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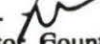
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October 2, 2024

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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
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For Transmittal to:

Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Efficiency Solutions and Circular Systems Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Rawlins-Fernandez:

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION 24-155, AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT (ESCS-6)

Thank you for your letter dated September 27, 2024 regarding the above-mentioned subject matter. Please see our responses below.

1. In Appendix A, Part I, of the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025 Council Adopted Budget, your Department is not anticipated to receive any grants. Do you anticipate applying for grants in FY 2025? Please explain.

Yes

- USDA Healthy Food Financing Initiative Grant to help plan food access programs for the Lana'i Farmers Market, help to implement food voucher program, help to establish SNAP and DA BUX programs, expand market with new vendors, set-up educational opportunities

2. Please confirm that your Department employs one Grants Management Program Specialist and one Grants Coordinator.

Yes. A third position was vacated mid-August which we are working to fill

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL


Mayor 10-6-24
Date

3. For each grant your Department has applied for in the last three years, please provide:

a. The requested amount in each grant application.

\$200,000 HDOA Green Waste Project grant (FY24)

- co-written with DEM EP & S on behalf of the CRB Working Group

\$478,007.19 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (FY25)

\$44,110 USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service Healthy Food Financing Initiative 2024 Planning Grant

b. Whether the grant application was approved or denied, and the amount awarded.

Approved HDOA Green Waste Project grant (FY24)

- DEM EP & S implemented project, managing funds, and reporting

Approved USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (FY25)

Still waiting USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service Healthy Food Financing Initiative 2024 Planning Grant Program

c. The purpose of each grant

HDOA Green Waste Project grant

- To remove the stockpiles of green waste from urban areas of Maui to minimize potential breeding sites for CRB and compost it. Data tracking and monitoring

Healthy Food Financing Initiative 2024 Planning Grant Program

- Maui County Department of Agriculture to pilot the Lānaʻi Farmers Market, create a new SNAP retailer and the first DA BUX retailer on Lānaʻi, expand marketing for producers

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (FY25)

- Assist in the identification and mapping of critically imperiled areas; promote vegetation and restoration management strategies; collaborate among government, non-government entities, agriculture and conservation stakeholders on mitigating future fire risks; conduct public engagement and education

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at ext. 8278 or by email to rogerene.arce@co.maui.hi.us

Sincerely,



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Director

ESCS Committee

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Subject: Agriculture Reso 24-155 (ESCS-6)
Attachments: Agriculture Reso 24-155 (ESCS-6).pdf

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Aloha,

Please see attached from Department of Agriculture.

Mahalo,

Janina Agapay

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