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March 20, 2025

Mr. Bradford Ventura, Fire Chief  
Department of Fire and Public Safety  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Ventura:

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (FS-01)

May I please request you submit your response to the following questions by **March 31, 2025**. This will enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2026 Budget.

1. Please outline the major changes in your Department's budget from FY 2025 to FY 2026. If your budget will decrease, how will this impact your Department's operations and ability to serve the public?
2. How many vacant positions currently exist within your Department?
  - a. Please include the job titles for the vacancies and indicate how long the positions have been vacant.
  - b. What is the anticipated timeline for filling these vacancies?
  - c. What are the consequences, if any, for removing funding for these vacant positions from the FY 2026 Budget?
3. If your Department had expansion positions in the FY 2025 Budget, how many of those positions were filled? If they have not been filled, are they included in the FY 2026 Budget? How many months of funding are being requested?

4. If your Department is proposing expansion positions in the FY 2026 Budget, how do you plan to fill those positions?
5. How many positions were filled in FY 2025 that were not expansion positions?
6. Describe your recruitment process.
  - a. How did your Department recruit to fill vacancies and what were the most effective methods for attracting candidates?
  - b. Does your Department take an active role in recruitment or is recruitment handled primarily by the Department of Personnel Services? Please explain.
7. The following questions are related to overtime payments:
  - a. How much in overtime has been paid to date in FY 2025 and what was the reason for the overtime?
  - b. Were any of these overtime costs attributed to the number of vacant positions in your Department?
  - c. Do you anticipate that overtime costs in FY 2026 will increase or decrease and what are the reasons for your assumption?
8. The following questions are related to your Department's program and activities for FY 2026:
  - a. Identify the programs and activities conducted by your Department because of a Federal or State mandate. Indicate for each program and activity the amount of Federal or State funding your Department anticipates receiving and the amount of County funding your Department is requesting.
  - b. Identify the programs and activities conducted solely because of a Maui County Code mandate and indicate the amount your Department is requesting.
9. If your Department had Capital Improvement Projects in FY 2025:

- a. Provide the current status of each CIP, if different from the information provided in the Fiscal Year 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter CIP Report.
  - b. Provide information on how much funding has been encumbered or expended to date for each project.
10. If your Department has proposed CIPs for FY 2026:
  - a. Rank your proposed CIPs, by priority.
  - b. Will CIP funding included in the FY 2026 Budget be encumbered by June 30, 2026? If not, how much do you anticipate will be encumbered by that date?
11. If your Department manages a revolving fund:
  - a. Explain whether the revolving fund is still needed and why.
  - b. Provide the current balance.
12. If your Department manages grants:
  - a. For each grant line-item not designated for a specific recipient (e.g., Small Business Promotion; Youth Programs), provide a breakdown of the grants that will be funded by the line item.
  - b. Provide a breakdown of all grants that will be funded by your Department under Sub-object Code 6317, County grant subsidy.
  - c. Did your Department apply for any grant funding in FY 2025? If yes, how much grant funding was received?
13. Provide details on your Department's Carryover/Savings that were included in the FY 2026 Budget.
14. What are your top three Department priorities for FY 2026 and how does your Department's budget reflect that?

15. How much has your Department spent on Professional Services in FY 2025, and what projects and consultants were funded under this line item?
16. How much of your Department's expenditures in FY 2025 will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in relation to the wildfires? What amount of FY 2026 expenditures are expected to be reimbursed?
17. If your Department is receiving Federal grants, including pass-through grants:
  - a. What amount is your Department receiving for routine operations?
  - b. What amount is your Department receiving for August 2023 Maui Wildfires disaster recovery?
  - c. Explain any factors that could jeopardize your receipt of Federal grants, including Federal policy changes, compliance requirements, or expiration dates.
  - d. Explain how your Department will adjust if it does not receive the anticipated Federal grant funding.
18. If your Department received funding to repair or replace equipment, locations, and structures destroyed in the wildfires, provide the current status for each. If there are items still pending repair or replacement, provide the estimated cost and timeline for the repair or replacement.

The Department is scheduled to present on **April 7, 2025**. The schedule is subject to change and Committee staff will reach out if there are any changes to the schedule.

