

# Mitigation Strategy and Priorities

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## Strategy Statement

The State of Hawai'i continues to enhance community resilience against the impact of future hazards and climate change. Innovative mitigation initiatives will be executed using the whole-community approach to empower individuals, communities, and counties to be self-sufficient before, during and after disasters.

### Priorities

1. Reduce the long-term vulnerability of Hawai'i's people and property, focusing on critical infrastructure and facilities, to natural hazards while conserving Hawai'i's natural, historical, and cultural assets.
2. Execute projects that have been identified and prioritized in county/state hazard mitigation or recovery plans and assessments.
3. Develop and execute mitigation actions that accomplish multiple objectives, mitigate multiple hazards, incorporate nature-based solutions, and utilize emerging technologies.
4. Build capacity and capabilities to increase disaster resiliency among underserved populations, individuals with access and functional needs, and in communities disproportionately impacted by disasters and climate change.
5. Promote public awareness of natural hazard risks and public action to reduce long-term risks.

### DR-4724 Hazard Mitigation Grant Funding Priorities\*

1. Projects that improve the resilience of critical facilities and critical infrastructure such as ports and harbors, and lifelines.
2. Projects that benefit underserved populations, individuals with access and functional needs, and communities disproportionately impacted by disasters and climate change.
3. Projects benefitting the declared disaster area.
4. Projects that increase shelter space and/or capabilities and capacity.
5. Projects that mitigate multiple hazards.
6. Projects that mitigate wildfires.

\*DR-4724 is the FEMA designation for the Maui wildfire disaster.

