

Maui County Council
FY2027 Budget Survey
Community Priorities Results
As of April 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Total of 215 Responses

Overall Average Score (surveys with no response are excluded from the overall average score)																				
Residency Area	Number of Surveys	Water Resources	Public Safety	Roads, Bridges, and Drainage	Wastewater and water quality	Affordable homeownership	Audits and accountability	Disaster preparedness	Open space and natural resource protection	Affordable rentals	Parks, recreation and community facilities	Wildfire recovery	Refuse, solid waste, recycling and illegal dumping	Economic development and small business support	Social and health care services	Homelessness response	Preservation of local cultures and traditions	Public transportation	Nonprofit funding	Cultural and arts programs
East Maui	9	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.4	3.9	4.4	4.3	3.8	4.4	4.2	3.8	3.8	4.3	3.6	4.4	4.1	4.6	4.1
Lāna'i	1	3.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	3.0	3.0
Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	70	4.2	4.0	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.4
Molokai	4	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.3	4.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	4.3	5.0	4.0	4.3	4.3	3.5	3.8	4.8	4.3	4.3	4.5
South Maui	27	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.4	3.5	4.0	4.4	4.1	3.6	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.5	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.7	2.8	3.0
Upcountry	12	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.0	4.5	3.8	4.0	3.4	3.9	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.2	3.3
Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	34	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.6	4.2	4.3	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.5	4.1	4.2	3.6	3.8	3.5	3.5
West Maui	18	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.8	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.5	2.4
Not Provided	40	4.6	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.4
Overall	215	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3

