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April 15, 2024

Ms. Lori Tsuhako, Director
Department of Housing and Human Concerns
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Tsuhako:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1) (HC-3)

Thank you for participating in the Committee's discussions on April 11, 2024. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions listed below. May I further request that, after approval by the Office of the Mayor, you transmit a written response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **April 19, 2024**.

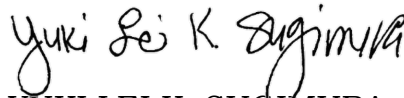
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 - b. Please identify the fund and cite the authority that allows this.
2. Special Olympics for Molokai has not been awarded County grant funding since receiving \$11,000 in FY 2022. Please confirm whether the organization has requested County funding following the COVID-19 pandemic. If not, is the Department aware of why the organization has not requested funding since then? Is it due to limited participation following the pandemic?

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4. Please explain how the Department is providing County funding to E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i Preschool if the organization is not listed as a grantee. Are they subject to the three-year audit requirement if they are not a grantee?

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (James Krueger at ext. 7761, Kasie Apo Takayama at ext. 7665, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Acting Budget Director

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 4:58 PM
To: loriann.tzuhako@co.maui.hi.us
Cc: BFED Committee; Saumalu Mataafa; kimberly.ferguson@co.maui.hi.us; Michelle Santos; Zeke Kalua; Lesley Milner; Kristina Cabbat
Subject: PLEASE READ attached letter re: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED 1) (HC 3); reply by 04/19/2024
Attachments: (HC-3) Correspondence to Housing and Human Concerns 04-15-2024.pdf

Ms. Tzuhako: Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated April 15, 2024. Please respond by **April 19, 2024**

Mayor's Office (attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua): Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

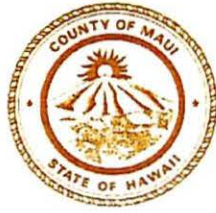
Ms. Milner: FYI

Thank you,
Yvette Bouthillier, Senior Secretary
BFED Committee

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor

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Director

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April 17, 2024

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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL


Mayor 4-19-24
Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1) (HC-3)

Thank you for your correspondence of April 15, 2024. The information requested in your letter is listed below in bold and is followed by the Department's responses.

1. **Appendix B to Bill 60 (2024), Revenues – Fees, Rates, Assessments and Taxes, refers to a “Department of Human Concerns Special Revenue/Trust and Agency Fund.”**
 - a. **What is the authority for having fees from Account 3290 Dog Licenses through Account 3735 Poundkeeper deposited into a special fund? For instance, Section 143-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides that moneys received for license fees for dogs “shall be paid into the general fund of such county.”**

The Department defers to the Department of the Corporation Counsel and respectfully requests the Committee allow them time to provide the information.

b. Please identify the fund and cite the authority that allows this.

Dog license fees collected by the Maui Humane Society are currently deposited into the Animal Management Revolving fund (Index Code 101025). The Department defers to the Department of the Corporation Counsel to cite the authority.

2. Special Olympics for Molokai has not been awarded County grant funding since receiving \$11,000 in FY 2022. Please confirm whether the organization has requested County funding following the COVID-19 pandemic. If not, is the Department aware of why the organization has not requested funding since then? Is it due to limited participation following the pandemic?

Special Olympics Hawaii was funded in FY 2022 at \$35,000, of which \$11,000 was a proviso for Molokai programs. The organization has not requested nor applied for any funding since FY 2022. In our last meetings with the organization at the close of FY 2022, they informed the Department of their intent to not apply for funding, citing internal reasons. Even with encouragement from the Grants Management Division to apply, the organization chose not to apply. The Grants Management Division was providing significant technical assistance in an attempt to help the Maui County branch of Special Olympics but ultimately an internal decision appears to have been made by Special Olympics to not pursue County funding. Participation was not a factor discussed but administrative capacity within in the statewide organization seemed to be the main issue.

3. Does Maui Adult Day Care Center for Senior Citizens and Disabled, Inc. provide services to disabled senior citizens or disabled individuals, regardless of age? Please explain.

The Maui Adult Day Care Center (MADCC) is registered with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs as Maui Day Care Center for Senior Citizens and Disabled, Inc. Although the primary target population of the MADCC includes adults 60 years and older, the center does provide day care services for clients 18 years of age and older who are frail, at-risk, or functionally impaired. These services may be paid for through private pay or in some cases, covered through Medicaid.

It should be noted that the contract for adult day care services executed between the MADCC and the Maui County Office on Aging allows for services to be provided to older adults ages 60 years of age and older. This requirement is in line with the targeting requirements of the federal Older Americans Act and the State of Hawaii's Kupuna Care Program that are designed for older adults 60 years and over.

4. Please explain how the Department is providing County funding to E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i Preschool if the organization is not listed as a grantee. Are they subject to the three-year audit requirement if they are not a grantee?

While E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i Preschool is not a current grantee and has not received direct funding for about two years, Lana'i families attending the preschool remain eligible to receive tuition subsidy assistance if they demonstrate need. Maui Family Support Services (MFSS) is the organization receiving the grant for administration of subsidy assistance to families. E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i essentially receives an equivalent financial benefit via the subsidies provided to Lana'i families for their children's preschool tuition. Direct funding to private preschools with public funds has raised constitutional challenges across the state. Funds can, however, be allocated to families in need, which indirectly supports attendance at such preschools.

Inasmuch as E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i Preschool is no longer a direct grantee, the agency is not subject to the three-year audit requirement.

The Department notes that families attending this preschool receive a higher subsidy compared to other families in Maui County or the state. The average copay for families attending E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i is \$100.00/month. The FY 2024 Maui County subsidy supported 20 children from 18 families attending E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i in the aggregate amount of \$86,300.00. This information sheds light on the allocation of funds and the support system in place for E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i Preschool. The same amount of tuition subsidies will be projected next year if families demonstrate financial need in meeting the established tuition.

PATCH, through County grant funds, has provided free support and coaching to E Malama I Na Keiki O Lana'i Preschool on issues such as tuition setting and true cost of care. The Department encourages the preschool to utilize this capacity building support.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Ext. 7805.

Sincerely,



LORI TSUHAKO, LSW, ACSW
Director of Housing and Human Concerns

BFED Committee

From: Janina Agapay <Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 10:04 AM
To: BFED Committee
Cc: Lesley Milner
Subject: (BFED-1)(HC-3)
Attachments: (BFED-1)(HC-3).pdf

Hello,

Please see attached correspondence from Department of Housing and Human Concerns.

Thank you,

Janina Agapay

County of Maui

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