

Hui Māla ‘Ai

Connecting Food Gardens Across Hawai‘i

Convening #28, June 18th 2026



I ola ‘oe, I ola mākou nei
My life is dependent on yours; your life is
dependent on mine

Ōlelo Nō‘eau

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions (~15 min)
- Presentation and Q&A (~30 min)
 - Soil Testing with Daniel Richardson,
CEO & Founder of Makali'i Metrics
- Member updates (~10 min)
- Closing (~5 min)



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Across Hawai'i

Hui Māla 'Ai hosts monthly calls that bring together diverse stakeholders from across Hawai'i to share projects, address challenges, exchange ideas, and foster strategic partnerships to expand food gardens statewide.

MONTHLY CONVENING #28

This month's topic:
Soil Testing
Location: Zoom



DATE

THURSDAY JUNE 18TH, 2026



TIME

10:00 - 11:00 AM



PRESENTATION

Daniel Richardson (CEO of & Founder of Makali'i Metrics) will present on the first local soil lab in Hawai'i and the importance of soil testing your garden



JOIN MEETING

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87306490882?pwd=Ja9yYh3VbtoFsrFSL6V7VdVZUBkgFVb.1>

Meeting ID: 873 0649 0882
Passcode: 136451

No registration required to attend this event. If you would like to join our mailing list, please fill out the form found at huimalaai.org.

Welcome circle

Please share your name,
organization, and the
following:

What is your familiarity with
soil? If you are a grower, have
you ever had your soil tested?

CNHA garden 4/12/24



Ho'ōla 'Āina Pilipili 4/25/25



Ka Papa Lo'i O Kānewai 9/6/24



UGC Vermiculture Class 8/9/25

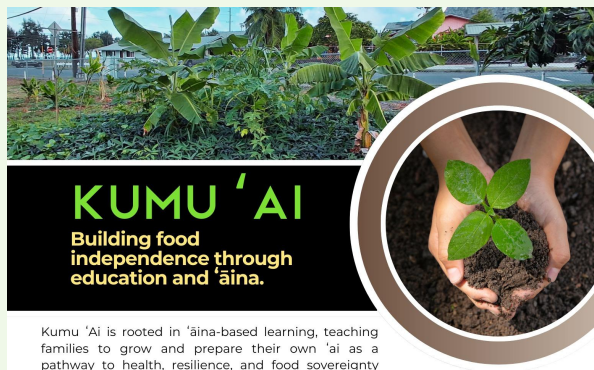


Punchbowl Housing Garden 12/5/24



Next In-Person Convening in
July, more info coming soon

Member Updates



Kumu 'Ai is rooted in 'āina-based learning, teaching families to grow and prepare their own 'ai as a pathway to health, resilience, and food sovereignty across generations.

Our Schedule

Sunday, January 11, 2026
Sunday, February 8, 2026
Sunday, March 8, 2026
Sunday, April 12, 2026
Sunday, May 3, 2026*
Sunday, June 7, 2026*
Sunday, July 12, 2026
Sunday, August 9, 2026
Sunday, September 13, 2026
Sunday, October 11, 2026
Sunday, November 8, 2026
Sunday, December 13, 2026



Hands-On Learning in the Garden

The 'āina is the classroom, and learning happens through doing, observation, and shared 'ike.



Take-Home Plants and Practical Tools

Knowledge is meant to be carried home and nurtured—what is learned in the garden continues to grow within the 'ohana.



Food Planning & Resource Management

Caring for 'ohana begins with knowing how to provide, prepare, and sustain nourishing 'ai using what the land offers.

Workdays are typically held on the second Sunday of the month and run from 8am - 1130am. We start promptly at 8am. Workday open to the public.

*First Sunday

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MORE INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY: Public food program service providers, tribal organizations, or private nonprofit entities, including gleaners (see Definitions in Part VIII, D of the NOFO) are eligible to apply. Please refer to the CFP NOFO for more information on eligibility.

POSTED DATE: Monday, June 15, 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: [Pascale Jean](#)

CLOSING DATE: Thursday, July 16, 2026

CONTACT FOR ELECTRONIC ACCESS PROBLEMS: grantapplicationquestions@usda.gov

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: USDA-NIFA-CFP-011776

ASSISTANCE LISTING NUMBER: 10.225

PREVIOUSLY FUNDED AWARDS: [REEIS Report](#)

ESTIMATED TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING: \$4,800,000

COST SHARING OR MATCHING REQUIREMENT: Match Required

RANGE OF AWARDS: \$25,000 - \$400,000

TOPICS: [Farmer Education](#)
[Food and Nutrition Security](#)
[Food Loss and Waste](#)
[Nutrition and Food Systems](#)

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program | NIFA

This federal grant supports community-led efforts to address food and nutrition insecurity. Funding is intended for organizations working to improve access to healthy, affordable food through both immediate and long-term solutions, such as food distribution, nutrition assistance outreach, community gardens, mobile markets, food-as-medicine programs, land access initiatives, and other strategies that strengthen local food systems and increase community self-reliance.

Closing & Baseline Survey

For new participants:

<https://forms.gle/KHE1TLUzGwRcusDp7>

Resources:

- Hui Māla 'Ai [website](#)
- [List of funding opportunities](#)
- Hui Māla 'Ai [Resource folder](#) (now on website)

Next convening:

In person convening mid July at Hawaiian Council in Kapolei, more information coming soon

