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December 15, 2023

Cathy Betts, Director
State of Hawai'i
Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 339
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Via E-mail: dhs@dhs.hawaii.gov

Dear Director Betts:

**SUBJECT: UPDATES ON RECOVERY EFFORTS IN RESPONSE
TO THE AUGUST 2023 WILDFIRES ON MAUI ISLAND**
(DRIP-2(12))

Thank you for your staff's participation in the Maui County Council's Disaster, Resilience, International Affairs, and Planning Committee meeting of December 13, 2023. We are grateful for the knowledge and expertise shared at the meeting.

May I please request your response to the following:

1. At the December 13th meeting, a representative from your Department shared that the Federal Emergency Management Agency awarded DHS a grant to implement a Disaster Case Management Program that will provide recovery services for all victims of the August 2023 wildfires on Maui Island.

DHS contracted Society of St. Vincent de Paul ("SVDP"), a national nonprofit organization, to manage the program. SVDP will solicit local community-based organizations to provide further support via subcontracts.

As it relates to your Department's contract with SVDP:

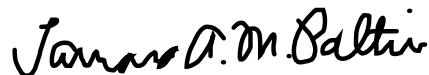
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- a. What percentage of the total grant amount SVDP was awarded from DHS will be used to cover administrative fees?
 - b. Please describe all possible scenarios where an individual, family, business, or any other entity would be eligible for assistance through the program.
 - c. Please provide a copy of the Request for Proposals packet SVDP will use to solicit local community-based organizations to provide services via subcontracts.
2. Please provide a breakdown of the construction costs for Pu‘uhonua o Nēnē.

May I respectfully request your written response by **December 29, 2023**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to drip.committee@mauicounty.us and include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Paige Greco at 808-270-7660, or Maria Leon at 808-270-7866).

Sincerely,



TAMARA PALTIN, Chair
Disaster, Resilience, International
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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Trista Speer, Deputy Director, State Department of Human Services