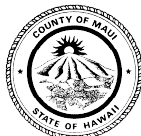


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April 8, 2025

Ms. Lesley Milner, Budget Director  
Office of the Mayor  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Milner:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (BD-13)

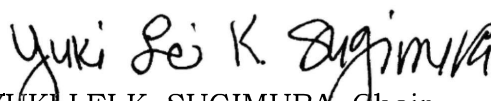
May I please request your response to the following: (YLS)

1. Should the use of General Obligation Bonds instead of General Funds for any of the Department of Fire and Public Safety's CIPs be reconsidered?
2. Has the County received official notification that the federal funding for the Ha'ikū Fire Station is no longer available? If yes, what is the contingency plan for the construction of the Station? Further, should funds be included for the project in FY 2026? If yes, how much and from what source of funds?

May I further request that you transmit a written response to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) by **April 15, 2025**. To ensure efficient processing, please include BFED-1 in the subject line.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Fire Chief

## **BFED Committee**

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**From:** BFED Committee  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025 9:52 AM  
**To:** Lesley Milner  
**Cc:** BFED Committee; 'Michelle Santos'; 'Zeke Kalua'; kristina.cabbat@co.maui.hi.us; tiare.p.horner@co.maui.hi.us; Janina Agapay; Bradford Ventura; Chasserae Kaawa  
**Subject:** FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (BD-13); reply by 4/15/25  
**Attachments:** (BD-13) Correspondence to Budget Director 04-08-2025.pdf

**RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.**

Mayor

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April 14, 2025

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

*Richard T. Bissen, Jr.* 4-14-25  
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair  
and Members of the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) )(BD-13)

Pursuant to your correspondence dated April 9, 2025, below are the responses to the following:

1. Should the use of General Obligation Bonds instead of General Funds for any of the Department of Fire and Public Safety's CIPs be considered?

*Response: The Administration chose to fund all of the Department of Fire and Public Safety's CIPs through the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2026. If the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee identifies other uses for these General Funds there would be no issue with moving eligible projects to General Obligation Bond.*

2. Has the County received official notification that the federal funding for the Hā'ikū Fire Station is no longer available? If yes, what is the contingency plan for the construction of the Station? Further, should funds be included for the project in FY 2026? If yes, how much and from what source of funds?

*Response: We have received notification that the federal funding for the Hā'ikū Fire Station will not be available in Federal FY2025 as Congress is operating under a full year continuing resolution. The Administration continues to push for inclusion of the funding in Federal FY2026 as a Congressionally Directed Spending appropriation, as the timeline for Federal FY2026 funding does not delay the project. If notification is received that the funding will not be available in County FY2026, the Administration anticipates asking the Council for consideration of a budget amendment to add the funds to the County FY 2026*



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*budget, most likely using bond fund. If the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee would prefer to add the bond funding at this stage, the Administration has no objection.*

Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 8239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lesley Milner', with a stylized flourish at the end.

LESLEY MILNER  
Budget Director

## BFED Committee

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**From:** Janina E. Agapay <Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 14, 2025 3:35 PM  
**To:** BFED Committee  
**Cc:** Lesley J. Milner  
**Subject:** (BFED-1)(BD-13)  
**Attachments:** (BFED-1)(BD-13).pdf

Hello,

Please see attached correspondence (BFED-1)(BD-13).

Thank you,

***Janina Agapay***

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