

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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