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April 15, 2024

Mr. Amos Lonokailua-Hewett, Administrator  
Maui County Emergency Management Agency  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Lonokailua-Hewett:

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (EMA-3)

Thank you for participating in the Committee's discussions on April 12, 2024. The Committee respectfully submits the follow-up questions listed below. May I further request that, after approval by the Office of the Mayor, you transmit a written response to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) by **April 22, 2024**.

1. The elderly and kūpuna populations have been disproportionately affected by the August 2023 wildfires.
  - a. Has the Agency considered creating a position whose primary objective would be the health and safety of elderly, kūpuna, and other vulnerable populations during emergencies?
    - i. If the position is created, how would this individual be utilized? Further, would this person work in conjunction with the County's Office on Aging with regular check-ins, minimizing wildfire threats, and evacuation assistance for elderly and kūpuna communities?
2. How does the Agency plan to integrate at-risk communities in its mission to build resilience at the individual, family, and community levels in preparation for natural and man-made disasters?
3. There is an anticipated \$20,000,000 grant appropriation under the State Homeland Security Grant Program. In previous fiscal years,

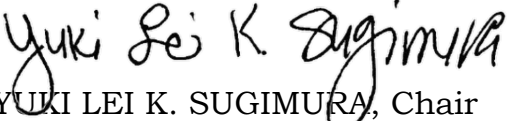
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the grant amount was \$1,000,000. Please explain this program and the reason for the large increase.

Thank you for your attention to this request. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (James Krueger at ext. 7761, Kasie Apo Takayama at ext. 7665, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Acting Budget Director

## BFED Committee

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**From:** BFED Committee  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 5:16 PM  
**To:** Amos Lonokailua-Hewett  
**Cc:** BFED Committee; Gaye.R.Gabuat@co.maui.hi.us; Michelle Santos; Zeke Kalua; Lesley Milner; Kristina Cabbat  
**Subject:** PLEASE READ attached letter re: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED 1) (EMA 3); reply by 04/22/2024  
**Attachments:** (EMA-3) Correspondence to Emergency Management Agency 04-15-2024.pdf

**Mr. Lonokailua-Hewett:** Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated April 15, 2024. Please respond by **April 22, 2024**

**Mayor's Office (attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua):** Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

**Ms. Milner:** FYI

Thank you,  
Yvette Bouthillier, Senior Secretary  
BFED Committee

**RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.**  
Mayor

**JOSIAH K. NISHITA**  
Managing Director

**AMOS LONOKAILUA-HEWETT**  
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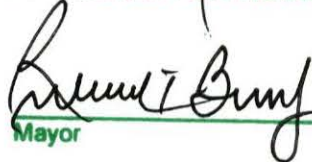
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April 19, 2024

Ms. Lesley Milner   
Acting Budget Director, County of Maui  
200 S. High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

 4-22-24  
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:  
Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura  
Chair, Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1) (EMA-3)**

Pursuant to your correspondence of April 15, 2024, below are responses to the following:

1. The elderly and kūpuna populations have been disproportionately affected by the August 2023 wildfires.
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*I believe that there are many communities that need special attention or a specific approach to protect adequately. Those communities include low income communities, isolated communities, limited English proficiency communities, and our cherished kūpuna communities. My vision for those communities does include a "Community Outreach Specialist" that focuses on the special circumstances that surround those communities. That position would work directly with my Public Affairs Officer. That position was not added into FY25 budget but is part of an expansion plan for the agency.*

2. How does the Agency plan to integrate at-risk communities in its mission to build resilience at the individual, family, and community levels in preparation for natural and man-made disasters?

*I believe the solutions begin with staffing. We need staff to identify, investigate, and mitigate issues that relate to at-risk community preparedness and resiliency. Additionally, building community resiliency is intimately related to our community outreach efforts. These efforts include but not limited to community resiliency hub strategies, CERT programming, community meetings, Hawaii Hazard Awareness and Resiliency Program.*

3. There is an anticipated \$20,000,000 grant appropriation under the State Homeland Security Grant Program. In previous fiscal years, the grant amount was \$1,000,000. Please explain this program and the reason for the large increase.

*The \$20,000,000 number is inaccurate. It should be \$1,000,000.*

Me Ka Ha'aha'a,



Amos Lonokailua-Hewett  
Emergency Management Administrator



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the County of Maui to Achieve Whole Community Resilience*



## BFED Committee

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**From:** Janina Agapay <Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2024 1:56 PM  
**To:** BFED Committee  
**Cc:** Lesley Milner  
**Subject:** Re: (BFED-1)(EMA-3)  
**Attachments:** (BFED-1)(EMA-3).pdf

Hello,

My apologies. Please see attached (BFED-1)(EMA-3).

Thank you,

**Janina Agapay**

County of Maui

Budget Office

(808) 270-7836

[Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us](mailto:Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us)

>>> Janina Agapay 04/22/2024, 01:55 PM >>>

Hello,

Please see attached correspondence from Maui Emergency Management Agency.

Thank you,

**Janina Agapay**

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