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Guest User	<p>I will be 85 years old this year, and I have been serving the folks of Maui County as a clinical psychologist for 25 years. Several years ago my wife Rosa and I realized that eventually our health would fail and we looked for a long term plan to retire. We decided to invest our savings into building an Ohana cottage and went through the year long process of going through the county council to be legal as a B&B. We don't make a huge profit, but it keeps us both occupied and helps supplement my income- we were hoping to retire frugally on this when I can't work anymore.</p> <p>So we were devastated to hear about the proposed increase in property taxes for those of us who have</p>			04-10-2024 11:23 am

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legal B&B licenses. Most of us are in the same situation, trying to find ways to survive in a pricey Maui economy.

We believe that dramatically increasing the tax rates on B&Bs would not help the tax situation very much because there are few of us. We are hopeful that the county council will finalize a fair tax rate increase for us, perhaps in the range of \$3.5 per thousand.

Thank you for considering our petition.

Sincerely, Karl Jacobs, Psy.D. and Rosa Paz-Jacobs

Guest
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From: Allen Offinitz
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2024 12:24 PM To: BFED
Committee ; Nikki Perry Subject: Lanai Cat Sanctuary

04-14-2024
01:19 pm

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Allen and Tricia Offinitz. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.

The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas.

Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i.

If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island.

This is such a valuable resource and should be a shining example of what an animal rescue should be like, plus, it brings visitors from Maui to help the tourism economy of Lanai. Please help!

Thank you, Allen and Tricia Offinitz

Guest
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From: Gary Pfrehm
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2024 10:08 AM To: BFED
Committee Subject: Lanai Cat Sanctuary Funding

04-14-2024
01:19 pm

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Gary Pfrehm. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.

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Thank you, Gary Pfrehm

<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: Amanda Bierbauer Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2024 9:46 AM To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control</p>	<p>04-14-2024 01:18 pm</p>
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Dear committee members,

My name is Amanda Bierbauer. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lānaʻi Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.

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If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lānaʻi has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island.

I have visited the Lanai Cat Sanctuary and have seen the work they do. They are a vital organization. Please support them.

Thank you, Amanda Bierbauer

<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: Debbie Anderson Date: April 6, 2024 at 6:22:54 PM EDT To: Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us, Yukilei.Sugimura@mauicounty.us, Tasha.Kama@mauicounty.us, Thomas.Cook@mauicounty.us, Gabe Johnson, Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us, Keani.Rawlins@mauicounty.us, Shane.Sinenci@mauicounty.us, Nohe.Uu-Hodgins@mauicounty.us">Nohe.Uu-Hodgins@mauicounty.us, Nikki Perry Subject: Please</p>	<p>04-14-2024 01:17 pm</p>
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Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lana'i Feral Cat Control

Aloha, Councilmembers,

My name is Debbie Anderson. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so that organization can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.

Lana'i and the work of the Lanai Cat Sanctuary are very near and dear to me. My father was Chief Fish and Game Warden for Maui County in the 1950s. I grew up aware of how much he cared for the animals it was his duty to protect and nurture. Traveling for his job, he always came home with warm stories of his actions on Lana'i. At home in Kihei, the Anderson family provided for the feral cats in the area, and I grew up particularly with Husky and Dopey, who were just smaller, furry family members.

The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but it is a leader in the industry because of its progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas. Unlike some so-called nature preservation organizations that I know are active in Hawai'i, the Lanai Cat Sanctuary sees the value of all life, caring for and containing the feral cats instead of killing them. Lanai Cat Sanctuary aligns with my values, and they are wonderful, life-affirming values. I donate when I can, but the support of the Maui County Government is critical to the good work that these dedicated people do.