Please be prepared to provide a ten-minute presentation on the changes in your Department's budget from FY 2025 to FY 2026, addressing the following:

- Operations
- CIPs, if any
- Grants awarded by the Department, if any

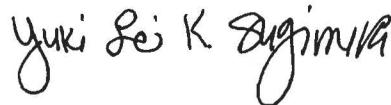
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- Grants received by the Department, if any
- Revolving funds, if any
- Rates and fees, including any estimated increase or decrease in revenue as a result of the changes

Please transmit your response to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) by **March 31, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line. Please use a font size of at least 12 points for the response. This formatting allows Committee members and the community to clearly read the document once posted.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,



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

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March 31, 2025

Ms. Lesley Milner, Budget Director  
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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Mayor, County of Maui  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

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Mayor  
3-31-25  
Date

For Transmittal to:

The Honorable Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair  
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura,

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (FS-01)**

The Department of Fire & Public Safety is in receipt of your letter dated March 20, 2025. Please see our responses below in **bold**.

1. Please outline the major changes in your Department's budget from FY 2025 to FY 2026. If your budget will decrease, how will this impact your Department's operations and ability to serve the public?

**The major changes to the Department's FY 2026 Budget include:**

**Expansion Positions**

- **Communication Support Technician** – This position will assist the Communications Coordinator with the expanded responsibilities of the Department's communication tools and software. This amount of technology that our department is implementing demands the support of more employees.
- **Grant Coordinator** – This position will manage existing and future grant programs. Due to the complexity and breadth of the grants our Department is applying for, we are requesting a position to focus solely on applying for, following up on, and accomplishing reporting requirements

for each grant. Some of the grants that we are applying for and managing far exceed the time and skillset of the firefighters who are currently managing them.

- **Building Maintenance Supervisor I** – This position will oversee, coordinate, and manage the Department’s maintenance needs efficiently. The Department has 14 fire stations over three islands, 10 lifeguard towers and three administrative buildings which requires a team who is focused on daily repairs and maintenance of our facilities.
- **Building Maintenance Repairer I** – This position will be beneficial in alleviating the heavy demands of facility maintenance and repairs needed for the Department. The Department’s Building Maintenance Repairer team has made great progress in assisting the Department with minimizing the need to contract private contractors to complete routine maintenance projects.
- **Fire Fighter Is (x6)** – These positions will be assigned to the Kahului Fire Station and Wailea Fire Stations (three each) to provide additional staffing to support operations.

#### Apparatus

- **Replacement Fire Engines with equipment for Makawao and Wailea Fire Stations**
- **Replacement Ladder Truck with equipment for Lahaina Fire Station**
- **Replacement Tanker Truck for Lanai Fire Station**
- **4x4 Pickup Trucks with Camper Shells (x2)**

The apparatuses listed above will aid the Department in complying with the Western Fire Chief Association After Action Report Recommendations as well as the Fire Safety Research Institute Recommendations (FSRI) Findings as detailed below.

#### Western Fire Chief Association After Action Report Recommendations

- 1.1 Create, fund, and provide standard inventory for all response vehicles.
- 1.5 Standardize vehicle types in a way that streamlines training and fleet maintenance.
- 1.8 Implement a take home policy for Battalion Chief command vehicles so off-duty BCs can readily respond from their residence. (Specifically for the 4x4 Pickup trucks with camper shells.)
- 12.1 Review and provide consistent use of Class A foam throughout MFD.
- 13.2 Ensure that all pumpers are equipped with hard suction hose.
- 13.3 Review and propose the addition of more MFD water tankers or explore private resource options. (Specifically for the Replacement Tanker Truck for Lanai Fire Station.)

