

SENIOR SCOOP

MEO

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President

2024 Legislative Opening

Margaret Cambra



Gov. Josh Green poses for a photo in State Sen. Troy Hashimoto's office with (from right) Gay Sibonga, Debbie Cabebe, Edwin Wilson-Snyder and Margaret Cambra

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW 2024 P&CC OFFICERS!!!

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Left to right: Flor Andrión (MEO P&CC Specialist), Rosemelynda Leano (MEO P&CC Senior Coordinator), Don Snyder (who stood in for P&CC Treasurer Karolyn Mossman), Edwina Wilson-Snyder (P&CC Secretary), David Yanagisako (P&CC Vice President), Margaret Cambra (P&CC President), Honorable Judge Bevanne Bowers, Cassi Yamashita (MEO Community Services Director), Lorna Tagorda (MEO P&CC Specialist).

BIBINGKA / BUTTER MOCHI

RECIPE

INGREDIENTS:

1 LB RICE FLOUR

1 TSP BAKING POWDER

1 ½ CUPS GRANULATED SUGAR

1 CUP SWEETENED COCONUT FLAKES

3 CUPS OF WHOLE MILK

1 STICK (1/2 CUP) MELTED BUTTER

5 EGGS

1 TSP VANILLA EXTRACT

MIX ALL INGREDIENTS, POUR INTO 9x13 INCH GREASED PAN, BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 1 HOUR AND 20-25 MINUTES.



Each Year 1 of 3 Adults Over 65 Will Fall

How to prevent falls, and falls-related injuries

Create a safe environment

- Ensure patient necessities are within easy reach.
- Check that the bed is at the correct height.
- Assign patients to beds that allow them to fall on the stronger side.
- Ensure that rooms are free from unnecessary clutter and electrical cords.
- Patient's medications, ashtrays or candles should be within easy reach.
- Wear up after work immediately.

Assess a patient's risk

- Use your organization's fall scale to assess a patient's risk of falling
- Assess risk on admission, transfer, change of status, and after a fall
- Consider the effect of the patient's medical history and treatments that may put them at risk for a fall