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96713	East Maui	Hana community officer hired position.
96713	East Maui	Water maintenance between Puuiki to Kowalu. Road care, fixing our roads for better and easier travel.
96713	East Maui	Water system upgrade continuation from Puuiki to Koali. This is highly requested by many residents in that area. Leaks/water main breaks on the daily. Having to pay OT to worker non-stop for repairs.
96763	Lāna‘i	Youth Development, Youth prevention programs, Youth Centers
96708	Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia	‘Āina, ‘Āina, ‘Āina!!!!
96708	Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia	“Haiku Deep Monitor well with full testing for contaminants and continued funding for community stream water testing in Haiku-Huelo.
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96708	Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia	Ag land control. My neighbor has a commercial zipline that has me concerned in many ways
96708	Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia	All of these seem pretty important
96708	Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia	An \$800,000 "affordable house" isnt close to affordable for the school teachers, Trades people, and Nurses struggling to live here.
96708	Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia	build tennis courts @ 4th marine park; remodel Council chambers so Councilmembers are FACING audience; develop material reclamation centers; pa'ia/north shore alternate route
96708	Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia	Focused reduction of established populations of coqui frogs in Haiku. Haiku Deep Monitor well with full testing for contaminants and continued funding for community stream water testing in Haiku-Huelo.
96708	Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia	Groundwater development means more wells so we need to know where to drill. Need deep monitoring wells to assess aquifers all across the island.
96708	Makawao-Ha‘ikū-Pā‘ia	Haikku Deep Monitor well wiwthh all testing continued funding for the Haiku/Huelo water shed
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96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	none
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Note that I have prioritized spending our limited county FUNDING for housing issues as low, with the idea that in my opinion, this is a POLICY issue. If the real estate and taxation policies and laws are conducive to using our land as an equity for outside/off island and even local investment and wealth building we will never have affordable housing. Its not something we need to throw more money at, its something we need to have the political will to change.
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Open space funding, more transfer stations for responsible trash and recycling options
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	oring of the streams and wells in the Haiku-Koolau region
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	parking at local beach parks
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Please provide leadership in areas of community need that we as individuals cannot have power to take care of such as infrastructure, water wells and proper testing of the water, open space and natural resource management and parks maintenance and structures.
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Please reroute haiku streams back to us
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	should be zero dollars for 'pandemic preparedness', as that is a scam
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Stop spending on poorly built speedhumps. Establish thorofares.
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Stop the speed bump insanity !
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	streamline permit process so more people can offer affordable rental units.
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	support community water quality testing for streams and oceans
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Very interested and supportive of 1. Haiku Stream project 2. Transfer dump site in Haiku and 3.deeper well in haiku with testing
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	We very much need Haiku Deep Monitor well with full testing for contaminants and continued funding for community stream water testing in the Haiku-Huelo area
96708	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	With so many competing priorities listed above, what is missing is MANAGING invasive species - specifically coqui frog and little fire ants - PLEASE add this and support for MISC to the top priority list.
96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	All extremely important!
96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Catch mit or additional reservoirs to utilize water after heavy rains
96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Food security for low income families
96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Haiku Deep Monitor well with full testing for contaminants and continue funding for community stream water testing in Haiku-Huelo.
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96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Improving Keiki Education and Afterschool Programs
96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Its difficult to say any of these issues are a "low priority." Maui County has a \$1.6 million budget and potentially declining revenue due to decreased tourism. Where is the money going? MC needs to do a better job explaining to residents how its using tax dollars to benefit everyone, rebuild and recover. So many people think "the government isn't doing anything" or is just corrupt. I don't believe that but some of the decision making does not reflect the need for long-term strategies - especially in building/fixing infrastructure, preventing problems before they occur.
96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Speed bumps going in everywhere has got to stop. These endanger people when emergency services are limited in their mobility to respond to emergencies or transport medically fragile individuals. They also are leading to more people going into oncoming traffic or onto the shoulder to get around the speed bump, endangering other motorists and bicyclists alike. Increasing patrols and stationing more police cars around areas with high traffic remains the gold standard. Additionally, rent control needs to happen on a larger scale before our local communities are priced out of their homes. Home ownership might be a long-lost dream for many at this point, but remaining in Maui Nui is imperative to keeping our culture and families together. Please consider new rules to detract from runaway rental costs that increase every year in an unsustainable way.
96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	step up accountability on uku pau for residential trash pick why get payed for 8 hours if you never work 8 hours.
96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Tax wealthy non resident homeowners!!!
96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Transitioning from private water to public (State or County)
96768	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	We need to prioritize taking over the water distribution systems. Water is a public trust and should be managed and maintained by the public with our tax dollars - not by foreign corporations. Water is life. It should be our number one priority. Also add to this infrastructure updates to reduce flooding, better roads, etc. And sewage system access for all. Also of course stream protection and monitoring for pollutants. Stop pesticide and carcinogenic chemical spraying on crops. Make it illegal.
Haiku	Makawao-Ha'ikū-Pā'ia	Safe walking path for Haiku Community
96748	Molokai	Fix the drainage areas
96753	South Maui	A new highway needs to be built from south Kihei road to Wailea. The pixilation highway has been reduced to a street 25/35 mph. Piilani hwy used to be a 55 mph highway. There is gridlock every morning and afternoon because of poor planning and over development
96753	South Maui	As we enter into a WAR economy, we need to take care of our people, full time residents.
96753	South Maui	Have a multiple year strategic plan to build several flood control reservoirs mauka of Kihei. Stop funding so much social services for low income and homeless. It incentives people to come here from the mainland. Instead stop letting them take over public spaces like parks and sidewalks. Arrest them and force them to live in group home that Maui taxpayers already fund. In addition focus on speeding infrastructure development like reservoirs for flood.control in Kihei. These would also be valuable potable water sources which would allow the county to speed development for affordable housing.
96753	South Maui	Increase the walkability of Maui for residents without a car
96753	South Maui	Just get our people in homes, Mahalo
96753	South Maui	Less money on litigation

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96753	South Maui	No new spending until we take care of what we already have. Maintenance and repair. Take care of public facilities, beach parks, ect. Clean up the trash and grafitti. Law enforcement. Parking and traffic enforcement. Enforce existing laws or repeal them.
96753	South Maui	No to bill 9! It's economic disaster!
96753	South Maui	Please identify trade off budget items to off set the 46% increase in the budget. My property taxes went up almost 40% last year. How much will the storm damage cost us?
96753	South Maui	Spending money on social programs feels good and I support it provided all of our infrastructure and necessary services are running optimally. Judging by how long it's taken for permitting in Lahaina I would say we need to work on our infrastructure and services first.
96753	South Maui	We need to prioritize reducing what goes to landfill. A simple way is for the County to provide curbside Green Waste pickup (yard waste and food waste). Another way is to require reusable, washable, foodware for on-site dining at all food outlets (food trucks, coffee shops, hospitals, schools, shopping malls, etc.)
96753	South Maui	Why does the county provide funding for affordable houseing and rentals? Why not let the developers build? Stop using tax dollars to house people. Create opportunities so they can take care of themselves rather than be dependent on the government.
96753	South Maui	Why is there no continuous sidewalk on south kihei road north of the Azeka Plaza? this would be the perfect place for a sidewalk to increase safety for pedestrians and promote walkability. there are a lot of tourists that stay along this area and theyre forced to walk on the road or in someone's yard to to somewhere. same goes for residents. I feel like I'm risking my life every time I walk from Paradise Gardens Apartments to Powerhouse Gym. It feels unfair that people south of the azeka area have sidewalks.
96790	Upcountry	Am apprehensive about federal instability, and also about County overcommitting resources in anticipation of possible impacts before impacts are realized - would like to know if there's a way to have a set-aside that would be available to draw against should impacts become more tangible/better identified.
96790	Upcountry	clean up the voter roles, no mail in ballots, coordination with local mpd, ice and fbi. removal of illegal aliens from social services and voter roles. Get maui cleaned up- remove homeless individuals from the road sides, and clean up the health hazard mess left behind, i.e. pelehu rd, between hookele and hansen rd., it's disgusting. upcountry water issues. more transparent information on government audits, which the whole state of hawaii needs, imo, the public would like to know where all the money has gone, considering how large the current budget is and how much funding this state has received.
96790	Upcountry	Make IT POSSIBLE FOR OUR KEIKIS TO STAY
96790	Upcountry	Provided shaded pathways separated from roads
96790	Upcountry	Raise taxes on luxury homes. Put the money badk into the community that needs it!
96732	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Homes for locals
96732	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	More emphasis and dedicated funding sources for and interconnected network of off-street bike or multi-use paths.
96732	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Please also prioritize first-time homebuyers not just fire victims.
96732	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Raise taxes on non owner occupied land.
96732	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Shaded bus shelters with seating. Safe bike lanes. Pedestrian safety.
96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	\$1.6B?? Govt getting too big
96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Be responsible to the tax payer
96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Limiting government and lowering taxes

