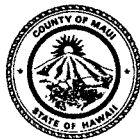


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July 6, 2020

The Honorable Michael P. Victorino
Mayor, County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mayor Victorino:

**SUBJECT: LEGISLATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE EFFECT
OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, RULES, CARES
ACT, AND RELATED ISSUES (EDB-85)**

At its meeting of June 18, 2020, the Economic Development and Budget Committee continued to discuss the matter of the Coronavirus pandemic, rules, CARES Act, and related issues.

As a part of the discussion, Managing Director Baz provided the Committee the communication from your office to Governor Ige related to the intended disbursement of those funds in Maui County. In late May, the Committee and some of its individual members provided suggestions on how the CARES Act funds should be distributed, in accordance with the consultation clause in Senate Bill 75 (2020), Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1.

Please be prepared to address the following items at the Economic Development and Budget Committee meeting on July 8, 2020.

May I request you provide information on how these suggestions were incorporated into your proposal to the Governor's office. If a suggested item will be funded, please circle which of Governor Ige's priority items the Councilmember's request falls into. If your Administration does not plan to fund the request, please circle "Not Included" and provided an explanation for not funding the request.

May I also request you take into consideration the following suggestions in light of Resolution 20-84, "SUPPORTING AND URGING THE MAYOR TO SUPPORT A FEMINIST ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN FOR COVID-19":

1. **Child Care**

According to the Department of Human Services' Child Care Program, the YMCA had been intending to offer a one-month child care program in July for Maui County and would need \$1.3 million for that program's operations.

Recommendation: Allocate additional funding for child care, for a total of at least \$1.3 million.

2. **Domestic Violence**

The current proposal includes \$3 million in priority number 2 for mental health, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

Recommendation: Allocate at least \$900,000 in funds specifically to address domestic violence.

3. **Sex Trafficking**

Hawaii service providers are witnessing an increase in sex-trafficking crises reported during COVID-19, and the Department of the Attorney General is anticipating an increase in child sex trafficking after lockdown and as the economic shocks unfold. Emergency programming is needed to address the expanding crisis of child sex trafficking with services to Maui County.

Recommendation: Allocate at least \$165,975 in funds to address sex trafficking in Maui County.

4. **Reproductive Health Services**

With the gag rule forcing Planned Parenthood and other sexual and reproductive healthcare providers out of Title X—the nation's only program for affordable and accessible birth control services—it is clear that here in Hawaii we can no longer rely on the federal

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government. Instead, we must fight back and protect access to life-saving health care on our own.

Recommendation: Ask for a pro rata share of the \$2.4 million for family planning currently being considered as a part of the State budget.

Finally, please provide the invoices submitted by the Maui County Farm Bureau related to the \$60,000 in funding they received from the Emergency Fund.

May I also request your written response no later than **July 14, 2020**. 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 (Lesley Milner at ext. 7886, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
Economic Development and Budget
Committee

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Council Recommendations

Governor's Proposal Priority Number

1	More funding be made available to families in need through the Hawai'i Emergency Laulima Partnership ("HELP") program. (KRF, TK, MM)	1	2	3	4	Not included
2	An additional program for those who qualify for the HELP and are interested in training for alternative careers, where these individuals are given stipends for career training. For those who do not qualify for the HELP program, we suggest starting an interest-free loan. (KRF, TK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
3	Paid internships for residents who would like to leave the tourism industry and train in another sector in order to diversify the County's economy. (TP)	1	2	3	4	Not included
4	Emergency limited term employment to assist with government projects, maintenance, and clerical work. (MM)	1	2	3	4	Not included
5	Hire local contractors, subcontractors, and laborers for Maui County projects. (AL)	1	2	3	4	Not included
6	Consider employing Maui County residents as temporary hires for County projects. (AL)	1	2	3	4	Not included
7	Entry level job training program for temporary work in lieu of overtime for County workers. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
8	Increase temporary workers for COVID-19 response security. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included

9 Tree-planting initiative/reforestation – provide jobs and protect watersheds and reefs. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
10 In cases where the Department of Education is not allowing students to return to school, childcare will become a challenge for working parents. This will lead to a need for: Additional personnel, expansion of facilities, purchase of equipment and supplies, financial assistance to parents. Expand grants to help with these costs and additional health and safety measures. (AL, KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
11 Provide or support development of affordable homes for families earning 60% or less of the area median income. (AL)	1	2	3	4	Not included
12 Provide or support development of housing or housing programs for the homeless. (AL)	1	2	3	4	Not included
13 Create supervised overnight parking location for shelterless to sleep in their cars which would include hygiene stations, porta-potties, and electrical charging stations. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
14 Equipment and supplies for homeless – first aid kits, tents and tarps, flashlights, garbage bags, laundry detergent, pillows, towels, sheets, and clothing items. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
15 Additional mobile communication vans to provide referral services, current information access such as charging stations, internet assistance, ability to print, coordination with other providers, surveys, etc.). Units could be re-purposed for use in Resiliency Hubs in times of disaster response. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included