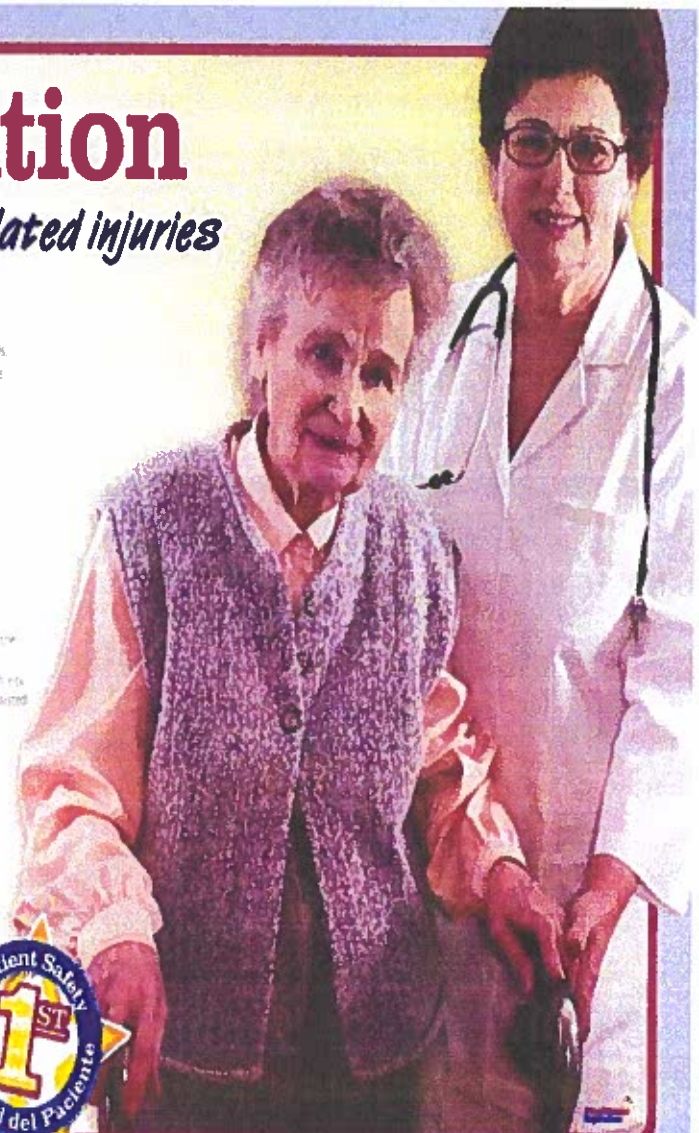
Reduce the patient's risk

- Ensure that the patient has proper shoes or socks.
- Assist with activities of dressing, walking and transfers.
- Implement toileting schedules for incontinent patients.
- Advise a gait belt on the waist near the midline.
- Use bed alarms to alert staff when high risk patients attempt to get out of bed unassisted.

Evaluate interventions

- Complete a post-fall assessment and incident report to allow the patient's fall, and the effectiveness of your interventions, to be evaluated by the falls prevention team.

- Patients suffer significant bone fractures that could be life threatening or substantially increase their length of stay.
- Patients suffer traumatic head injuries.
- Patients suffer a severe loss of independence.



SENIOR CLUBS



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We invite you to join our Senior Clubs and join in the fun...

Here is a list of our many Senior Clubs.

Alu Like Kupuna	Maui Association for Family & Communication Education
Hale Mahaolu Akahi	Maui Deaf Friends
Hale Mahaolu Eha	Maui High School Class of '62
Hale Mahaolu Ehiku	Maui OkinawaKenjin Kai Club
Hale Mahaolu Elua	Maui ILWU Pensioners
Hale Mahaolu Ewalu	Maui Puerto Rican Association
Haliimaile Vitagold	Ohana Wheelers
Hanalani Seniors	Paia Montokuji Ohana
HSTA - Lanai Community	Pukalani Pensioners
Hawaii State Teachers Association	Red Hot Mama's of Maui
HGEA Retirees	Retirees IBEW 1186
Hui Home Pumehana MKK	Rinzai Sen Mission Goji Kai
Kahului Hongwanji (Buddhist Women's Assn	Roselani Place
Kahului Filipino Club	Salvation Army Lahaina WMHL
Kahului Jodo Mission	SAS Class of 1958
Kupuna Council - Lanai	UPW
Lahaina Hongwanji	VIBES
Lahaina - Honolulu Seniors	Wailuku Aloha Club
Lanai Area Council	Wailuku Filipino Club
Lokenani I Seniors	Wailuku Jodo Mission
Makawao Hongwanji	Wailuku Hongwanji BWA
Mana'Olana Pink Paddlers	

WILDFLOWERS

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.




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S U N F L O W E R L I L A C
T W B L O S S O M H A T A S
E L A L L O R O C O N E U K
R D B L Y P L A C E I N R T
O N E O W L E G A S E A O U
L O N E Q L A R D G B M B C
F G E O S U O R T O E H L A
Z A V E I O E A K T W O O R
I R L D T L R T S S V W I T
N D H B O U E T V E P A W L
N P I U L D H D R I F U L E
I A O D W E T R N W N F R A
A N B T Z F N R V A K E Z F
H S L R R R A Q Y F D K S F
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By Jimmy and Evelyn Johnson - www.qets.com

Anther	Dandelion	Sage
Bark	Floret	Seed
Blossom	Genus	Snapdragon
Boquet	Larkspur	Stem
Bud	Leaf	Sunflower
Clover	Lilac	Vines
Corolla	Root	Zinnia