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96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	More staff in county agencies
96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Move to publicly funded elections.
96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Paid Maternity Leave without using PTO for employees.
96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Please retract Bill 9 (Ordinance 5909)
96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Residents first, developers last
96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Roads Don't develop housing and businesses until you priortize the affect it has on traffic
96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	We need to get our community educate about these issues.
96793	Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū and Kahului	Where are county employee pension funds invested? Are they safe? Blackstone and Blackrock are known to be pretty greedy and selfish. I think we should invest in ourselves, our own profit making assets, like Mahi Pono, Water, Land, Homes, Wailuku Watershed assets, Solar, Wind, Tidal, Desalinization, Shoreline retreat, etc. Thanks
96761	West Maui	Dignified kupuna affordable housing!! Allow seniors to habituate hoysing niw restricted for 2 persons!! Fire survivor here... Over-site accountability for funds given to non profits!!
96761	West Maui	Erosion control to keep the island from receding to ocean
96761	West Maui	Help make new housing for residents
96761	West Maui	I'm trying to choose the priorities and it's made me realize how hard it is to prioritize these things wow
96761	West Maui	Preparation for artificial intelligence impact on Maui economics and social fabric.
96761	West Maui	Reduce sl county work force by 99% prosecute bissen , anandoyq, and all the others that let the town burn.
96761	West Maui	Repeal ban on building new home swimming pools
96761	West Maui	Work with the state to get Hawaiians in Hawaiian Homes asap fast tracked. Focus on Leialii 1B since Lahaina fire survivors who lost their homes in the fire need these homes.
-	-	Crack down on non license drivers. Also banning illegal fireworks in neighborhoods. Authorities are still turning the other way. This affects Kapuna, pets, and property. This needs to more seriously stopped
-	-	Grants administered by the County need a major overhaul, it is inefficient, unreliable and
-	-	Homeless problem is out of control and make the island unsafe after dark
-	-	Hookipa beach park- management by parks and rec and forward thinking on management of area, tour company impact, and quality of life for residents
-	-	Investigate corruption
-	-	It would be appreciated that elected officials take better responsiblity with other peoples money!!!!!!
-	-	Neglect has turned most of these areas into "HIGH/MOST IMPORTANT" when they shouldn't have to be.
-	-	Regular home improvement or home building outside of fire zone capacity and efficiency. Also, this survey can be done repeatedly by the same person and fails to be a complete capture of wholistic ideas. I feel it could have definitely been written better to understand true needs and wants but good for the first time I'm seeing a survey I guess
-	-	Speed bump removal
-	-	Supper money for road upgrades but not speed bumps! This survey isn't capturing what's really wanted-
-	-	Very vague in questions, YES I support water resources as a top priority BUT no as outlined in current County budget with sweeping numbers and facts that are old and need to be current in information
-	-	Yea, I find all of these ares to be super important. Definitely aiming towards resilience as an island whole. I also think we should be looking at getting people off the coast instead of waiting for the next flood. More sidewalks and separate bike paths too, for residents. A bus stop on the upper hwy? Thank you

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