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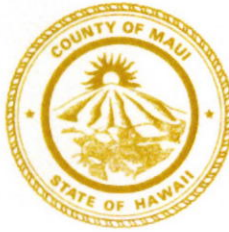
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November 5, 2025

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For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF GRANTS (BFED-20(12))

This transmittal serves as a response to your letter dated November 3, 2025, requesting information regarding the Department of Environmental Management's administration and management of grants.

1. The status of the Fiscal Year 2026 grant to Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) is as follows:
 - a. The agreement is not yet executed. The drafted grant agreement is being reviewed for signatures between University of Hawaii (UH fiscal sponsors for MISC) and the County at this current juncture. UH recently requested the drafted agreement be revised to include additional special terms and conditions which will lengthen our procurement process. This grant has been prioritized "RUSH" for the sake of our procurement process, however, if the UH legal team cannot agree to the drafted terms and conditions as is, the grant may not be fully executed for a month or longer.
2. There are 30 grants still open from previous fiscal year 2025, all of which we anticipate disbursing full grant amounts for. The previous EP&S, Environmental Programs Section Manager was responsible for overseeing the Fiscal Year 2025 grants and provisos at EP & S until early 2025 when they took leave. FY25 grants were either partially executed or fully

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executed with funds disbursed without reports or proof of payments. The lack of administrative guidance, review, and support resulted in the delay of formal grant executions and confusion as to the contracts, reporting, and reimbursement processes. EP&S staff are working diligently with each FY25 grantee to provide proper documentation for funds already received as well as new disbursement requests. While troubleshooting issues throughout FY25, FY26 grant procedures have been standardized to ensure all grants are administered according to County policy and procedure, with less administrative and grantee burdens. The following is a list of open grants from FY25. We anticipate that all funding will be exhausted for Fiscal Year 2025 grantees according to their deliverables, by June 30, 2026. (These amounts include the grant total amounts and not the remaining balances for FY 2025.)

Environmental Programming Section	\$ (USD)
FY25 Pacific Whale Foundation G6354	\$110,000
FY25 Paupena Community Development INC. G6357	\$50,000
FY25 Tipu Tipu Restoration & Sustainability G6369	\$16,800
FY25 Molokai Affordable Housing Alliance G6370	\$19,000
FY25 Maui Nui Marine Resource Council G6399	\$105,824
FY25 Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike Building Program G6400	\$37,000
FY25 Friends of Auwahi Forest Restoration G6401	\$81,305
FY25 East Maui Taro Festival G6403	\$11,365
FY25 The Keiki Kohala Project G6416	\$45,669
FY25 No Na Hanauna Hou, LLC G6437	\$60,632
FY25 Kapuna Farms G6514	\$30,000
FY25 Malama Kula G6531	\$50,000
FY25 West Maui Fishing Supply G6436	\$15,000.00
FY25 Molokai Affordable Housing Alliance G6407	\$8,000.00
FY25 Molokai Affordable Housing Alliance G6408	\$16,000.00
FY25 Kipahulu Ohana, INC G6410	\$20,371.00
FY25 Sustainable Molokai G6411	\$28,830.00
FY25 Sustainable Molokai G6409	\$23,750.00
FY25 Hoahu Energy Cooperative Molokai G6412	\$100,000.00
FY25 Hawaiian Islands Land Trust G6404	\$241,500.00
FY25 Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission G6417	\$284,470.00
FY25 Ka'ehu G6405	\$197,243.00
FY25 Koali Nui G6425	\$37,400.00
FY25 Ko'i'ula Aloha Waiohuli Wetland G6406	\$204,387.00
FY25 Proviso Maui Invasive Species Committee G6385	\$2,800,000.00
FY25 Proviso Maui Nui Marine Resource Council G6387	\$225,000.00
FY25 Proviso Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project G6386	\$82,500.00
FY25 Proviso Ko'i'ula wetlands environmental protection G6508	\$200,000.00
FY25 Proviso Malama Kakanilua G6558	\$150,000.00
FY25 Proviso Lokahi Pacific Waikapu Beautification G6530	\$10,000.00

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with information on this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to forward them to the Department of Environmental Management via transmittal through the Office of the Mayor.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Nadine C. Orikasa
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Aloha,

Please see attached from department of Environmental Management.

Thank you,

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