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April 17, 2026

Ms. Cynthia Lallo, Chief of Staff  
Office of the Mayor  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Lallo:

SUBJECT: **PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE  
COUNTY OF MAUI** (BFED-1) (OM-03)

Thank you for participating in the Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee meeting of April 9, 2026. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions below.

May I further request that you transmit your response to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) by **12:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026**.

1. A \$200,000 condition for a nonprofit organization was approved in the FY 2026 Council Adopted Budget. At the meeting, it was noted that a Request For Proposals would replace the grant, which appears to circumvent the condition's legislative intent. If a budget amendment to revise the condition from a grant to an RFP was not approved by the Council, please explain the legal mechanism to amend the condition without Council approval. (KB)
2. Please provide a history of the Economic Development and Cultural Programs Revolving Fund under Chapter 3.81, Maui County Code. Are unspent Residency Area Funds deposited into this revolving fund? Please explain. (TP)

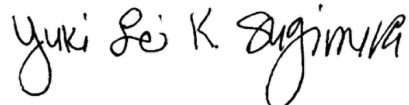
May I also request that you restate each question followed by your corresponding response. Include any attachments or exhibits. Please ensure your response is clear and legible by using a minimum 12-point font throughout so Committee Members and the public can easily read the document once it is posted.

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Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "Y" and "S".

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

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

## BFED Committee

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**From:** BFED Committee  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2026 10:48 AM  
**To:** 'Cynthia Lallo'  
**Cc:** 'Zeke Kalua'; 'Lesley Milner'; 'Kristina Cabbat'; 'Tiare P. Horner'; Shirley Blackburn; 'Janina Agapay'  
**Subject:** PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (OM-3)  
**Attachments:** 260409aom01 (OM-03).pdf  
**Importance:** High

**RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.**  
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 Lesley Milner  
Budget Director County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

 4-17-25  
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
and Members of the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (OM-03)**

Pursuant to your correspondence dated April 17, 2026, the following are responses to your questions:

1. A \$200,000 condition for a nonprofit organization was approved in the FY 2026 Council Adopted Budget. At the meeting, it was noted that a Request For Proposals would replace the grant, which appears to circumvent the condition's legislative intent. If a budget amendment to revise the condition from a grant to an RFP was not approved by the Council, please explain the legal mechanism to amend the condition without Council approval. (KB)

*A budget amendment will be submitted for the May 1, 2026 Council meeting to revise this line-item. Conditions cannot be amended without Council approval and no RFP will be issued if the amendment is not approved.*


2. Please provide a history of the Economic Development and Cultural Programs Revolving Fund under Chapter 3.81, Maui County Code. Are unspent Residency Area Funds deposited into this revolving fund? Please explain. (TP)

*The Economic Development and Cultural Programs Revolving Fund was created by Ordinance 3854. At the August 4, 2011 meeting of the Economic Development, Agriculture, and Recreation Committee, Budget Director Baz stated that this fund would provide "the opportunity to increase jobs, industry, and the economy and, and diversification...not just in having events that attract visitors, but having an actual new industry like film, like manufacturing, like energy." The Ordinance passed first reading on August 23, 2011 and second and final reading on September 2, 2011. The Ordinance became effective on September 8, 2011.*

*The fund was amended by Ordinance 5223 to add "Cultural Programs" and remove the expiration date of June 30, 2021.*

*Unspent Residency Area Funds are not deposited into this revolving fund. Funding must specifically be appropriated in the fiscal year budget to be deposited into the fund. Any funds donated to the County for economic development and cultural programs are also to be deposited into the fund.*

Sincerely,



Cynthia D. Lallo  
Chief of Staff

## BFED Committee

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**From:** Tiare P. Horner <tiare.p.horner@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2026 4:34 PM  
**To:** BFED Committee; Cynthia D. Lallo  
**Cc:** Ezekiel I. Kalua; Lesley J. Milner; Kristina Angeline C. Cabbat; Shirley Blackburn; Janina E. Agapay  
**Subject:** RE: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (OM-3)  
**Attachments:** (BFED-1) (OM-03).pdf

Aloha,

Please see attached correspondence.

Mahalo,

Tiare P. Horner  
Budget Specialist  
Phone: 808.270.7517

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**From:** BFED Committee <BFED.Committee@mauicounty.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2026 14:34  
**To:** Cynthia D. Lallo <cynthia.d.lallo@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Cc:** Ezekiel I. Kalua <zeke.kalua@co.maui.hi.us>; Lesley J. Milner <lesley.j.milner@co.maui.hi.us>; Kristina Angeline C. Cabbat <kristina.cabbat@co.maui.hi.us>; Tiare P. Horner <tiare.p.horner@co.maui.hi.us>; Shirley Blackburn <shirley.blackburn@co.maui.hi.us>; Janina E. Agapay <janina.e.agapay@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Subject:** PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1) (OM-3)  
**Importance:** High

Please replace the previous letter with the attached letter due to an error in the response deadline.