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MEMO TO: HLU-3(12) File

F R O M: Tasha Kama, Chair
Housing and Land Use Committee



SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON THE HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND PROGRAM
UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT** (HLU-3(12))

The attached informational document pertains to Item 3(12) on the Committee's agenda.

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Attachment

Resolution

No. 23-41

URGING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ISSUE A
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO ADMINISTER A
HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND PROGRAM
UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF
2021

WHEREAS, Ordinance 5332 took effect January 24, 2022, recognizing a grant of more than \$8 million “for the purpose of preventing homeowner mortgage delinquencies, defaults, forfeitures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacements of homeowners experiencing financial hardship,” according to the former Budget Director’s correspondence dated December 30, 2021, including the limited-term appointment of a full-time staff position; and

WHEREAS, Section 3206 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allows for a Homeowner Assistance Fund program; and

WHEREAS, the Homeowner Assistance Fund can be used more broadly than the Community Development Block Grant Program funds administered by Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals to administer a Homeowner Assistance Fund program has not been issued, even though the \$8,060,550 grant needs to be expended entirely by September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, all other counties in the State have issued a Homeowner Assistance Fund Program, leaving Maui County as the only county in the State lacking a similar program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the Administration to issue a request for proposals to administer a Homeowner Assistance Fund Program under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Victoria J. Takayesu, Acting Corporation Counsel, County of

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Maui; Scott Teruya, Acting Director of Finance; Lori Tsuhako, Acting Director of Housing and Human Concerns; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui.

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INTRODUCED BY:

Tamara A. M. Paltin

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COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 23-41, was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 17th day of February, 2023, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Alice L. LEE Chair	Tom COOK	Gabriel JOHNSON	Natalie A. KAMA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Keani N. W. RAWLINS- FERNANDEZ	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA	Nohelani U'U-HODGINS
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye


COUNTY CLERK