Maui residents to view the rental options that are being offered to them by property owners.
- > The list is public and displaced Maui residents do not need to fill out a form to access it.
- > While it is suggested that owners charge minimal or below market rent, the program sets no parameters. Rent and other terms of occupancy are private contractual agreements between the owners and tenants.
- > HHFDC staff members are not property agents and cannot provide advice on landlord-tenant law.
- > HHFDC's Hawai'i Fire Relief Housing Program has no funding tools to provide to either displaced residents or those property owners wishing to rent to them. To learn more about other programs and resources available to displaced Maui residents, go to <https://www.mauinuistrong.info/>.

Further details about the HHFDC Hawai'i Fire Relief Housing Program can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section here: [HHFDC-Fire-Relief-Housing-FAQ-V.4.0-081623-1100.pdf](https://www.hawaii.gov/hhfdc/files/2023/08/HHFDC-Fire-Relief-Housing-FAQ-V.4.0-081623-1100.pdf) ([hawaii.gov](https://www.hawaii.gov)).

If you have additional questions after visting HHFDC's Hawai'i Fire Relief Housing Program landing page and the FAQ section, please email HHFDC at hhfdcfirereliefhousing@hawaii.gov or call 808-587-0469.

We are grateful for the opportunity to assist you.

The HHFDC Hawai'i Fire Relief Housing Program team