#### Fire Safety Research Institute Findings

**33. Continue providing opportunities for individuals and crews to meet for a “report back/debrief.” Ensure members know warnings signs for PTS, PTSD, depression, suicide, and related impacts on personnel mental health. Provide access to Employees Assistance Programs and peer support networks – encourage use when signs are presents.**

**35. Create a formal communication plan for private contractors to use during emergency situations that include resilient hardware and appropriate training.**

**40. Provide the resources and training necessary to establish and maintain effective support for the initial incident commander.**

**42. Provide sufficient staffing to establish and maintain an efficient incident management organization, while maintaining the capacity to conduct unit-level tactical actions.**

**60. Ensure sufficient fire apparatus, response vehicles, portable equipment, PPE, and radios are available to resources the pre-deployment of additional response units and overhead assets. Whenever possible, standardize the equipment loadout on similar apparatus/ vehicles to facilitate use by callback personnel.**

**78. Update, implement, and enforce fuel management and defensible space around structures.**

**Personal Protective Equipment**

**221 ensembles to replace expired sets and to maintain the long-strived goal of providing a backup set of PPE turnouts for every fire fighter.**

2. How many vacant positions currently exist within your Department?

**The Department has the following vacancies:**

**Civilian = 0 positions**

**Uniformed Fire Fighters = 19**

**Uniformed Ocean Safety Officers = 16.5**

- a. Please include the job titles for the vacancies and indicate how long the position has been vacant.

**Current vacancies will be filled with Recruit Class 41 (Fire Fighter Trainees) and Recruit Class 9 (Ocean Safety Officer Is) which is set to begin on April 1, 2025. The remaining vacancies (8.5 positions) are a part of the Pu’u Keka’a Lifeguard Services which will be filled once the Department has the appropriate building permits for the lifeguard tower.**

- b. What is the anticipated timeline for filling these vacancies?



**The Fire Fighter and Ocean Safety vacancies will be filled upon recruit class graduation. Recruit Class 41 for Fire Fighter Trainees are expected to graduate in October and Recruit Class 42 for Fire Fighter Trainees are expected to graduate in December. Recruit Class 9 for Ocean Safety Officer Is are expected to graduate in June.**

**Ocean Safety Officer positions related to Pu'u Keka'a will be filled once the Department obtains the necessary building permits for the lifeguard tower.**

- c. What are the consequences, if any, for removing funding for these vacant positions from the FY 2026 Budget?

**If funds are removed, it would have a negative impact on the services we provide to the public. For the Ocean Safety vacancies specifically, it is difficult to predict the permitting and construction phase of the Pu'u Keka'a Tower.**

3. If your Department had expansion positions in the FY 2025 Budget, how many of those positions were filled? If they have not been filled, are they included in the FY 2026 Budget? How many months of funding are being requested?

**The reorganization charts have been completed for several of the new positions and some of the positions have been created in Workday. The Department is currently working to create promotional lists in order to fill the fire fighter vacancies. As mentioned above, Recruit Class 41 will graduate in October which will fill most of the vacancies, thus 12-months of funding has been included in our budget.**

4. If your Department is proposing expansion positions in the FY 2026 Budget, how do you plan to fill those positions?

**The Department has proposed the following expansions for the FY 2026 Budget. Recruitment will be handled primarily with the Department of Personnel Services.**

- **Communication Support Technician**
- **Grant Coordinator**
- **Building Maintenance Supervisor I**
- **Building Maintenance Repairer I**
- **Fire Fighter Is (x6)**

5. How many positions were filled in FY 2025 that were not expansion positions?

**In FY 2025, the Department filled 31 positions that were not expansion positions as follows:**

<b>P-XXXXX</b>	<b>Position Title</b>
<b>P-33623</b>	<b>Capital Improvement Project Coordinator</b>
<b>P-29610</b>	<b>Account Clerk III</b>
<b>P-25907</b>	
<b>P-30992</b>	<b>Storekeeper I</b>
<b>P-25794</b>	<b>Office Operations Assistant II</b>
<b>P-31944</b>	<b>Ocean Safety Officer III</b>

**In addition, the Department hired 21 Fire Fighter Trainees on July 2, 2024 four Ocean Safety Officer Is on October 1, 2024.**

6. Describe your recruitment process.

- a. How did your Department recruit to fill vacancies and what were the most effective methods for attracting candidates?

**The Department works with the Department of Personnel Services for external recruitment such as Fire Fighter Trainees and Ocean Safety Officer Is. In addition to the efforts made by the Department of Personnel Services, the Department attends various job fairs as well as advertises vacancies on social media, radio, etc.**

- b. Does your Department take an active role in recruitment or is recruitment handled primarily by the Department of Personnel Services? Please explain.

