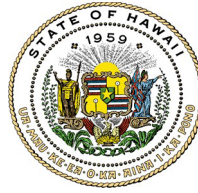


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February 6, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,  
President  
And Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,  
Speaker and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency's report of spending from the State's Major Disaster Fund, as required by Hawai'i Revised Statutes 127A-16.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically on the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency's website.

Respectfully,

*James DS. Barros*

JAMES DS. BARROS  
Administrator of Emergency Management

Enclosure

c: Legislative Reference Bureau

# REPORT ON EXPENDITURE FROM THE MAJOR DISASTER FUND

Pursuant to the provisions of HRS 127A-16  
Report to Thirty-Second Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023



Prepared pursuant to Hawai'i Revised Statutes §127A-16  
by  
Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency  
State of Hawai'i

February 2023

Hawai'i Revised Statutes §127A-16 directs the Administrator of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) to report to the Legislature within 60 days of any allotment by the Governor or the expenditure of any fund moneys from the Major Disaster Fund (MDF). The report is to cover the purpose of the allotment/expenditure.

Governor David Y. Ige on Dec. 2, 2022, approved the release of \$4.5 million in general funds in State Fiscal Year 2023 for the MDF (see Appendix A). The release of funds was occasioned by the need to cover expenditures to support emergency measures resulting from the Mauna Loa volcanic eruption that began on Nov, 27, 2022.

Subsequently, Governor Josh Green, M.D., on Dec. 16, 2022 issued an emergency proclamation related to medical transport aircraft and crews, stemming from the crash of a Hawai'i Life Flight aircraft on route from Maui to Hawai'i island. That proclamation had been extended several times and remained in effect as of Feb. 1, 2023.

Spending from the MDF has been used to cover expenses related to both the Mauna Loa and Medical Transport Aircraft emergencies.

As of January 31, 2023, the following expenditures from the MDF for the specified incidents had been either recorded or estimated; some of the totals are not final and subject to adjustment when final invoices are received:

### **Mauna Loa Event**

#### *Hawaii Emergency Management Agency*

Payroll	\$102,342.23
Meals	\$ 6,237.12
Travel	\$ 17,384.56
Civil Air Patrol Flights	\$ 18,701.05
PPE Shipment	\$ 307.85

Total: **\$144,972.81**

*Hawaii National Guard (estimated)* **\$284,261.37**

**Total Estimated Cost for the Mauna Loa Event \$429,234.18**

### **Medical Air Support Event**

Total Cost Reported to Date\* \$121,000.00

\*Costs are **rough estimates** and include Hawaii National Guard for medical aircraft services; additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

## Appendix A: Release approval



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE  
GOVERNOR

December 2, 2022

TO: Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General  
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Release the Major Disaster Fund in FY 23 to  
Provide Support for the Mauna Loa Lava Flow

Your memorandum dated November 30, 2022, requesting approval to release \$4,500,000 in general funds in FY 23 for the Major Disaster Fund (MDF) to support efforts for the Mauna Loa lava flow, has been reviewed.

In line with the Emergency Proclamation issued on November 28, 2022, relating to Mauna Loa, I am approving the request for the release of the MDF.

Please submit the required Request for Allotment (Form A-19) to the Department of Budget and Finance for processing.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Y. Ige".

David Y. Ige  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

c: Tracy M. Ban, Acting Director  
Audrey Hidano, Comptroller