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Mahalo, Debbie Anderson

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Deborah C. Anderson, Esq. Barred in the District of Columbia Washington, DC Phone: 202.248.9327 Fax: 202.386.6029

Guest User From: Sara Elizabeth
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2024 2:19 AM To: BFED
Committee Subject: Budget for Maui County

04-14-2024
01:16 pm

Aloha: Here is my emailed testimony related to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the County of Maui. This email acknowledges receipt of your

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	<p>correspondence. If you would like to officially submit your testimony to the BFED Committee, please e-mail your testimony to BFED.Committee@mauicounty.us.</p> <p>Sara Beth Russell Registered Nurse (808)561-6478</p>			
Guest User	<p>From: Donna Lefebvre Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2024 8:58 PM To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control</p> <p>My name is Donna Lefebvre. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide cat services on the island.</p> <p>The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats roaming protected areas. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i.</p> <p>If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island.</p> <p>Thank you, Donna Lefebvre</p>			04-14-2024 01:15 pm
BFED Committee	Testimonies received from BFED Committee.		Attachment	04-13-2024 04:08 pm
Guest User	<p>From: Joe Bergeron Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2024 11:36 AM To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY2025 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control</p> <p>Dear Committee,</p> <p>My name is Joe Bergeron. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.</p> <p>The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas.</p> <p>Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i.</p>			04-13-2024 04:06 pm

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Guest User	<p>If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island.</p> <p>Thank you, Joe Bergeron</p>			04-13-2024 04:05 pm
Guest User	<p>From: drlacerte@gmail.com Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2024 9:58 AM To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control - PLEASE READ FROM LANAI RESIDENT</p> <p>Dear Councilmembers,</p> <p>My name is Dominique Lacerte, and I'm a resident of Lana'i. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.</p> <p>The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas.</p> <p>Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i.</p> <p>If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island.</p> <p>Each island should be able to use the funds designated for feral animal control as they see fit to protect the environment and the animals within. Maui and Molokai may use this for controlling the deer population, or other animals. We desperately need it to control the feral cats. Trying to fund this by private donations from our small island is impossible. And frankly we are frustrated by being tasked with doing what the government should be doing.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Dominique Lacerte 30B Uhaloa Place Lanai City, HI 96763</p> <p>PO Box 630372 Lanai City, HI 96763</p>			04-13-2024 04:05 pm
Guest User	<p>From: diane t. Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2024 5:44 AM To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control</p>			04-13-2024 04:05 pm

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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Diane Thompson. I was recently fortunate enough to visit the Lanai Cat sanctuary and it filled me with gratitude that such a compassionate and effective solution to protecting both birds and cats is in place.

I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.

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Thank you, Diane Thompson Grateful visitor

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From: Sandy Smith
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2024 5:34 AM To: BFED
Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25
Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control

04-13-2024
04:04 pm

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Sandy Smith. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.

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	Thank you, Sandy Smith			
Guest User	<p>From: Vacation MenehuneShores Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2024 5:02 AM To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control</p> <p>I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island. The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas. Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i. If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population. Thank you,</p> <p>-- Sharon George Menehune Shores Vacation Rental #203 Call/text: (916) 206-3737 TA-029-636-5056-01</p>			04-13-2024 04:03 pm
Guest User	<p>From: June Suppinger Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2024 4:51 AM To: BFED Committee Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Budget</p> <p>Dear Councilmembers,</p> <p>My name is June Suppinger. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.</p> <p>I'm sure you're aware of the important work that is done at the Lāna'i Cat Sanctuary, and am hoping that omitting their funding in your Fiscal Year 2025 budget was merely an oversight.</p> <p>The Lāna'i Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas.</p> <p>Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lāna'i Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i.</p> <p>If the Lāna'i Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island.</p>			04-13-2024 04:03 pm

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	<p>Please reconsider including this vitally important Lāna'i organization to your Fiscal Year 2025 budget.</p> <p>Thank you, June Suppinger</p>			
<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: karen j cohen Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2024 4:42 AM To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 or More to FY25 Budget for Lana'i Feral Cat Control</p> <p>Dear Councilmembers,</p> <p>Aloha. My name is Reverend/Chaplain Karen j Cohen. I am not only a Minister and Hospice Chaplain for humans, but I am also a Certified Animal Chaplain. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island. If you want to know more about the success neutering/spaying has on a community I strongly suggest you go to Best Friends Animal Society at https://bestfriends.org for more information.</p> <p>I am a UH graduate and was a long time resident on O'ahu and property owner on Moloka'i. After visiting the Lana'i Cat Sanctuary I have been a supporter ever since. I live off-island now but, if I can continue to support this Sanctuary I truly feel Maui County should too.</p> <p>The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas.</p> <p>Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i and decimate the local wildlife. Plus, it's not healthy for the cats.</p> <p>If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that you will do what is right for Lana'i and humane for its resident kitties. And if you can add more than the \$285,000 requested, so much the better.</p> <p>If you wish to speak with me please don't hesitate. My current cell# is 321-536-5984</p> <p>Mahalo, Rev/Chaplain Karen j Cohen (formerly Lie-Kwie)</p> <p>chaplainkarenjcohen@gmail.com 321-536-5984</p>			<p>04-13-2024 03:58 pm</p>
<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: Tolentino, Michelle Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 11:43 PM To: BFED</p>			<p>04-13-2024 03:57 pm</p>

Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lana'i Feral Cat Control

Aloha Councilmembers,

My name is Michelle Tolentino and I grew up on the island of Lana'i. I am writing to kindly request that you please add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lana'i Cat Sanctuary, so that they may continue to provide feral cat services on the island. The Lana'i Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats preying in protected areas. Also, they lovingly took in all the cats from the devastating Lahaina fires last year and gave them a home and a second chance at life. Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lana'i Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i as there are only about 3,000 people and 1 small town. If the Lana'i Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island. Many local residents and tourists from all over the world support and help care for this non-profit organization. Please join us and kokua.

Thank you so much for your time, Michelle Tolentino-Monje

Ke Akua Pomaika'i ia oe, MICHELLE M. TOLENTINO, REALTOR-ASSOCIATE® | AHWD®, GREEN Coldwell Banker Realty Lic#: RS-79304 94-799 Lumiaina Street, #A1, Waikele, HI 96797 C. 808.330.9286 | O. 808.676.7200 Michelle.Tolentino@CBRealty.com www.michelletolentino.realtor

Guest User From: cinnodvm@citlink.net To: Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us; Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us; Yukilei.Sugimura@mauicounty.us; Yukilei.Sugimura@mauicounty.us; Tasha.Kama@mauicounty.us; Tasha.Kama@mauicounty.us; Thomas.Cook@mauicounty.us; Thomas.Cook@mauicounty.us; Gabe Johnson; Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us; Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us; Keani.Rawlins@mauicounty.us; Keani.Rawlins@mauicounty.us; Shane.Sinenci@mauicounty.us; Shane.Sinenci@mauicounty.us; Nohe.Uu-Hodgins@mauicounty.us; Nohe.Uu-Hodgins@mauicounty.us; Nikki Perry Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 02:03:40 AM MST Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control

Dear Council Members,

My name is Christina Innocenti, an avid cat lover and Veterinarian. I am writing to request that you add

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03:56 pm

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	<p>\$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.</p> <p>The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas.</p> <p>Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i.</p> <p>If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island. The Lanai Cat Sanctuary is a wonderful organization and has been there for the intake of the burn victims and homeless cats as a result of the Lahaina wildfires. They are a very deserving organization to receive the support and financial assistance from the county to continue the wonderful and important work that they do day in and day out to care for these kitties of Lāna'i, and now of Maui.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Christina Innocenti, DVM</p>			
<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: eileen mcgovern Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 8:06 PM To: BFED Committee Subject: please fund the lanai sanctuary</p> <p>hello council members, please add funding for the lanai sanctuary. without funding for that so many cats would be running around starving, multiplying, and killing birds and for survival... it would just be inhumane. no cat wanted to be homeless. the sanctuary makes sure all cats are fixed and taken care of. they have taken in many lahaina fire cats and maui cats in general as well. thank you, eileen mcgovern 480 kenolio rd unit 6-201, kihei.</p>			<p>04-13-2024 03:55 pm</p>
<p>Guest User</p>	<p>Aloha Maui County Councilmembers,</p> <p>My name is Megan Nakashima and I am the President of the Kekaulike High School Foundation, as well as the President of Pukalani Superette and a part of King Kekaulike High School's graduating class of 2003.</p> <p>I am testifying in strong support of the Kekaulike High School Foundation's Upcountry Winter Festival 2025.</p> <p>The inaugural Upcountry Winter Fest took place in November 2023. The festival included a craft fair, holiday display, food trucks and booths, non-profit</p>	<p>Support</p>		<p>04-13-2024 12:58 pm</p>

information booths, keiki games, and entertainment - not to mention that Santa and Mrs. Claus graced us with their presence!