Programs & Eligibility Overview

<p>BEST</p> <p>(Being Empowered and Safe Together)</p> 	<p>Overview: The program provides support and increases opportunities for successful reintegration while promoting public safety. BEST addresses the challenges that individuals face as they return to the Maui County community from incarceration. Assistance may include substance abuse assessments and referral, tuition support, and financial assistance to help clients obtain a driver's license and other required identification. Work clothing, food, bus passes and personal hygiene items may also be provided to support employment and stability.</p> <p>Eligibility: There is no income guideline criteria. Incarcerated or previously incarcerated individuals must be an adult eighteen (18) years or older. Previously incarcerated individuals may seek assistance either through walk-in/telephone request or agency referral. Case management begins immediately after the initial intake and eligibility has been determined. Individual Service Plans (ISP) are developed, implemented and maintained by the case manager. Timely follow-ups and reviews of the client's ISP are ongoing to ensure the client is actively working toward accomplishing their goals.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding holidays.Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p>
<p>Women's Reintegration Program</p> 	<p>Overview: The program assists women throughout Maui County within the first three years after incarceration. WRP will address housing barriers and will provide program fees, utility, and or security deposits, and rental subsidies for transitional, temporary, and permanent housing. provides recently incarcerated women with temporary and permanent rental assistance upon release and within 3 years of reintegrating into the Maui County community.</p> <p>Eligibility: There is no income guideline criteria. Incarcerated or previously incarcerated women must be an adult eighteen (18) years or older. Previously incarcerated individuals may seek assistance either through walk-in/telephone request or agency referral. Case management begins immediately after the initial intake and eligibility has been determined. Individual Service Plans (ISP) are developed, implemented and maintained by the case manager. Timely follow-ups and reviews of the client's ISP are ongoing to ensure the client is actively working toward accomplishing their goals.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding holidays.Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p>
<p>Employment Services for Low-Income Persons & Legal Permanent Residents</p> 	<p>Overview: Assists individuals on the islands of Maui and Moloka'i to improve employment possibilities for low-income persons and legal permanent residents by enhancing their employment skills and helping them to overcome barriers to language and culture and to gain and maintain meaningful employment that will lead to self sufficiency. Individuals exiting the program will earn a living wage to support themselves and their families, and will have learned the skills, behaviors, and methods of obtaining and keeping gainful employment.</p> <p>Eligibility: Family household income at or below 200% of the applicable federal Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii. Eligible persons are identified and enrolled; required information to verify eligibility is obtained; a formal assessment of the individual is performed and completed; and a determination of the individual's job choice is made. An Individual Service Plan (ISP) is developed to determine participants' needs, skills, career/employment goals; barriers to employment; and specific individual and family support needed.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p>






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<p>Enlace Hispano</p> 	<p>Overview: The Enlace Hispano program improves the quality of life for the Hispanic community and foster opportunities for inter-cultural experiences with Maui's general population. The program's interpretation, translation, supportive services and case management reduce communication barriers between the growing Hispanic/Latino community and service providers with a goal of enhancing self-sufficiency, civic engagement, acculturation and the ability to navigate government and education systems.</p> <p>Eligibility: There is no income guideline criteria. Individuals may seek assistance through walk-in/telephone or agency referral. The case manager will conduct an assessment to identify and determine service needs. Individual Service Plans (ISP) are developed, implemented and maintained by the case manager. Timely follow-ups and reviews of the client's ISP are ongoing to ensure the client is actively working toward accomplishing their goals.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended.</p> <p>Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p>
<p>NFJP (National Farmworkers Job Program)</p> 	<p>Overview: The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) is a nationally-directed program of job training and employment assistance for migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs). NFJP assists farmworkers and their families attain greater economic stability by helping them acquire new job skills in occupations that offer higher wages and a more stable employment outlook. In addition to skills training, the program provides supportive services that help farmworkers remain and stabilize their employment in agriculture. NFJP also facilitates coordination of services through the American Jobs Center system for MSFWs so they may access other services of the workforce system.</p> <p>Eligibility: Individuals must have worked on a farm or ranch and received pay for work within the last two (2) years from application date and meet income requirements based on 150% federal Poverty Guidelines. Individuals may seek assistance through walk-in/telephone or agency referral. Recruitment efforts are also conducted by the NFJP staff. The case manager will conduct an assessment with individuals to identify and determine service needs. An Employment Service Plan (ESP) or an Individual Service Plan (ISP) are developed, implemented and maintained by NFJP staff. Timely follow-ups and reviews of the client's ESP or ISP are ongoing to ensure clients are actively working toward accomplishing their goals.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended.</p> <p>Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p>
<p>P & CC Planning & Coordinating Council, Senior Coordinator</p> 	<p>Overview: The P & CC assists senior clubs with recruitment and membership enrollment, advocacy, education and social activities and events. The program enhances the quality of life for seniors by helping them obtain the benefits of knowledge, companionship, and better health. The senior coordinators help the clubs to get organized, elect officers, schedule guest speakers on a variety of topics critical to senior living, organize activities and excursions to improve their quality of life, and arrange transportation to meetings and events.</p> <p>Eligibility: Individuals 60 years of age and older, residing in Maui County. Seniors may contact the Senior Planning Coordinator for Senior Club opportunities.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended.</p> <p>Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p>






