

# Ways to Help Kauai After Hurricane Lowell

Verified places to give and support recovery | Updated September 9, 2026

Kauai is beginning the recovery process after Hurricane Lowell. If you want to help, these established organizations support food access, families, farms, emergency relief, and broader recovery efforts.

## Choose where your support goes

### Hawaii Foodbank Kauai

#### FOOD AND IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Working with Kauai County and local partners on food distribution and ongoing food assistance for island families.

[Donate](#)

### Malama Kauai

#### FAMILIES, FARMS AND LOCAL FOOD

Supports local food access, Kauai families, farmers, and producers. Current Lowell relief giving has focused on impacted homes and farms.

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### Stronger Hawaii Fund

#### BROADER DISASTER RECOVERY

Hawaii Community Foundation's statewide fund supports disaster response, recovery, mitigation, and resilience across the islands.

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### American Red Cross

#### SHELTER AND EMERGENCY RELIEF

Red Cross teams are on Kauai supporting emergency shelter, food, water, relief supplies, and recovery needs.

Gifts support Red Cross Disaster Relief, not a Kauai-only fund.

[Donate](#)

### Catholic Charities Hawaii

#### FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Providing assistance through community partners to families and vulnerable residents affected by recent storms, including Lowell.

[Learn more](#)

### Lahui Foundation

#### GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY RELIEF

A Hawaii-based nonprofit supporting disaster response, long-term recovery, and community needs across the islands.

Check current designated campaigns before giving.

[Learn more](#)

#### Relief needs can change quickly.

Confirm current instructions on each organization's official website before donating or sending supplies.

# Before You Donate

Take 30 seconds to make sure your support goes where you intend.

Disasters bring out a lot of generosity, but they can also bring fundraising scams. A quick check can help you avoid sending money to the wrong place.

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| 1 | <b>Find the official website.</b><br>Do not rely only on a screenshot, repost, social media comment, or forwarded message.                       |
| 2 | <b>Check the donation link.</b><br>Make sure the payment page or account is actually connected to the organization you intend to support.        |
| 3 | <b>Verify nonprofit status when appropriate.</b><br>If a group claims nonprofit status, use the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search to verify it. |
| 4 | <b>Be careful with direct payments.</b><br>Venmo, Zelle, QR codes, and personal fundraisers may be legitimate, but verify the recipient first.   |
| 5 | <b>When in doubt, go direct.</b><br>Donate through the established organization's official website instead of a link copied into a social post.  |

**Good rule:** Do not send money just because a payment handle is being shared widely. Verify it at the source first.

## Useful Kauai recovery resources

### Food distribution

Kauai County and Hawaii Foodbank Kauai are coordinating Hurricane Lowell food distribution sites.

[County food update](#)

### Recovery and damage resources

Kauai Emergency Management Agency posts recovery updates and resources for affected residents.

[KEMA resources](#)

### Check a nonprofit

Use the IRS search to verify tax-exempt status and review available organization records.

[IRS organization search](#)

### Avoid charity scams

FTC guidance explains how to research a charity and avoid common disaster donation scams.

[FTC charity guidance](#)

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