Here are a few stats from 2023: 55 - Small businesses/vendors participated 9 - Kekaulike complex clubs and organizations participated from 4 of the 7 schools within the complex 60 - Volunteers came from the Upcountry community to make this festival successful 9 - Non-profit organizations provided information to festival goers on their mission and impact on the community 1,096 - Attendees were counted!!!

For the 9 Kekaulike complex clubs and organizations that participated at the food booths and keiki games, they were able to generate almost \$7,000 in sales. These clubs and organizations range from Kaiapuni Class of 2024 to Pukalani Elementary School Robotics to Na Ali'i Boys Soccer. Of the other 55 vendors and small businesses this festival supported, based on our after-festival survey, the vendors were very pleased and are looking forward to coming back this year.

The Kekaulike High School Foundation aims to support the ENTIRE Kekaulike complex, through scholarships for students and grants for teachers. In 2022, their initial year of supporting the community, they have facilitated providing \$8,500 in scholarships to seniors pursuing higher education and \$1,000 in grants to Upcountry public school teachers. This increased in 2023 to \$9,700 in scholarships, with \$500 of that total coming directly from funds the Kekaulike High School Foundation was able to raise, and \$250 in grants to Upcountry public school teachers.

Because of the success of the 2023 Upcountry Winter Festival, the Kekaulike High School Foundation was able to allocate \$1,000 in scholarships and \$1,500 in grants to Upcountry public school teachers for this year. This event also serves as the Kekaulike High School Foundation's main fundraiser for the year.

The Kekaulike High School Foundation is working its way to making the Upcountry Winter Fest more economically self-sufficient. Given that 2025 will be its third year in existence, we will still need a little help with funding it. As an alumni and as someone that runs a small business, I can see the value in this festival. It helps to strengthen and build community. It also helps encourage alumni like me to put down roots and give back. It also provides exposure to many small businesses and helps them connect with their customers. And as a plus, it also benefits public school students and teachers.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the Kekaulike High School Foundation and Upcountry Winter Festival 2025.

Megan Nakashima Pukalani, HI

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Guest User	<p>From: Nancy Sabat Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 2:46:04 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Continued funding for Lanai cat sanctuary</p> <p>Dear Councilmembers,</p> <p>My name is Nancy Sabat, M.D. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.</p> <p>The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas.</p> <p>Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i.</p> <p>If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island.</p> <p>Thank you, Nancy Sabat, M.D.</p>			04-12-2024 02:47 pm
Guest User	<p>From: Susie Ernest Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 2:35:50 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control</p> <p>Dear Council members,</p> <p>My name is Susan Ernest. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.</p> <p>The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas.</p> <p>Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to three litters a year, with three to five kittens per litter. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i.</p> <p>If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island.</p> <p>Thank you, Susan Ernest</p>			04-12-2024 02:36 pm

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Guest User	<p>From: Erin Tseu Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 12:20:43 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Budget</p> <p>Dear BFED Committee,</p> <p>I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.</p> <p>Recently students from our school on 'Oahu went on a week-long educational experience to both Maui and Lana'i to learn more about the threats to endangered and native birds, the impact of free roaming cats, and how we can collaborate to help BOTH. The Lanai Cat Sanctuary was by far the most well-run organization of all of the organizations we visited. These are some of the impacts the LCS had on our students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning about how the Lanai Cat Sanctuary rescues so many cats, as well as maintains care for each and every one of them was very interesting. It was especially impactful to see how every member of the staff contributes so much to the sanctuary, and work so hard for the cats. It is also interesting to think about how a system like that could be when implemented on Oahu. • It was impactful to see a cat sanctuary on a large scale. They are the home to over 800 cats. This is a goal that many non-profit organizations hope to reach. This includes the Pōpoki Place Oahu Cat Sanctuary. They take in street cats (and maui fire cats) and provide them with a comfortable home to live and thrive with other cats just like them. • It was nice to see what a cat sanctuary on Oahu could be by seeing one on the Lanai on oahu could be by seeing one on lanai. It was good to see how their system works and how they do things with how many cats they have. It was nice to see how all the cats are well fed and cleaned. • I was impacted by this i term because it was important as a kid who as always lived with cats either owning or fostering. To see how to prevent cats from affecting the natural world of Hawaii in a bad way and how to help the endangered birds. We not only learning important lessons about cats but also learning in a fun way and seeing how our campus takes part in these precautions for the cats and marsh and taking all that in was impactful for me. • Throughout the course of the I-term, I not only learned more about a topic I've always been interested in, but also learned about myself. As a junior, I have recently been thinking about college, and trying to decide what I want to study. I've always had an interest in all animals, so Zoology or Veterinary services were always a choice in my mind, but this trip really cemented my decision, because seeing all of these animals in need made me realize that I could be a part of the solution. 			04-12-2024 12:23 pm