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<p>Senior Discount Red Cards</p>	<p>Overview: Merchants participate in the Senior Discount Red Card program, which offers Maui County seniors, 60 years of age or older discounts on food and merchandise when using the MEO Red Card.</p> <p>Eligibility: There is no income criteria. Senior citizens 60 years and older residing in Maui County are eligible to apply. Seniors may complete and submit an application to the Program Coordinator. Red Cards are distributed via mail to the applicant.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended.</p> <p>Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p>
<p>Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)</p> 	<p>Overview: The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) provides seniors with nutrition education and access to unprocessed locally grown produce. Participants will receive \$50 in coupons to be redeemed with participating farmers, farmers' markets, or roadside stands for fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey. This seasonal program runs from April 1 to October 31.</p> <p>Eligibility: Maui Island residents, who are at least 60 years old and are at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level for Hawaii.</p> <p>Contact Information: Gay Sibonga, Chief Operating Officer; (808) 249-2990 gay.sibonga@meoinc.org</p>
<p>SCSEP (Senior Community Service Employment Program)</p> 	<p>Overview: SCSEP provides part-time employment training opportunities for low income seniors age 55 and older in non-profit organizations. Upon completion of the training period, Seniors are placed in full time or part time regular employment..</p> <p>Eligibility: Individuals must be fifty five (55) years or older and meet the income eligibility of below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. Applicants must complete an intake, screening and background clearance to determine eligibility. Applicants will complete a program orientation and potentially be assigned to a host agency for work experience. Individual Employment Plans (IEP) are developed, implemented and maintained by the Case Manager. Timely follow-ups and reviews of the client's IEP are ongoing to ensure the client is actively working toward accomplishing their goals.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays</p> <p>Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p>
<p>H-HEAP (Hawaii-Home Energy Assistance Program)</p> 	<p>ECI (Energy Crisis Intervention)</p> <p>Overview: Financial assistance for households who are on the verge of utility termination or have been terminated within sixty (60) days from the date of application.</p> <p>Eligibility: Individuals must complete an application and provide a current original (within 60 days of issuance) "Final Notice before Disconnection" notice, photo identification (for all household members 18 years and older) proof of residence, Social Security verification and proof of income. A Case Manager will determine eligibility. Individuals may seek assistance through walk-in/telephone or agency referral.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays.</p> <p>Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p>



