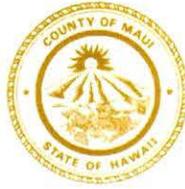


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March 25, 2024

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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
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**Mayor** **Date** 3-25-24

For Transmittal to:

Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: BILL 33 (2024), AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET:  
DEPARTMENT OF ARGICULTURE (AGRICULTURE PROGRAM,  
GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL PROMOTION)  
(BFED-79)**

Thank you for your letter dated March 11, 2024 regarding Bill 33 in relation to our department's appropriation reduction for Feral Animal Recovery. Per your request to explain the justification for reduced funding, please see our response below:

The \$781,500 "reduction" is still appropriated and our department "moved" the funds into our Agricultural Operations "funding bucket." Our Grants Team developed these competitive "funding buckets" based on the feedback and requests of previous grantees, producers, farmers, ranchers, and community members during outreach events, one-on-one technical assistance appointments, and workshops throughout the last year.

Specifically, the Agricultural Operations "funding bucket," which also includes funds related to Agricultural Promotion and Agricultural Education, covers broad-based agricultural programs that encompass all forms of operational support, promotion of agricultural industry, and education-related projects and proposals enhancing the growth and future agricultural objectives.

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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chair Yuki Lei K. Sugimura

March 20, 2024

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Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at ext. 8278 or by email to [rogerene.arce@mauicounty.gov](mailto:rogerene.arce@mauicounty.gov) .

Sincerely,

Rogerene "Kali" Arce  
Director

## BFED Committee

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**From:** Janina Agapay <Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024 8:32 AM  
**To:** BFED Committee  
**Subject:** Agriculture Bill 33 (BFED-79)  
**Attachments:** (BFED-79) Bill 33.pdf

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Aloha,

Please see attached from Agriculture.

Mahalo,

**Janina Agapay**

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