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The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but we saw first hand on our tour of many different organizations that they are the leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predating in protected areas.

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If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island. Also without this funding, students such as ours will lose a valuable educational resource - we all, and particularly our youth, need to learn about the most effective ways to deal with the free roaming cat crisis on all our islands.

Thank you, Erin Tseu

-- Erin Tseu Secondary Teacher/Science O: (808) 261-0707 ext 3010

Guest
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From: Chanda Hinman Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 7:40:17 AM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control

04-12-2024
12:00 pm

Dear BFED Committee,

My name is Chanda Hinman. I visited the Lanai Cat Sanctuary last year and have donated regularly since then.

I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.

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Guest User	<p>From: MRS. OS Counselor Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 11:20:51 AM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control</p> <p>Dear BFED Committee,</p> <p>My name is Jessica Osborne. I am writing to officially submit a testimony requesting that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.</p> <p>The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas.</p> <p>Unsterilized female cats in Hawaii that are 6 months or older can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lāna'i.</p> <p>If the Lanai Cat Sanctuary does not receive the funding needed to continue accepting all feral and unwanted cats, it will severely impact the progress the island of Lāna'i has made in controlling the feral cat population and protecting the native and endangered birds on the island.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>-- Jessica Osborne Secondary Counselor https://www.ljacounseling.org/ O: 808.261.0707 ext 2010</p>		04-12-2024 11:59 am	
Guest User	<p>From: Daniel Southmayd Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 10:08 AM To: BFED Committee Subject: Testimony in Support of Maui AIDS Foundation's grants from the COUNTY OF MAUI Mayor Richard T. Bissen Jr.'s Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025</p> <p>Aloha Council Members Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, Sugimura, Kama, Johnson, Paltin, Cook, and U'u-Hodgins,</p> <p>Maui AIDS Foundation (MAF) is a nonprofit health and social service organization serving the residents of Maui County for over 37 years. The basic goals of the Maui AIDS Foundation's Treatment Core Services programs are to minimize/eliminate HIV/HCV/STIs through testing, education, and to extend a linkage to medical care. MAF also provides Harm Reduction services including Narcan training/distribution and Syringe Exchange services and access to our food pantry.</p> <p>Free clinics unburden public resources at a rate of \$34 per \$1 invested. We are asking this Council to invest</p>			

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wisely in our organization, which will prevent long-term increases in health care treatment, opioid overdose, and food insecurity for houseless residents. MAF assists those incarcerated, those living with Hepatitis and other STIs, people living with HIV, those suffering with substance use issues, LGBTQIA+ and Mahu populations, women and youth at-risk, Native Hawaiian communities, and those with mental illness disorders by offering a wide-range of linkage to care that promotes wellness and enhances quality of life.

MAF is requesting expanded grant funding to assist the agency with the following objectives:

- Expansion of MAF's free clinic services to offset the increases in Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI); especially since the Maui Wildfires in August of 2023.
- Expansion of MAF's prevention and harm reduction education to set a path toward elimination of HIV, Hepatitis, and other Sexually Transmitted Infections and in effort to reduce stigma.
- Increase efforts in harm reduction by the training and distribution of Narcan to assist Maui County residents with the ability to administer life-saving opioid overdose treatment
- Expand capacity to enable staff to begin some vaccination services by hiring an RN or LPN to support our one Provider, Dr. Bryan Chin.