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<p>H-HWAP (Hawaii-Home Water Assistance Program)</p> 	<p>WCI (Water Crisis Intervention)</p> <p>Overview: Financial assistance for households who are on the verge of utility termination or have been terminated within sixty (60) days from the date of application.</p> <p>Eligibility: Individuals must complete an application and provide a current original (within 60 days of issuance) "Final Notice before Disconnection" notice, photo identification (for all household members 18 years and older) proof of residence, Social Security verification and proof of income. A Case Manager will determine eligibility. Individuals may seek assistance through walk-in/telephone or agency referral.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays.</p> <p>Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p>
<p>RAP Rental Assistance Program</p> 	<p>Overview: This program is part of a homelessness prevention initiative aimed to help residents get into and sustain permanent housing. This program helps individuals and families in Maui County with assistance for rental and utility deposits and rent subsidy at a declining schedule based on income and individual circumstances. All assistance is paid directly to the landlord of the rental or the utility company.</p> <p>Eligibility: Maui County residents may apply by providing a current rental agreement and meeting the 80% Median Family Income guidelines. Applicants must have a stable source of income and the ability to pay the required percentage of each month's rent payment. The Housing Specialist will verify eligibility, gather intake data and provide case management that will incorporate a financial literacy component. Assistance for qualifying households will max out at six (6) months. Applicants must have resources to assume the responsibility for their welfare subsequent to the receipt of the rental assistance.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Appointments recommended. <i>(Program times may vary based upon program needs.)</i></p> <p>Contact Information: Call MEO Community Services at (808) 249-2970 or email cs@meoinc.org</p> <p>Online Application: https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/38ba100cbe2049848f2c0f1f907f1e78</p>
<p>Maui Relief TANF Program</p> 	<p>Overview: Provides rental/mortgage and security deposit; vehicle loan and down payment; utility payments; clothing and school supply allowance to families with dependent children who were impacted by the August 8, 2023, wildfires.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family with a dependent child. • Home or place of employment damaged or destroyed by the wildfires or lived and worked in the burn zone and were unable to return home or work due to the recovery efforts. • Household income of 350% or below of the federal poverty level. <p>To apply: Online at www.meoinc.org (go to "Quick Links" and "Maui Relief TANF Program") or in-person at MEO, 99 Mahalani St., Wailuku, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays (excluding holidays).</p> <p>Contact Information: Ph. (808) 243-4404; Email nrst@meoinc.org.</p>



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National Dislocated Worker Grant



Overview: Provides up to 300 temporary jobs to help with cleanup of debris and recovery from the Maui wildfire disaster and/or provide humanitarian services, such as distribution of food and clothing. Jobs start at \$20 an hour.

Eligibility:

- Resident of Maui on August 8, 2023, and meets one of the following criteria:
 - Temporarily or permanently laid off as a consequence of the Maui wildfires.
 - Dislocated workers who were laid off for other reasons.
 - Unemployed for four weeks.
 - Self-employed individuals who became unemployed for significantly underemployed as a result of the Maui wildfires.

To apply: Online at www.meoinc.org (go to "Quick Links" and "Maui Disaster Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant") or in-person at MEO, 99 Mahalani St., Wailuku, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays).

Contact Information: Ph. (808) 243-4404; Email ndwg@meoinc.org.

Head Start



Overview: Head Start is a federally funded, national program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through provisions of education, health, nutrition, social and other services to eligible children and their families. MEO Head Start serves children on Maui and Molokai.

Eligibility:




- Priority is generally given to children who are or will be four (4) years old by 12/31 of the enrollment year and meet the criterion.
- Children three (3) years of age who meet the criterion are selected upon space availability.
- Families of children who are certified high risk, including but not limited to Child Welfare Services (CWS) and foster care, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Social Security Insurance (SSI) and homeless that meet the Federal Head Start Eligibility Guidelines.
- Families of children with certified or suspected special needs that meet the Federal Head Start Income Eligibility Guidelines.
- Families that meet the Federal Head Start Income Eligibility Guidelines.
- Families of children with certified special needs who exceed the Federal Head Start Income Eligibility Guidelines. (Children are selected by the Department of Education with the approval of a Head Start representative.)
- Families that fall over the Federal Head Start Income Eligibility Guidelines still may be eligible for selection even when the criteria above cannot be met. These applicants remain on a waitlist until all poverty-level families are selected.

Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. (Program times may vary based upon program needs.)