**The Department handles internal recruitment for Fire Fighter IIIs, Fire Captains, Fire Battalion Chiefs, and Assistant Fire Chiefs as well as Ocean Safety Officer IIIs, Ocean Safety Officer IVs, Ocean Safety Operations Manager, and Ocean Safety Bureau Chief. In most cases, recruitments consists of a written test, various job-related assessments, and an interview. The Department of Personnel Services primarily handles the external recruitment process (job posting and written exam) for the Fire Fighter Trainees, Ocean Safety Officer Is, and civilian positions. The Department of Fire & Public Safety handles the physical agility tests for both Fire Fighter Trainees and Ocean Safety Officer Is.**

7. The following questions are related to overtime payments:

- a. How much in overtime has been paid to date in FY 2025 and what was the reason for the overtime?

**The Department had approximately 61,000 hours of overtime totaling \$3,280,085. The reasons for the overtime include:**

<p><b>Union Negotiated Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily Staffing Shortages</li> <li>• Extended Beach Coverage/ Working Lunch</li> <li>• Holiday Pay</li> <li>• Rank-for-Rank Recall</li> <li>• Rescue Watercraft Operations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes while Off-duty</li> <li>• Instructors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incumbents</li> <li>○ Class Preparation</li> <li>○ Recruit Classes</li> <li>○ Building/ Executing Exercises</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recruit Class Prep and Testing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Large Incidents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations</li> <li>• IMT</li> <li>• EOC Activation</li> <li>• Rehab/ Medical Standby</li> </ul>	<p><b>Investigation/ Prevention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call Outs/ Standby</li> <li>• Plans Review – After Hours</li> <li>• Fire Prevention Month</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rehab at Required Incident &amp; Standby</b></p>	<p><b>Honor Guard and Department Singing Group</b></p>
<p><b>PIO – After Hours</b></p>	<p><b>Apparatus Procurement</b></p>
<p><b>Grant Writing</b></p>	<p><b>CERT Program Instructors</b></p>
<p><b>Public Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Lifeguard Program</li> <li>• Community Hands Only CPR</li> <li>• Job Fairs</li> <li>• Medical Standby</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mechanic Call Outs</b></p>

b. Were any of these overtime costs attributed to the number of vacant positions in your Department?

**Yes, there are instances where overtime is incurred due to vacant positions and minimum staffing policies. In most cases, this is when Fire Fighter Trainees or Ocean Safety Officer Is are in recruit class.**

**Majority of the overtime costs can be attributed to training, rank-for-rank recall, and major incidents.**

- c. Do you anticipate that overtime costs in FY 2026 will increase or decrease and what are the reasons for your assumption?

**The Department may see a decrease in overtime hours when vacant positions are filled. However, collective bargaining salary increases may contribute to an increase in overtime costs.**

8. The following questions are related to your Department's program and activities for FY 2026:

- a. Identify the programs and activities conducted by your Department because of a Federal or State mandate. Indicate for each program and activity the amount of Federal or State funding your Department anticipates receiving and the amount of County funding your Department is requesting.

**The Department is required to adhere to the Fire Code (Adopted 2021) and HRS regulations concerning fire and building inspections. These activities are not federally or state funded.**

**Additionally, the Department's Hazmat Company is responsible for reviewing Tier II reports I compliance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (HEPCRA). While the Department does not receive direct funding for these activities, it has access to financial support through the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC).**

**Additionally, the Department must comply with OSHA and HIOSH regulations, including but not limited to the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard, Respiratory Protection Standard, Hazard Communication Standards, Eye Protection and Hearing Conservation Standards, and General Occupational Safety and Health Standards.**

- b. Identify the programs and activities conducted solely because of a Maui County Code mandate and indicate the amount your Department is requesting.

**The Department administers the Fire Code and its amendments as outlined in the Maui County Code through inspections and plans review.**

9. If your Department had Capital Improvement Programs in FY 2025:

- a. Provide the current status of each CIP, if different from the information provided in the Fiscal Year 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter CIP Report.

