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<b>Program/Project Name:</b>	Hawaii Hazards Awareness and Resilience Program (HHARP)
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**Program Summary:**

The goal of the Hawaii Hazards Awareness and Resilience Program (HHARP) is to enhance community resilience following earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes and floods (multi-hazard) through a facilitated education and outreach program promoting understanding and awareness of the hazards, and offering tools and information resources to guide efforts in mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

State and County emergency management agencies have partnered to administer HHARP in support of community leaders willing to implement the program. HHARP is designed for self-identified communities, such as traditionally geographically designated areas, apartment complexes and church groups. A representative from an emergency management agency works along with a community-identified facilitator to guide the community through a series of educational and capacity building sessions.

HI-EMA developed a comprehensive Resource Kit, which is divided into ten modules. Each module includes instructor resources, participant activities and worksheets, visual presentations, additional reference materials, and display posters. The first major milestone for a community culminates with the recognition of a community that has completed all HHARP modules, and is fully engaged in the disaster planning process and prepared to respond and recover from any disaster or emergency.