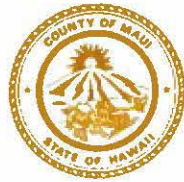


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October 8, 2024

The Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
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**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL**

*Richard T. Bissen, Jr.*  
Mayor  
10-9-24  
Date

For Transmittal to:

The Honorable Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair  
Efficiency Solutions and Circular Systems Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez,

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 24-155, AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT (ESCS-6)**

The Department of Fire & Public Safety is in receipt of your letter dated September 27, 2024. Please see our responses below.

1. In the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025 Council Adopted Budget, Appendix A, Part I, attached, you project your Department will receive 12 grants. Do you anticipate applying for more grants in FY 2025 than you are projected to receive? Please explain.

**Yes, we anticipate applying for more grants than we receive. Please note that the grants included in our budget do not represent what we expect to receive, but rather what we anticipate we may apply for. While we have a pretty good track record, we never expect to receive every grant we apply for.**

2. It does not appear your Department employs Grants Specialist. Please explain which department personnel handles grants in lieu of a Grants Specialist.

**We have several personnel involved with our grant program. The Assistant Chief of Support Services oversees most of our grants, although the Fire Chief and other**

designated personnel will oversee certain grant programs as well. Most of our grant applications are completed and submitted by a uniformed firefighter (currently ranked Fire Fighter III) who has agreed to take on this responsibility in addition to his actual emergency response duties. Another firefighter (currently ranked Fire Fighter III) has recently undergone some training and will be assisting moving forward. These personnel are paid overtime for whatever work they perform while not on duty.

3. For each grant your Department has applied for in the last three years, please provide:
  - a. The requested amount in each grant application.

The following chart include grants that were applied for over the last three fiscal years, FY 2022 – 2024. Note: This does not include funds granted by the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, for lifeguard services at Makena State Beach Park.

Grant Program	Requested Amount	Approved or Denied	Purpose
CDBG	\$600,000	\$43,295 Approved	Tanker for Hana Station (T-7)
CDBG	\$25,000	Approved	Rescue Watercraft for Station 4 (FS-4)
CDBG	\$950,000	Pre-award issued, later canceled	Tanker for Lanai Station (T-8)
FEMA AFG	\$241,265.64	Awarded	NFPA-compliant firefighter medical exams for all uniformed fire personnel
FEMA AFG	\$233,052.75	Denied	5 SCBA decon washers and 300 pairs of structure gloves
FEMA AFG	\$307,864.00	Approved	Trench rescue training and equipment; early cancer detection tests for firefighters
AFG – Prevention & Safety	\$17,500	Approved	Smoke alarms for SAM project (with American Red Cross)
AFG – Prevention & Safety	\$35,713.64	Denied	Extinguisher trainer and various code books
AFG – Prevention & Safety	\$59,314.41	Pending	Public education materials related to protection from WUI fires, and inflatable fire safety house for public education demonstrations
FEMA SAFER	\$254,300.49	Denied	Three firefighter positions for Pukoo Station
HSG	\$30,000	Approved	Rescue Systems 1 (USAR) training for firefighters
HSG	\$25,000	Approved	Training and equipment for Maui AHIMT

HSG	\$76,000	Approved	Hazmat equipment
HSG	\$110,000	Approved	Ballistic gear for firefighters
HSG	\$30,000	Approved	Rescue Systems 1 (USAR) training for firefighters
HSG	\$25,000	Approved	Training and equipment for Maui AHIMT
HSG	\$96,000	Approved	Hazmat equipment
DOT Highway Safety	\$94,105	Approved	Battery-powered extrication tools, dual-lift extrication airbags
DOT Highway Safety	\$45,474.18	Approved	Battery-powered extrication tools
DOT Highway Safety	\$96,765.93	Approved	Battery-powered extrication tools
DOT Highway Safety	\$201,797.57	Approved	Battery-powered extrication tools
CWDG	\$3,926,040	Denied	5 years salary plus fringe benefits for four MFD inspectors devoted to Defensible Space Inspection program
Roadside Community Chipping	\$20,000	Denied	Wood chipping program
Private Donation	\$2,449,748	Approved	2 mini apparatus, a 3,500-g tanker, a Mammoth 4x4 tanker, and an F-350 with skid mount
FEMA Public Assistance	\$1,026,568.48	Approved	Two apparatus and associated equipment burnt in the Lahaina fire on August 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
FEMA Public Assistance	\$1,100,043	Approved/Pending	Force Account Labor + Force Account Equipment for August 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 wildfires
FEMA Public Assistance	\$399,797.33	Approved	Heavy equipment and helicopter expenses for August 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 wildfires
FEMA Public Assistance	\$1,114,731.50	Pending	Damaged equipment for August 8 <sup>th</sup> wildfires
FEMA Public Assistance	\$299,245.67	Approved	Materials, supplies and other expenses for

			emergency work for the August 8th, 2023 wildfires
FEMA Public Assistance	\$98,819.35	Pending	Management costs for public assistance grants

- b. Whether the grant application was approved or denied, and the amount awarded.

**See the third column of the chart above.**

- c. A brief sentence explaining the purpose of each grant applied for, whether approved or denied.

**See the last column of the chart above.**

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Office of the Fire Chief at (808) 270-7561.

Sincerely,



BRADFORD K. VENTURA  
Fire Chief

## ESCS Committee

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**From:** Michelle Santos <Michelle.Santos@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024 12:58 PM  
**To:** ESCS Committee  
**Cc:** Bradford Ventura; Chasserae Kaawa; Cynthia Sasada; Gavin Fujioka; Josiah Nishita; Kelii Nahooikaika; Ryan Otsubo  
**Subject:** MT#10801 Resolution 24-155  
**Attachments:** MT#10801-ESCS Committee.pdf

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