

## ADEPT Committee

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 2, 2026 4:58 PM  
**To:** ADEPT Committee  
**Cc:** Melody A. Andrion  
**Subject:** Comments - RFLS submitted Re HARF funds - Ref. ADEPT-1(2)  
**Attachments:** [Comments] 2026-04-02 RFLS McKinley ADEPT\_HARF Funds.pdf

Aloha Ellen,

Please see the attached RFLS with comments provided below:

From what I've been able to gather, HARF became Hawai'i Pet Network and then were absorbed by Humane Society. The only executed grant that I've been able to find during fiscal years 2023-2025, as indicated on the RFLS you submitted, is G5909 for \$250K executed 5/10/23 to Hawaii Pet Network for Multi-Use Barn Construction Project, recertified 9/5/24. It looks like \$217,801.49 was paid out leaving a remaining balance of \$32,198.51. I've reached out to Curtis Jamison from DHC to see if he has any information regarding whether the paid-out funds were used appropriately/what happened to the remaining balance but have not heard back yet. Will forward you his response once that comes in.

In regards to recovery of funds, I cannot opine on recovery until the story is clear on what happened to the grant funds.

Have a great weekend,  
Adrian

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# REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES

**Date:** March 18, 2026  
**From:** Gabe Johnson, Chair  
Agriculture, Diversification, Environment, and Public Transportation Committee

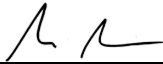
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**Memo to:** DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL  
Attention: Adrian Reifsnnyder, Esq.

**Subject:** OPERATIONAL AND BUDGETARY REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (ADEPT-1(2))

**Background Data:** Please research and share the disposition of funds and assets purchased with funds from the former Department of Housing and Human Concerns' (now Department of Human Concerns) County grant subsidy to Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation (Fiscal Year 2023 – 2025 Budgets) in light of HARF's corporate dissolution. Please provide information on all grant funds disbursed to HARF and opine on whether the County could recover any of those funds or HARF assets. Please submit your response to adept.committee@mauicounty.us with a reference to ADEPT-1(2).

**Work Requested:**  FOR APPROVAL AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
 OTHER: Grant research and legal opinion.

Requestor's signature  Gabe Johnson, Chair	Contact Person <u>Ellen McKinley or Megan Moniz</u> (Telephone Extension: <u>7661 or 7145, respectively</u> )
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ROUTINE (WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS)       RUSH (WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS)  
 PRIORITY (WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS)       URGENT (WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS)

SPECIFY DUE DATE (IF IMPOSED BY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES): \_\_\_\_\_  
REASON: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL'S RESPONSE**

ASSIGNED TO: APR	ASSIGNMENT NO. 2025-0172	BY: jap for maa
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TO REQUESTOR:  APPROVED  DISAPPROVED  OTHER (SEE COMMENTS BELOW)  
 RETURNING--PLEASE EXPAND AND PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING ITEMS AS NOTED

COMMENTS (NOTE - THIS SECTION NOT TO BE USED FOR LEGAL ADVICE): \_\_\_\_\_

Please see email RFLS is attached to for comments.  
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Date 04/02/2026

DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL  
By 