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April 12, 2024

Dr. Lisa Labrecque, Chief Executive Officer
Maui Humane Society
P.O. Box 1047
Puunene, Hawaii 96784

Via E-mail: llabrecque@mauihumanesociety.org

Dear Dr. Labrecque:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1)

Thank you for your testimony on April 11, 2024, relating to your funding request for the Maui Humane Society.

To enable the Committee to better consider your request, please respond to the following:

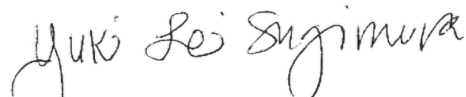
1. You indicated that the Maui Humane Society has worked with community partners, such as the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, to locate housing for 887 rescued animals following the August 8, 2023, wildfires. Did the Lanai Cat Sanctuary receive funds from the Maui Humane Society when they agreed to receive 220 outdoor cats? If so, please provide the amount.
2. Please provide the number of animals that have been surrendered to the Maui Humane Society due to wildfire-related reasons, to date.
3. Please clarify whether the Maui Humane Society for Molokai requires more funding than the \$140,000 proposed in FY 2025 to provide veterinary services on Molokai. If more funding is needed, please explain why.

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May I further request you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **April 19, 2024**. To ensure efficient processing, please 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 (James Krueger at 808-270-7761, Kasie Apo Takayama at 808-270-7665, or Yvette Bouthillier at 808-270-7758).

Sincerely,



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

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BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 5:30 PM
To: llabrecque@mauihumanesociety.org
Cc: BFED Committee
Subject: DR. LABRECQUE, please read the attached letter re: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1); reply by 4/19/24
Attachments: 240412a02.pdf
Categories: Processed

Dr. Labrecque: Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated April 12, 2024. Please respond by **April 19, 2024.**

Thank you,
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee

BFED Committee

From: Dr. Lisa Labrecque <llabrecque@mauihumanesociety.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 3:04 PM
To: BFED Committee
Subject: Re: DR. LABRECQUE, please read the attached letter re: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1); reply by 4/19/24

Aloha Committee Members,

Please see answers to your questions below.

1. You indicated that the Maui Humane Society has worked with community partners, such as the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, to locate housing for 887 rescued animals following the August 8, 2023, wildfires. Did the Lanai Cat Sanctuary receive funds from the Maui Humane Society when they agreed to receive 220 outdoor cats? If so, please provide the amount.

The Lanai Cat Sanctuary took in a total of 220 outdoor cats who had been displaced by the Lahaina wildfires from Maui Humane Society. MHS made a contribution towards the care of 200 of the cats at \$2,250 per cat, for a total of \$450,000. This will cover about a year of care. For reference, most sanctuaries charge \$4,000 or more per cat. We are grateful to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary for their partnership in managing this fragile population of cats, a population that does not always have a positive outcome in other animal shelters. (Note: the additional 20 cats were transferred to LCS prior to signing an MOU, in exchange for 20 friendly cats. LCS did not charge a transfer fee for these first 20 cats.)
2. Please provide the number of animals that have been surrendered to the Maui Humane Society due to wildfire-related reasons, to date.

Between August 8 and March 30, we received 590 total surrender inquiries. Of those, 180 were related to the fires, and 119 were deferred as our team provided resources to the pet owners. To date, 59 pets were surrendered by their former owners who stated the reason was the wildfires. We currently maintain a waitlist for pets in need of surrender and we anticipate this number to grow as pet-friendly hotel housing is coming to an end.
3. Please clarify whether the Maui Humane Society for Molokai requires more funding than the \$140,000 proposed in FY 2025 to provide veterinary services on Molokai. If more funding is needed, please explain why.

For Fiscal Year 2025, we respectfully ask for \$140K to continue providing veterinary services, including spay/neuter surgery, to the animals on Molokai who desperately need it. This breaks down as follows:

 - 1. Salaries (including fringe) - \$56,225*
 - 2. Supplies (animal care, veterinary, office, cleaning) - \$41,807*
 - 3. Animal Transportation - \$26,250*
 - 4. Other (telecom, utilities, facility maintenance, and travel) - \$10,042*
 - 5. Administrative (insurance, HR services, benefits admin) - \$5,676*

Mahalo for your time, your consideration, and your support of Maui's pets! Please do not hesitate to reach out with any further questions.

Lisa

On Fri, Apr 12, 2024 at 5:29 PM BFED Committee <BFED.Committee@mauicounty.us> wrote:

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Thank you,

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee

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