MAF has always actively pursued a combination of funding mechanisms. This expanded County funding would provide MAF resources to provide the services that Maui County desperately needs at this time.

Mahalo for consideration of increasing the funding for our County Grant Proposals. The goal is to eliminate STIs and Opioid overdose. We can affect this outcome with your help.

Mahalo, and best, Daniel J. Southmayd, Medical Case Manager Maui AIDS Foundation 1935 Main St., #101, Wailuku, HI 96793 Telephone: (808) 242-4900 Fax: (808) 242-1968

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From: County Clerk
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 7:24 AM
To: BFED Committee
Subject: FW: Debbie Cabebe's testimony 4-11-24
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From: Lee Imada <lee.imada@meoinc.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 5:20 PM
To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Cc: Debbie Cabebe <debbie.cabebe@meoinc.org>
Subject: Re: Debbie Cabebe's testimony 4-11-24

Per a request from Council Member Tamara Paltin, MEO CEO Debbie Cabebe is submitting a written copy of her oral testimony to the council budget committee today.

Forthcoming will be the financial information requested.

Please confirm receipt of this email. Thank you.

Lee

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Lee Imada, Executive Assistant

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April 11, 2024

Good morning Committee Chair Sugimura, Council Chair Lee and members

I am Debbie Cabebe, Chief Executive Officer of Maui Economic Opportunity. I am testifying in support of the Mayor's budget for MEO programs.

Maui Economic Opportunity has been Helping People. Changing Lives. for the past 58 years. MEO is the designated Community Action Agency responsible for reaching out to low-income individuals and families and addressing their needs.

In the past fiscal year, MEO assisted over 20,200 individuals and families.

In response to the Maui wildfires, MEO assisted with transporting residents. We assisted the state with vetting families for placement in Airbnb units to move them out of the War Memorial and other shelters, hosted consulates to assist immigrants with document recovery, made repairs and reopened our Lahaina Head Start Center and secured private and state funding to assist with disaster recovery. All of this in addition to providing core services through our five departments.

Since August 8, we provided nearly than \$5 million in rental assistance through the Maui Fires Fund (consisting of funding from the state Office of Community Services, the Hawaii Community Foundation and private donations) and the county Rental Assistance Program assisting 376 households and 1,114 individuals.

Thanks to the state Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds and a grant from the Hawaii Community Foundation, MEO has assisted 1,095 households and 3,859 individuals with more than \$6.6 million, paying for rent, mortgage, utility assistance, car payments, clothing and school supplies. (Of the \$6.6 million, \$2.8 million went for rent and \$886,000 for mortgage).

MEO also partnered with the state Department of Labor to administer a Maui National Dislocated Workers Grant to place impacted individuals into paid jobs while assisting with recovery efforts. To date, there are 39 Host Sites, and MEO has placed 123 individuals into paid temporary jobs, with a goal of 150 placements. (Host Sites – Distribution Hubs, Farms, Health and Wellness Organizations, Resource and Case Management organizations).

Thanks to funding from the state and the assistance of the Maui County Office of Economic Development, the MEO Business Development Center has provided \$1.8 million in bridge grants to 289 small business with another 400 under review. (Total funding available is \$5.5 million).

I represent MEO on the Ho'ōla iā Mauiakama Long Term Recovery Group and the State Economic Recovery Commission. We are committed to assist with recovery efforts every step of the way.

All of these funds were made available to MEO because of the funding Maui County provides for MEO services. We are a trusted entity. As a Community Action Agency, we are charged with identifying local needs and securing local resources to meet those needs.

Mahalo for all that you are doing to support our community.

Please continue to support MEO programs.

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From: County Clerk
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Attachments: County of Maui Request 2025 rev 4.24.pdf

From: Lee Imada <lee.imada@meoinc.org>
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To: County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>
Cc: Yukilei Sugimura <Yukilei.Sugimura@mauicounty.us>
Subject: Council Budget Committee: Information request

The council budget committee requested some information from MEO CEO Debbie Cabebe.

The information is attached.

Please confirm receipt.

