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APPROVE REJECT NSM:

 10-7-24

Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:
Honorable Keani Rawlins-Fernandez
Chair, Efficiency Solutions and Circular Systems Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 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 Transportation (DOT, Department) hereby transmit the following response to your letter dated September 27, 2024 regarding the proposals for a feasibility study of a county department of grants management.

Question #1 Provide:

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

Response: While we have accounted for the grants in our FY 2025 budget, we are exploring additional funding opportunities to support our department’s goals.

Question #2 Provide:

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

Response: Currently, our Transportation Grants Administrative Officer handles all grant-related tasks. We have a Grants Specialist II in our FY 2025 budget with 6 months of funding. We are working with DPS to prepare for recruitment.

Question #3 Provide:

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

Response:

We have applied for the following Discretionary Grants:

- Low-No Battery Electric Buses including electric power equipment: \$4,436,345
- Bus & Bus Facilities; ADA-Compliant Micro-transit and Commuter type buses: \$3,244,233
- Bus & Bus Facilities; Hybrid Electric buses: \$5,000,000

We have applied for the following Congressional Discretionary Spending Grants:

- ADA-Compliant Micro-transit and Commuter type buses: \$3,200,000
- Planning & Design Funds; Maintenance Facility: \$2,400,000

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

Response: All grant applications have been approved, and the requested amounts as shown above have been awarded.

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

Response: Bus Grants: To modernize our fleet by replacing existing diesel buses that meet the latest emissions standards and cleaner, more environmentally friendly options such as electric and hybrid electric buses. This strategic approach will balance the need for immediate fleet renewal with long-term sustainability goals, reducing harmful emissions and contributing to a healthier and more sustainable transportation system.

Planning & Design Funds: To initiate the planning and design process for a new Transportation Maintenance Facility/Baseyard, ensuring efficient and sustainable operations.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 270-7511.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MARC TAKAMORI', written over a horizontal line.

MARC TAKAMORI, Director
Department of Transportation

ESCS Committee

From: Janina Agapay <Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 1:01 PM
To: ESCS Committee
Cc: Diane Yogi; Marc Takamori; Ellen B. McKinley
Subject: Transportation Reso 24-155 (ESCS-6)
Attachments: Transportation Reso 24-155 (ESCS-6).pdf

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Aloha,

Please see attached from Transportation.

Mahalo,

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