Contact Information: Debbi Amaral, Director of Early Childhood Services; (808) 249-2988
debb_amaral@meoinc.org



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<p>Head Start After School and Summer</p> 	<p>Overview: Head Start After School and Summer programs include extended-day and summer quality education services so parents or guardians can be employed, attend school to obtain a degree or credential, or participate in employment training for job placement.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same eligibility as Federal Head Start <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays</p> <p>Contact Information: Debbi Amaral, Director of Early Childhood Services; (808) 249-2988 debbi.amaral@meoinc.org</p>
<p>Kahi Kamalli'i</p> 	<p>Overview: Quality early childhood services for children 6 months – 3 years of age. Qualified caregivers are assigned to the same children each day to promote continuity of care. Services are offered year round. The County of Maui provides supportive funding to keep costs affordable for income eligible families, teen families, and for families with children receiving early intervention support through IMUA Family Services.</p> <p>Eligibility: Children 6 months to 3 years of age. Income eligible families, teen families, and families receiving early intervention support through IMUA Family Services may qualify for a child care subsidy paid for by the County of Maui.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays.</p> <p>Contact Information: Debbi Amaral, Director of Early Childhood Services; (808) 249-2988 debbi.amara@meoinc.org</p>
<p>Temporary Emergency Food Assistance (TFAP)</p>	<p>Overview: Minimize food insecurities for individuals and families by providing USDA food commodities monthly on Moloka'i and Lana'i.</p> <p>Program Eligibility: Families must be within 150% of the poverty level based on State of Hawaii income guidelines. Income is self-declared.</p> <p>Contact: (808) 565-6665 Lana'i, (808) 553-3216 Moloka'i.</p>
<p>Transportation</p> 	<p>HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>Senior Services</p> <p>Overview: Allows seniors to participate in activities and events at Kaunoa Senior Center and throughout the community. Provides house-to-house or site pickups. Times are determined by Kaunoa. Besides Senior Center activities, transportation is provided for all senior club meetings, senior club excursions, Leisure and Nutrition excursions, and transportation for the annual Kupuna Aloha Party and the Senior Fair.</p> <p>Eligibility: As determined by Kaunoa Senior Services and MEO Transportation.</p> <p>Senior Nutrition</p> <p>Overview: Transports elderly and disabled clients from home or designated pickup sites to congregate dining sites throughout Maui County, including Hana, Lana'i, and Moloka'i.</p> <p>Eligibility: As determined by Kaunoa Senior Services.</p> <p>Ka Lima O Maui and Easter Seals</p> <p>Overview: Transport clients with special needs to participate in programs at Ka Lima O Maui and Easter Seals. Most clients require house-to-house pickup and return.</p> <p>Eligibility: As determined by Ka Lima O Maui and Easter Seals, adult clients with special needs and/or disabilities, including but not limited to the chronically mentally ill, the physically disabled, developmentally disabled, and economically disadvantaged.</p>



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Employment Transportation

Overview: Provides transportation to adults with special needs and low income or disadvantaged clients to and from places of employment. Service area includes Central, South, West and Upcountry Maui. Normal service is on weekdays, excluding holidays.

Eligibility: As determined by MEO, adults with special needs, low income individuals at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level and disadvantaged individuals whose work times or locations are not serviced by the Maui Bus.

Rural Shopping Shuttle

Overview: To meet the needs of the outlying rural communities, providing curb-to-curb transportation services from residence to locations primarily within the central corridor of the islands of Maui and Moloka'i, as well as within Hana and Lana'i City and the Upcountry area. Most service is by reservation, with the exception of Moloka'i Expanded Rural Shuttle.

Eligibility: Any Maui County resident registered with MEO with a pickup location accessible to MEO buses.

Youth Transportation

Overview: Provide transportation for Maui County youths emphasizing public programs and facility locations that are important to youth. Servicing primarily youth centers, paddling practices and regattas.

Eligibility: Registered youths between the ages of nine (9) and eighteen (18); younger children may be accommodated. Registration is made through various county youth activities.

Community Transportation

Overview: Provide transportation service to the elderly, residents in medical need, and other disadvantaged people in the community, to attend the Maui County Special Fair and other community events.

Eligibility: Participants of the Maui County Special Fair (as determined by Special Fair staff). For other community events, as determined by MEO, based on community needs.

Ala Hou Transportation

Overview: Provide transportation service to disabled individuals who need accessible transportation in areas of Maui County not serviced by ADA Paratransit Services.