**Please see the status updates which differ from the Fiscal Year 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter CIP Report below.**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
<b>Haiku Fire Station – Constructions</b>	<b>\$14,500,000</b>	<b>12/31/25</b>	<b>Project entitlements, permits, and bid packages for construction are being prepared for submittal for review and approval.</b>
<b>Administration Building – Conceptual Planning/ Design</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>12/31/24</b>	<b>Program research draft has been submitted to DF&amp;PS and is currently being reviewed and commented on.</b>
<b>Lanai Fire Station Renovations</b>	<b>\$775,000</b>	<b>12/31/23</b>	<b>Replacement windows received, install schedule pending.</b>
<b>Kula Fire Station – Apparatus Bay</b>	<b>\$152,579</b>	<b>1/6/2027</b>	<b>Preliminary design received and is being reviewed and commented on.</b>
<b>Ho’olehua Fire Station Roof/ Replacement</b>	<b>\$870,000</b>	<b>12/31/25</b>	<b>Consultant selection in progress.</b>
<b>Puko’o Fire Station Relocation Construction Management</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>12/31/25</b>	<b>Contract executed, NTP pending permit approvals and project rebid.</b>

- b. Provide information on how much funding has been encumbered or expended to date for each project.

**County-wide Fire Facilities have expended \$23,490.00.**

**Kula Fire Station Apparatus Bay have expended \$152,579.00**

**Haiku Fire Station has expended \$0.00.**

**Kihei Fire Station has expended \$97,735.00.**

**Puko'o Fire Station Relocation Construction Management: \$0.00 of the \$2,250,000 encumbered while pending a flood study.**

10. If your Department has proposed CIPs for FY 2026:

- a. Rank your proposed CIPs, by priority.

**The Department ranks the proposed CIPs for FY 2026 as follows:**

- 1. County-wide Fire Facilities**
- 2. Puko'o Fire Station Renovations (no funding requested in FY 2026 but the project remains a priority)**
- 3. Kula Fire Station Apparatus Bay**
- 4. Haiku Fire Station**

- b. Will CIP funding included in the FY 2026 Budget be encumbered by June 30, 2026? If not, how much do you anticipate will be encumbered by that date?**The Department's goal is to have the FY 2026 CIP funds encumbered as early in the fiscal year as possible.**

11. If your Department manages a revolving fund:

- a. Explain whether the revolving fund is still needed and why.

**Yes, the Department has two revolving funds, Fire Hazard Removal and Fire Plan Review Fees, which remain essential. They are consistently utilized by our Fire Prevention Bureau to support the salaries of two Fire Fighter IV positions as well as vegetation management through private contractors.**

- b. Provide the current balance.

**Revolving Fund estimated balance as of 6/30/25: \$1,560,523 for Fire Plan Review Fees and \$98,126 for Fire Hazard Removal.**

12. If your Department manages grants:

- a. For each grant line-item not designated for a specific recipient (e.g., Small Business Promotion; Youth Programs), provide a breakdown of the grants that will be funded by the line item.

**The Department of Fire & Public Safety neither funds nor administers any grants.**

- b. Provide a breakdown of all grants that will be funded by your Department under Sub-object Code 6317, County grant subsidy.

**The Department of Fire & Public Safety neither funds nor administers any grants.**

- c. Did your Department apply for any grant funding in FY 2025? If yes, how much grant funding was received?

<b>Program</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>FEMA AFG</b>	<b>150 Replacement Turnouts/ 13 LUCAS CPR</b>	<b>\$756,841.41</b>	<b>Applied</b>
<b>DOT Highway Safety</b>	<b>Extrication Tools</b>	<b>\$201,797.57</b>	<b>Awarded</b>
<b>CWDG (Funding Round 3)</b>	<b>Defensible Space Inspection</b>	<b>\$4,495,197.00</b>	<b>Applied</b>
<b>Firefighter Wellness Program</b>	<b>Wellness Program</b>	<b>\$500,000.00</b>	<b>Application In Progress</b>

**The Department applied for \$5,953,835.98 and was awarded a total of \$201,797.57. A total of \$5,752,038.41 is still pending.**

- 13. Provide details on your Department’s Carryover/Savings that were included in the FY 2026 Budget.

