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For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT **WILDFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENT**
(BFED-21(33))

We are in receipt of your correspondence dated December 19, 2024, and provide the following responses:

1. Provide a list of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program priority projects and alternate projects. Include the estimated cost of each project.

Please see attached Schedule A. Priority projects are highlighted in yellow.

The list is subject to the approval of Governor Green, HI-EMA and FEMA.

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Our original list of projects totaled \$810M; we removed likely ineligible projects and those we cannot complete within the statutory three-year timeframe as grant recipients have 3 years from the close of the application period to complete their projects. The list we submitted to the state included \$742M of projects. HI-EMA further defined priorities which resulted in the attached.

2. Provide a list of priority projects and alternate projects for which the County is requesting Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery assistance. Include the estimated cost of each project.

The Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program funds a broad range of activities including housing, infrastructure, economic development, public services, planning, and mitigation. CDBG-DR grantees are notified of grant funding through a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) prepared and published Office of the Federal Register Notice (Federal Register Notice) which will define rules, regulations, and other regulatory requirements.

HUD has not yet published the applicable Federal Register Notice. As such, the County of Maui has neither been formally declared as a CDBG-DR grantee nor received notification of a final CDBG-DR allocation amount and therefore, we are unable to provide a list of priority or alternate projects with estimated costs.

3. Provide a list of all grant funding sources being sought for wildfire recovery, including federal programs such as Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. For each grant, identify whether the grant will be paid directly to the County or through reimbursements.

Grant funding sources are currently being sought from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Grant Program (FEMA PA), the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), CDBG-DR, and the Environmental Protection Agency's State Revolving Loan Fund Program (SRF). Other funding sources may be considered based on individual project eligibility.

The FEMA PA grants are paid to the County of Maui through HI-EMA. Other grants are generally reimbursable; specific CDBG-DR and SRF rules, regulations, and requirements have not yet been defined.

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4. For each reimbursement-based grant, provide a funding plan to include interim funding mechanisms or financial strategies to manage the timing of expenses and reimbursements. Please also include timetables describing when reimbursements will occur after expenditures.

Many of the projects are identified in the County of Maui's six-year Capital Improvement Plan. We anticipate funding via sources including the General Fund, Bond Fund, General Excise Tax Fund, Managed Retreat Revolving Fund, Sewer Fund, and Water Supply Restricted and Unrestricted Funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with information on this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at extension 7211.

Sincerely,



JOSIAH K. NISHITA
Managing Director

Enclosure – Schedule A

SCHEDULE A
HI-EMA DR-4724 Primary Projects (Maui Only)

MAUI PROJECT RANKING	SUBAPPLICANT INSTITUTION	PROJECT TITLE	FEDERAL SHARE (75%)	NON-FEDERAL (25%)	TOTAL PROJECT COST
1	County of Maui	Launiupoko and Honolua Wells and Fire Mitigation/Firefighting Capacity Project	\$70,002,465.00	\$23,334,155.00	\$93,336,620.00
2	County of Maui	Kamole WTP Raw Water Reservoir Improvement and Flood Risk Reduction Project	\$21,354,062.25	\$7,118,020.75	\$28,472,083.00
3	County of Maui	Maui County Emergency Generators and Automatic Transfer Switches for Critical Water Infrastructure	\$18,867,480.00	\$6,289,160.00	\$25,156,640.00
4	County of Maui	Kihei WWPS No. 2 Upgrades and Retrofit	\$3,726,450.00	\$1,242,150.00	\$4,968,600.00
5	County of Maui	Kihei WWPS No. 3 Upgrades and Retrofit	\$3,300,000.00	\$1,100,000.00	\$4,400,000.00
6	County of Maui	Kamaole Beach Park and Kihei Wastewater Pump Station No. 7 Relocation Project	\$6,458,666.29	\$2,152,888.76	\$8,611,555.05
7	County of Maui	Lahaina Land Acquisition Program for Shoreline Parcels	\$95,061,922.20	\$31,687,307.40	\$126,749,229.60
8	County of Maui	Upcountry Maui Wildfire Mitigation Emergency Waterline Project (Haliimaile)	\$51,172,500.00	\$17,057,500.00	\$68,230,000.00
9	County of Maui	Upper Kula Transmission Waterline Retrofit	\$5,236,241.25	\$1,745,413.75	\$6,981,655.00
10	County of Maui	West Maui Reuse System Emergency Generators and Backup Pump Project	\$4,125,000.00	\$1,375,000.00	\$5,500,000.00
11	County of Maui	Lahaina Recycled Water Force Main Retrofit	\$9,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$12,000,000.00
12	County of Maui	Rock and Landslide Stabilization in Hana	\$13,200,000.00	\$4,400,000.00	\$17,600,000.00
13	County of Maui	Kahekili Slope Stabilization and Drainage Improvements Project	\$15,450,000.00	\$5,150,000.00	\$20,600,000.00
14	County of Maui	Maui County Retrofit of 10 Critical Facilities	\$7,721,988.08	\$2,573,996.03	\$10,295,984.10
15	County of Maui	Countywide Fire Department Facility Wind Retrofit of 7 Facilities	\$5,405,391.65	\$1,801,797.22	\$7,207,188.87
16	County of Maui	Kehalani WWPS Flood Risk Reduction Project	\$8,250,000.00	\$2,750,000.00	\$11,000,000.00
17	County of Maui	Kihei WWRF Wind Retrofit (Roof)	\$75,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$100,000.00
18	County of Maui	Pu'u O Hoku Ranch Communications Facility Relocation and Seismic Retrofit	\$2,625,000.00	\$875,000.00	\$3,500,000.00
		TOTAL COSTS	\$341,032,166.72	\$113,677,388.91	\$454,709,555.62
		TOTAL NON-FEDERAL SHARE	\$113,677,388.91		
		Remaining for the rest of the State	\$16,948,727.29	\$0.00	

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From: Michelle L. Santos <Michelle.Santos@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2025 1:06 PM
To: BFED Committee
Cc: Lesley J. Milner; Cynthia E. Sasada; Josiah K. Nishita; Kelii P. Nahooikaika
Subject: WILDFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENT
Attachments: BFED COMMITTEE-DEC 31, 2025.pdf

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