Lee

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County of Maui - Proposed Request 2025

	PY 23-24	PY 24-25	Increase	%	2024-25 Mayor's Proposed budget	Increase/Decrease	%
BEST	320,865	328,454	7,589	2.37%	320,865	-	0.00%
Womens's Reintegration	348,000	348,880	880	0.25%	348,000	-	0.00%
Enlace	107,532	112,231	4,699	4.37%	107,532	-	0.00%
Head Start Afterschool & Summer	473,205	490,572	17,367	3.67%	473,205	-	0.00%
Kahi Kamalii - Fee for service thru Maui Family Sup Svs	-	-	-			-	
Planning & Coordinating Council	89,465	92,828	3,363	3.76%	89,465	-	0.00%
Youth Services & Underage Drinking	310,642	440,441	129,799	41.78%	385,664	75,022	19.45%
Molokai Suicide Prevention	50,000	50,987	987	1.97%	50,000	-	0.00%
BDC OED	375,000	375,000	-	0.00%	356,210	(18,790)	-5.27%
BDC OED - Agricultural grants	3,000,000	3,000,000	-	0.00%	3,000,000	-	0.00%
Transportation	6,824,662	7,165,895	341,233	5.00%	7,074,662	250,000	3.53%
	11,899,371	12,405,288	505,917	4.25%	12,205,603	306,232	2.57%
Rental Assistance Program	850,000	856,651	6,651	0.78%	850,000	-	0.00%
Project Graduation	47,741	47,741	-	0.00%	47,741	-	0.00%
Paratransit	4,200,000	4,200,000	-	0.00%	4,200,000	-	0.00%
Bus Purchase - PY25 One - 24 passenger/ wheelchair buses for Molokai	-	275,000	275,000				

Disaster Relief Funds

Amount

SOH-DHS TANF Maui Relief	25,000,000
SOH DLIR Maui Disaster National Dislocated Worker	12,741,350
Hawaii Community Foundation TANF Immigrant & non dependents	5,000,000
Hawaii Community Foundation - Maui Strong Fund - Rental Assistance	3,500,000
SOH (pass thru)COM OED Small Business Disaster Relief Program	5,500,000
CVS Health Maui Fires Relief Fund	75,000

* Additional 75 Million available

51,816,350

2025 Budget proposal review April 12 2023

Aloha everyone,

My name is Kanoa Shannon and I am here today representing many positions within Maui County. I am a Captain within the Dept of Fire and Public Safety, the Maui Division Chair for Hawaii Firefighters Association, a tax paying citizen and a father that is apart of a multi generational family with deep roots on Maui.

I am here today to testify in support of the expansion positions within our organization in public safety. In order to 'provide the proper level of service' safely, we need expansion within our org chart for support services that carryout the 'behind the scenes' workload as well as operational positions that will fulfill the actual 'boots on the ground service'.

'Span of control' is a term we use, which is defined as the number of individuals or resources that one supervisor can manage effectively during an incident. So this growth of proposed positions within can show the importance of this term. It can also be looked at being either proactive or reactive, either catching up with the times or setting things up for success as we expand. These positions provide a 'creative' way to maximize space in facilities and resources that we already have established.

3 of these online FFI positions are to add staff at Stn 12, Puko'o on Molokai. It has always been staffed with 2 FF's and now this will make it 3 per watch. The national standard NFPA 1710 has a 4 FF minimum per truck.

This is not my only concern. As a 22 yr FF, hired and trained for Stn 14, Wailea Fire Station was the last station added to our count of strategically built stations for population growth.

In the past 20 years, Dept wide call volume and response time averages have increased:
2003- 3722 calls, with a response time average of 5:56
2023- 11164 calls, with a response time average of 7:03
The national standard NFPA 1710 suggests a 4 min response time to successfully save life.

These proposed positions that we are asking for will not help with response times. We need more fire stations strategically positioned to shorten response time, divide the bigger and higher call volume district areas that will help provide the urgent proper level of service safely. Also, sharing the workload as population grows will help with FF mental and physical health wellness.

Public safety needs to be looked at as a nucleus. It should be part of the infrastructure when the community builds and population grows.

I'll leave you today with a one question, when your loved one is not breathing, ask yourself if response time matters?

Mahalo

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