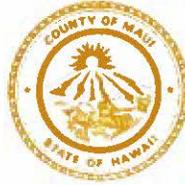


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Keani Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Efficiency Solutions and Circular Systems Committee
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Dear Chair Rawlins-Fernandez and the ESCS Committee:

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 request regarding details of the grants activity in the Office of the Mayor. Please see the original questions and coordinating responses below.

1. In the Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025 Council Adopted Budget, Appendix A, Part I, attached, you project your Office will receive ten grants. Do you anticipate applying for more grants in FY 2025 than you are projected to receive? Please explain.

Yes, we anticipate applying for more grants in FY 2025 than we are projected to receive. Competitive federal grants are typically very difficult to obtain as there are often more funding requests received than funding available. This was echoed at the 2024 Federal Grants Summit in Honolulu. Additionally, Hawai'i is unique in terms of economy, environment and archipelagic challenges, and many of the grant opportunities are written with continental parameters that simply do not apply to our specific needs. This can be a challenge to navigate but a worthwhile endeavor especially if a larger federal grant is awarded. The objective for County of Maui Grant Writers is the overall sum of the grant awards, AKA "Big Fish." This is increasingly important considering that, at present, there are only two federal grant writers in OED for FY 2025 and our capacity for writing and managing federal grants is limited.

2. Please confirm your Office employs five Grants Management Program Specialists, three CDBG Program Specialists, one Grants Specialist, and one Grant Coordinator.

Per your request, the following is a list of the grants positions that we have assigned under the Office of the Mayor:

Office of Economic Development Program:

Aaron "Tuki" Drake - Grants Management Program Specialist IV (P-30944)
Deanna Aina - Grants Management Program Specialist II (P-31951)
Eric Hanscam - Grants Specialist II (P-29707)
Leona "Lee" Ah Yen - Grants management Program Specialist II (P-31608)
Tina Silva - Grant Coordinator (P-31607)
Erlinda Inamasu - Grants Management Program Specialist II (P-29530)

Office of the Mayor Administration Program:

Claudine Perry - Grant Coordinator (P-33117)

- 3. For each grant your Office has applied for in the last three years, please provide:**
- a. The requested amount in each grant application.**
 - b. Whether the grant application was approved or denied, and the amount awarded.**
 - c. A brief sentence explaining the purpose of each grant applied for, whether approved or denied.**

Office of Economic Development

February 2024

Requested: \$229,000; denied. Purpose: Bring food safety education to non-traditional, niche, and hard-to-reach audiences such as often-isolated farmers, food truck operators, and business entrepreneurs seeking new ways to thrive and ensure food security throughout Maui County.

February 2023

- 1. Requested: \$150,000; denied. Purpose: Bring food safety education to food truck operators, food truck operators and business entrepreneurs.*

August 2023

*Requested: \$1 million; approved. Purpose: *I (Claudine) will leave it to Tuki or Deanna to fill out.*

February 2022

- 1. Requested: \$1.1 million; denied. Purpose: Elevate Maui County farmers and ranchers ability to thrive by coordinating much-needed business support and workforce training.*

March 2022

Requested: \$1.08 million; approved for \$1.03 million. Purpose: OED applied in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Management for money to support design costs for the Lahaina Water Recycling Project in West Maui.

September 2022

Requested \$600,000; approved. Support the establishment of a fence and security measures around the Kula Agricultural Park.

November 2022

1. Requested: \$100,000; approved. In collaboration with the Department of Water Supply, OED applied to fund the work behind creating a Maui County Water Conservation Plan.

April-September 2024* Grant Coordinator in Mayor's Office

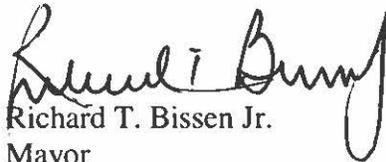
1. Requested: \$85,000; approved. Purpose: Set up security cameras in the County Building stairwell.

2. Requested: \$252,000; application in progress. Purpose: Establish 10 security cameras in strategic locations across Maui. A CCTV system would boost the County's ability to regularly monitor potential threats in high-threat areas and lessen our vulnerabilities, especially in public places. In the case of emergencies, local responders, with the help of the CCTV can be more definitive about the cause of wildfires, motivations behind criminal activities, and evaluate, when needed, what could be done to prevent or lessen threats to a community's life and structures.

3. Requested: \$125,000; approved. Note: Mayor's Office grant coordination supported the work of the Department of Water Supply staff and consultant by attending meetings with the grantor and submitting the application. Purpose: Making improvements to the Molokai water distribution system and water treatment plant.

4. Requested: \$15.6 million; review in progress. Purpose: Provide 2.62 mgd in recycled water from the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility, helps to meet current demand of 1.44 mgd, anticipated to increase by 1.91 mgd. Federal funding will enable the implementation of design and construction components for the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

Sincerely,


Richard T. Bissen Jr.
Mayor

ESCS Committee

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