**The carryover savings included in the FY 2026 Budget are from the unrestricted fund balance for FY 2024 reflected in the County’s Annual Comprehensive Finance Report (ACFR) along with anticipated additional revenues based on the funds collected in the first half of FY 2025. Any carryover savings from FY 2025 will be recognized in the FY 2027 Budget.**

- 14. What are your top three Department priorities for FY 2026 and how does your Department’s budget reflect that?

**The Department’s priorities are reflected throughout the budget proposal from personal protective equipment (PPE) and training to replacement apparatus and ocean safety equipment. Several budgeted items will address the recommendations made by the Western Fire Chief Association After Action Report and the Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI) reports. As it is imperative that we maintain our facilities and response capabilities, there are also Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds requested. The Department’s top three priorities for FY 2026 include:**

- 1. The health and safety of our employees and community.**

**2. Accomplish recommendations of various reports including After Action Report and the FSRI report from the August 2023 Wildfire.**

**3. Asset maintenance and replacement.**

15. How much has your Department spent on Professional Services in FY 2025, and what projects and consultants were funded under this line item?

**The Department has spent approximately \$91,296.11 in Professional Services so far. The Professional Services funds were used as follows:**

- **Diagnostic Laboratories – Drug/ Alcohol Testing**
- **Bowers & Kubota – CIP and Facilities**
- **Munekiyo & Hirata – Facilities**
- **Waves of Insight – Mental Health Wellness**
- **Jack’s Air Conditioning – A/C Services**

16. How much of your Department’s expenditures in FY 2025 will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in relation to the wildfires? What amount of FY 2026 expenditures are expected to be reimbursed?

**The Department has spent \$42,221.59 so far and expects approximately 90% of these costs will be reimbursed by FEMA.**

**We do not expect any expenses or reimbursement in FY 2026.**

17. If your Department is receiving Federal grants, including pass through grants:

a. What amount is your Department receiving for routine operations?

**The Department does not have pass through grants.**

b. What amount is your Department receiving for August 2023 Maui Wildfires disaster recovery?

**Thus far the Department has received \$892,618.56 in FEMA funds, administered through Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). The funds have been applied to the County of Maui General Fund. The Department anticipates an estimated \$2,644,232 in additional FEMA funds as detailed below:**

- **\$315,111.62 remaining for the two burn apparatus and its equipment**
- **\$832,682.44 remaining for overtime (“force account labor”) and the “per hour” use of our apparatus (“force account equipment”)**



- **\$399,797.33 for helicopter and heavy equipment**
- **\$997,821.53 for two projects that will be largely combined, covering materials, supplies, equipment repair, and replacement not covered above.**
- **\$98,819.35 for administrative costs related to managing these public assistance grant awards. Note: This is the estimate we gave to FEMA a while ago, but could be as high as about \$172,000 depending upon final award amounts and how much expenses we can document.**

- c. Explain any factors that could jeopardize your receipt of Federal grants, including Federal policy changes, compliance requirements, or expiration dates.

**The Department is at risk of losing Federal grant funding due to the uncertainty of the Federal government policy decisions.**

- d. Explain how your Department will adjust if it does not receive the anticipated Federal grant funding.

**The Department will have to rely on the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, and possibly grants (when applicable) to cover the loss of funding.**

18. If your Department received funding to repair or replace equipment, locations, and structures destroyed in the wildfires, provide the current status of each. If there are items still pending repair or replacement, provide the estimated cost and timeline for the repair or replacement.

- **Type I Fire Engine (Engine 1): This project is already contracted, and the pre-construction meeting has been completed. The estimated arrival for this truck is winter of 2026.**
- **Wildland/ Mini Fire Engine (Wildland 3): This project is already contracted, and the pre-construction meeting has been completed. The estimated arrival for this truck is winter of 2026.**
- **All Equipment of Engine 1 and Wildland 3: This project has been completed.**
- **Additional Fire Response Vehicles: All repairs have been completed.**
- **Additional Fire Equipment: These purchases have been completed and received.**

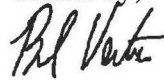
The Honorable Sugimura, Chair

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Fire Chief at (808) 270-7561.

Sincerely,

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BRADFORD K. VENTURA

Fire Chief

## BFED Committee

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Aloha,  
Please see attached correspondence. Thank you.  
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