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Building Industry Association of Hawaii Announces Support Initiatives for Maui Wildfires

HONOLULU (October 4, 2023) In the spirit of community and solidarity, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA Hawaii) is proud to announce initiatives to offer aid and support for those impacted by the Maui Wildfires.

The Hawaii Building Industry Foundation, in partnership with BIA Hawaii, established the **Maui Recovery + Rebuild Fund** with the goal of providing targeted recovery and rebuild efforts for those impacted by the August 2023 Maui wildfires, including members, residents and the community. Fund activity will be tailored to Maui's needs, focusing on offsetting the costs of programs that prioritize housing, rebuilding and construction solutions, restoring infrastructure, and promoting licensed and registered businesses for the betterment of our industry and communities, while enhancing resilience against future adversities. The involvement of Maui-based industry professionals, associates, agencies, and other liaison organizations through the Maui Fund Advisory Committee will contribute significantly to the Fund's efficacy. Learn more and donate at www.hawaiibuildingindustryfoundation.org.

BIA Hawaii has unveiled the **Maui Wildfire Support Resource Page**. Committed to making a meaningful impact, BIA has established this online hub to provide assistance to those who have been affected by the devastating Maui wildfires. The resource page aims to provide a centralized platform where essential information is easily accessible to the community and businesses impacted by the fires. We invite you to visit BIA Hawaii's Maui Support Page at www.biahawaii.org/maui-support offering a comprehensive range of resources and guidance for individuals, families, and industry professionals grappling with the aftermath of the Maui wildfire. The resource page offers guidance on what happens next, coping strategies, grief support, resources for kupuna and keiki, and more. The resources list is being compiled with industry partners and experts and the webpage will be continually updated.

Key Features of the Resource Page:

1. **Emergency Contacts:** Direct access to vital emergency contact information, ensuring swift support for those in need during these challenging times.
2. **Recovery Guidance:** A thoughtfully compiled list of resources to navigate the recovery process effectively, encompassing insurance advice, financial aid options, and rebuilding assistance.
3. **Navigating Regulations:** Information regarding current regulations and contacts for those navigating the immediate disaster relief process and embarking on property rebuilding and repairs.
4. **Support Services:** Links to counseling services, community support groups, family services, and health resources to address the emotional toll of the disaster.
5. **Timely Updates:** Regularly updated news and insights related to recovery efforts.



"We stand in solidarity with the Maui community, offering not just our condolences, but also tangible support through the Maui Support resource page," commented Jess Leorna, CEO of BIA Hawaii. "By consolidating information and resources, we hope to facilitate a smoother journey through this difficult time for individuals, families, and businesses."

BIA Hawaii encourages the wider community, businesses, and organizations to share the resource page across their networks, ensuring that valuable information reaches those who can benefit. The association is also open to collaboration and suggestions from community members and industry professionals, as together, we can make a difference.

About BIA Hawaii

The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA Hawaii) is the voice of the construction industry and Hawaii's leading not-for-profit trade organization chartered by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in 1955, with more than 300 professional members across the industry including developers, contractors, suppliers, realtors, and associate companies. BIA Hawaii is a proud supporter and advocate of housing at all price points, and our members work together to build the living spaces that kama'aina call home. Together, we educate, advocate, and grow. Industry Elite Partners are Castle & Cooke Homes, Armstrong Builders and Gentry Homes. 2023 Corporate Sponsors include Hawaiian Electric Company, Bays Lung Rose Voss, Stanford Carr Development and Hawaiian Dredging.

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