16	24/7 hygiene facilities for our unsheltered, especially in Central, South, and West Maui. (TP, KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
17	Make infrastructure improvements, including the Wai‘ale Development, in anticipation of displaced residents. (AL)	1	2	3	4	Not included
18	Purchase a substantial supply of testing, tracing, and monitoring equipment, PPEs, and other COVID-19 supplies and equipment. (AL, SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
19	Increase testing and contact tracing. (KK)	1	2	3	4	---- included
20	Expand and improve emergency shelters. (AL)	1	2	3	4	---- included
21	Purchase emergency generators. (AL, KK)	1	2	3	4	included
22	Upgrade Community Centers/outfitting for Resiliency Hubs. Add air conditioning where needed to provide respite from heat waves, add storage and equipment for disaster response. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
23	Initiate pilot projects to create a sustainable food supply, including the use of aquaponics and hydroponics. (AL)	1	2	3	4	Not included
24	Fund the Maui Nui Food Alliance for \$100,000 to support and maintain a healthy food system for our islands. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
25	Create a professional Economic Recovery Task Force to develop a blueprint for our diversified economic future which includes economic experts and other professionals. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included

26	Extensive education on the use of telecommunication platforms, beginning with seniors and extending to our young children. (AL)	1	2	3	4	Not included
27	\$1 million to \$5 million to expand the Lana'i Agricultural Park purchase, for process plant inspection by appropriate federal agencies, and for a Lana'i technology park. (RH)	1	2	3	4	Not included
28	\$3 million to \$5 million for waste-to-energy conversion at the Lana'i Landfill. (RH)	1	2	3	4	Not included
29	\$8 million to \$10 million for a new Community/Disaster Response Facility. (RH)	1	2	3	4	Not included
30	\$5 million to partner with the State in purchasing the Lana'i Watershed. (RH)	1	2	3	4	Not included
31	A van for the Hana Sr. Center - Food delivery and kupuna care - \$7,000 (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
32	HFUU – Hana Chapter – \$20,000 (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
33	4 mobile trailers for homeless shelters (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
34	Bags for food distribution (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
35	Plexiglass for public stores & services (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included

36	100 laptops for students (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
37	Containers (8 x 20) for emergency supplies in remote area of the East Maui District – Kaupo, Kipahulu, Hamoa, Maka’alae, Nahiku, Keanae (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
38	Enforcement of STRH & B&B ordinances / Possible rental expenses to quarantine positive cases. (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
39	Establish quarantine hotels in different areas of the County (W. Maui, S. Maui, and Central), share the cost with tourists and hotels. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
40	6 defibrillators for outlying areas (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
41	Support and training for expansion of mental health services – Suicide prevention, domestic abuse, alcohol and drug abuse counseling (SS, TP, KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
42	Abandoned/junk vehicle removal (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
43	Bike/walking path maintenance – Hana Health to Pa’ani Mai Park (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
44	National Guard/Police – Continued monitoring of Hana Highway road closure. (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
45	Rental assistance program/funding for displaced families. (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included

46 Commercial Community Kitchen for East Maui – \$250,000. (SS)	1	2	3	4	Not included
47 Grants for small businesses (TP)					
Grants should prioritize locally owned businesses. For example, this may include restaurants, salons, and spas and providers of sports and enrichment programs.					
a.	1	2	3	4	Not included
Relief for small businesses should also include relief for Bed and Breakfast Home and Short-term Rental Home permit holders who are full-time Maui County residents. This relief may include Real Property Tax vouchers or small grants that may be used to pay for					
b. Real Property Tax to the County.	1	2	3	4	Not included
Front Street Promenade Pilot Project – close Front Street to vehicular traffic from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. from Papalaua Street to Prison Street and allow eateries to extend seating and services into					
c. sidewalks and the street itself.	1	2	3	4	Not included
Rental assistance for locally-owned small businesses on Front					
d. Street.	1	2	3	4	Not included
Temporary hiring program to provide funding assistance to pay a few months salaries for employees to help businesses get back on their					
e. feet and put people to work. (MM)	1	2	3	4	Not included
Grants to help with social distancing renovations and health					
f. requirements. (KK),	1	2	3	4	Not included
g. Funding for Kama’aina program discounts. (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included
Additional grants to food security groups to be used to expand services (e.g., Maui Food Hub, Maui Food Bank, Food Security					
48 Hawaii, Common Ground Collective, farmers markets, etc.). (KK)	1	2	3	4	Not included

49	Closed Loop Animal Husbandry Food Program, including chicken and pigs. (TP)	1	2	3	4	Not included
50	Opportunity and funding to develop production of locally sourced non-petroleum-based fertilizers. (TP)	1	2	3	4	Not included
51	Support and training for expansion of locally based leadership, emphasizing community-based problem-solving and Strong Towns components. (TP)	1	2	3	4	Not included
52	Equipment sanitation supplies: (TP)					
a.	Portable toilets as part of Disaster Preparedness Strategy.	1	2	3	4	Not included
b.	Worm toilets as part of Disaster Preparedness Strategy.	1	2	3	4	Not included
53	New Emergency Operations Center based on Anna Foust's proposed location and design. (TP)	1	2	3	4	Not included
54	Allocate at least an additional \$600,000 for child care, for a total for \$1.2 million. (KRF)	1	2	3	4	Not included
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