Eligibility: Participants who require accessible transportation and have a physician or regulatory agency certified disability.

Dialysis Treatment Transportation

Overview: Provide non-emergency medical transportation service for kidney dialysis patients in Maui County to and from treatment facilities for life-sustaining treatment.

Eligibility: Participants qualified by Liberty and Rainbow Dialysis Centers.



PARATRANSIT TRANSPORTATION

Overview: The Maui Bus paratransit service is an advance reservation, curb-to-curb service for persons with disabilities who are unable to use the regular fixed route Maui Bus service. The County of Maui, Department of Transportation (MDOT) provides ADA paratransit service through the Maui Bus.

Service Area: Paratransit service is available within corridors whose boundaries extend three-fourths of a mile on each side of each fixed Maui Bus route. The corridor shall include an






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	<p>area with three-fourths of a mile radius at the ends of each fixed route, including service to small areas not inside any of the corridors but which are surrounded by corridors.</p> <p>Eligibility: Three categories of persons who are eligible for paratransit service are established by the ADA if they meet one or more of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 1 - Any person who is unable, because of a disability, to independently board, ride, and/or disembark from a lift- or ramp-equipped bus. This includes persons who are unable to "navigate" the Maui Bus system without the assistance of another person. For example, the individual is unable to: board or disembark from an accessible bus without assistance; maintain balance while seated on a moving bus; identify the correct bus or bus stop; or understand transfer directions needed to complete the trip • Category 2 - Any person with a disability who is able to use a lift- or ramp-equipped bus, but for whom trips cannot be made because the fixed route they want to ride is not operated by a lift- or ramp-equipped bus. • Category 3 - Any person with a disability who has a specific impairment-related condition, which prevents them from traveling to or from a boarding or alighting location (bus stop). Only a specific impairment-related condition, which prevents the individual from traveling to or from a bus stop, is a basis for eligibility under this category. A condition, which makes traveling to or from a bus stop difficult but does not prevent the travel, is not basis <p>for eligibility under this category. Architectural barriers not under the control of the County of Maui and environmental barriers (e.g., distance, terrain, weather) do not alone form a basis for eligibility. However, the interaction of such barriers with an individual's impairment-related condition may form a basis for eligibility if the effect is to prevent the individual from traveling to or from a bus stop.</p> <p>Long-Term or Temporary Eligibility: A person with a long-term or temporary disability will be eligible for paratransit service if the disability results in his/her functional inability to use the Maui Bus system as described in the three eligibility categories.</p>
<p>Youth Services</p> 	<p>Overview: Provides an after school/out of school youth development program that focuses on delivering life and career skills development, service learning, leadership and acculturation development, and cultural awareness along with delivery of prevention education for youths on the islands of Maui and Moloka'i. These activities give youths the skills to make the right decisions and empower them to control their own destiny.</p> <p>Eligibility: 6th to 12th grade students. Typically, participants are from low-income or high risk families; however, no student is turned away. Serves Maui High, Maui Waena Intermediate, Moloka'i Intermediate, and Moloka'i High schools.</p> <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays</p> <p>Contact Information: Dane Ka'ae, Youth Services Director; (808) 243-4315 dane.kaae@meo.nc.org</p>
<p>MEO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER</p> 	<p>Overview: Offers Microenterprise financing, and provides education and technical assistance to those interested in starting, expanding, or purchasing a business. The Core Four Business Planning Course that is offered on the islands of Maui, Lana'i, and Moloka'i throughout the year to the general public. Other technical assistance includes Credit Repairs and Technical Assistance (TA) for applicants of the OHA Malama Loan Program, Teen and Adult Financial Literacy and seminars for Maui County Business Resource Center (MCBRC) on Credit Readiness, How to Obtain Business Loans, and Starting a Business.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Four, Financial Literacy and Credit Counseling open to the public.



