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**STATE OF HAWAII SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDS STATEWIDE
DISASTER SUPPORT SERVICES**

*Statewide Disaster Case Management Program will Provide Specialized Support and
Resources for Recovery Efforts Across State in Responding to Recent Disasters*

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HONOLULU — Governor Josh Green and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA) announced today the expansion of the Statewide Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP), to include households affected by Hurricane Lowell and Hurricane Lala. The program has already been serving those affected by the Kona Earthquake and Kona Low storms.

Disaster Case Management Programs connect survivors of disasters with specially trained case managers to help assess and address their needs, by developing a disaster recovery plan. Disaster Case Managers (DCMs) provide guidance and refer survivors to available resources. The expansion enables households affected by these recent disasters to access coordinated case management services including housing navigation, financial recovery planning, connection to federal and state benefits and referrals to community-based organizations equipped to provide long-term, localized support.

The expanded Statewide DCMP is led by HIEMA and supported by multiple community-based organizations. This includes Aloha United Way, Global Empowerment Mission and Family Promise of Hawai'i to administer the program, as well as Aloha House, Catholic Charities of Hawai'i, Our Kupuna, Partners in Development Foundation, Project Vision and Vibrant Hawai'i to provide additional direct services on each island. This expanded program will deploy over 80 DCMs to help support anyone affected by these recent disasters.

Anyone in need of support can connect with the Statewide DCMP by calling 211 or emailing contact@hawaiiidcmp.org. A member of the Statewide DCMP team will work with you to determine eligibility, understand your recovery needs and help guide you to the resources that you need. For more information on the Statewide DCMP, visit ready.hawaii.gov.

"This has been an unprecedented time in Hawai'i, with several natural disasters impacting our state in rapid succession. We are working quickly to align the state's resources to ensure that everyone impacted will have the support they need to recover," said Governor Green. "By bringing those affected by Hurricane Lowell and Hurricane Lala into our Statewide DCMP, we're ensuring that every person affected has a case manager in their corner and a clear path forward toward recovery. Mahalo to all our partners and everyone involved for making this expansion possible and for all our teams' hard work in supporting our 'ohana."

"Our case management model was designed to scale," said HIEMA Administrator David Lopez. "The systems, partnerships and local capacity we've built with community-based organizations across the state mean we can bring everyone affected by these recent disasters into a program that already works — without our people and communities losing time waiting for something new to stand up. Thank you to Governor Green for his leadership and ongoing support for Hawai'i."

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