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June 20, 2025

Mr. Josiah Nishita, Managing Director  
Department of Management  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Nishita:

**SUBJECT: FEDERAL DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT FUNDING**  
(BFED-20(5))

Thank you for participating in the Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee's discussion of the County's federal disaster recovery grant funding and the CDBG-DR action plan at its meeting of June 16, 2025.

May I please request that you provide the following:

1. Approved copies of the Office of Recovery and CDBG-DR Program organizational charts. If there are pending organizational charts with additional changes, please provide the respective updated copies.
2. What internal controls are in place to ensure that CDBG-DR funds are used in compliance with HUD regulations, including procurement, eligible uses, and subrecipient monitoring?
  - a. What is the reimbursement process and how does the Administration plan to manage cash flow between expenditures and reimbursements?
  - b. Under what circumstances can HUD deny a reimbursement request?
  - c. What is the County's contingency plan if a reimbursement request is denied?

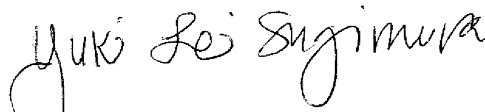
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3. Would the Administration provide a refresher on the timelines for obligating and expending the CDBG-DR Grant funds?
  - a. Are there any risks or penalties if deadlines are not met? If so, please explain.
4. What is the Administration's plan for managing all CDBG-DR compliance, audit readiness, and financial reporting?
5. What is the status of other disaster recovery resources, such as FEMA Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation funds, or insurance proceeds?
6. The CDBG-DR grant has repeatedly been described as the funder of last resort. How is "last resort" funding status determined?
  - a. Please provide an example of how a project would be funded and move forward. If helpful, Komohana Hale may serve as a reference, as insurance proceeds are expected to support its reconstruction.

May I further request you transmit your response to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) by **July 3, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair  
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