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	<p style="text-align: center;">Micro Loans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient experience in the particular field of business chosen. • Business must be located in Maui County • Business must be judged viable with reasonable market potential. • Business may be run on a part-time basis. • Business owners may be a recipient of public assistance. • Collateral / Co-Signer: Although obtaining collateral for each microloan is not required, the Program makes every attempt to cover the loan amount with collateral which, in case of default, can be used to repay the loan. Loan may be subject to a co-signer to strengthen the applicant's loan. <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays (Program times may vary based upon program needs.)</p> <p>Contact Information: David Daly, Business Development Center Director; (808) 243-4318 david.daly@meoinc.org</p>
<p>AGAPE LANAI LOAN FUND</p>	<p>Overview: Loans for Lanai small businesses in the amount of up to \$30,000 with an interest rate of 5%.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lanai residents of at least six (6) consecutive months. • Loan application, credit report and written quotes on the business use of loan proceeds. <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays (Program times may vary based upon program needs.)</p> <p>Contact Information: David Daly, Business Development Center Director; (808) 243-4318 david.daly@meoinc.org</p>
<p>AGRICULTURE MICRO GRANTS</p> 	<p>Overview: Allows operating farms on Maui, Moloka'i and Lanai to access funds that will have a direct impact on increasing availability of local produce, livestock, poultry and products by increasing the farm's capacity, productivity, name recognition and income.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating food producing farms throughout Maui County on less than an aggregate of 12 acres. • Possess a General Excise Tax license. • Preference given to socially disadvantaged farms, such as women and Native Hawaiians. <p>Hours of Operation: 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m./Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays (Program times may vary based upon program needs.)</p> <p>Contact Information: David Daly, Business Development Center Director; (808) 243-4318 david.daly@meoinc.org</p>
<p>Maui Business Bridge Grants</p>  	<p>Overview: Provides grants to support Maui based businesses directly or indirectly impacted by the August 8, 2023, Lahaina and Upcountry fires. MEO Business Development Center handling small businesses with gross annual income of up to \$300,000 for 2022. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$20,000. Grants may be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent, lease payments, or mortgage payments on new property secured as a replacement for property destroyed or damaged during the August 8, 2023, wildfires. • Utility deposits and bills for a new business location secured as a replacement for property destroyed or damaged during the August 8, 2023, wildfires. • Insurance premiums. • Inventory, Equipment, Supplies and Marketing.



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	<p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active registration license, established prior to August 1, 2023.• Primary business operating location on Maui as of July 31, 2023.• Active Hawaii General Excise Tax with registered business address on Maui.• Copy of recent Hawaii GET filing, dated within the period August 31, 2022, to July 31, 2023. <p>To apply: Online at www.meo.nc.org (go to "Quick Links" and "Maui Business Bridge Grants").</p> <p>Contact Information: Email info@mauibusinessbridgegrants.org.</p>
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Rural Shuttle



Pickup Location	Days	Times of Pickup / Return
Haiku - Peahi	Mon / Wed / Sat	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Hale Mahaolu Akahi	Tue / Thu / Fri	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hale Mahaolu Elua	Mon / Tue / Thu	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hale Mahaolu Eilima	Mon / Wed / Fri	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hale Mahaolu Eono	Wed / Thu	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Hali'imaile	Tue / Fri / Sat	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Hana/Keanae/Peahi	Mon - Fri	6:30 am Pickup in Hana 9:30am- 1:00 pm (Central) Arrive in Hana at 3:30 pm
Kahakuloa	Based on need and available resources	Based on Available resources
Kahului	Mon / Thu / Sat	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Kihei	Mon / Thu / Sat	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Kula	Mon / Wed / Sat	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Lahaina/ Honolua/ Piilani	Tue / Fri / Sat	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Lanai to Maui	Tuesday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Lanai	Mon - Fri	7:30 am - 11:30 am
Makawao	Wed / Fri / Sat	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Paia	Tue / Thurs / Sat	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Pukalani	Wed / Fri / Sat	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Hale Mahaolu Ekolu & Waihee	Mon / Wed / Fri	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Wailuku - Waikapu	Mon / Wed / Fri	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
(Shuttle (Upcountry & South)	Mon - Fri	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Reservations may be made up to 14 days in advance but no later than 24 hrs.

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