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April 3, 2019

Ms. Lori Tsuhako, Acting Director
Department of Housing and Human Concerns
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Tsuhako:

**SUBJECT: REQUESTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 1, 2019
MEETING (HC-4) (EDB-1)**

At its meeting on April 1, 2019, the Economic Development and Budget Committee requested your Department's responses to the following requests/questions.

1. In Figure 2-13 (Program Budget, page 44), what is the need for a "Park Caretaker I" in the Human Concerns Program? (TK)
2. Relating to the Housing Program (Budget Details, page 8-10, Index Code 914457B, Sub-Object Code 6132, Professional Services):
 - a. Are the three parcel studies to evaluate the suitability of potential affordable-housing sites on County-owned lands?
 - b. Is the \$60,000 per parcel an estimate or is this a specific amount based on competitive bidding?
 - c. If the Council wanted to review additional, privately owned parcels for affordable housing, would you be able to provide an estimated cost to assess such parcels? (MM)
3. Relating to the Affordable Rental Housing Program (Index Code 914485B, Sub-Object Code 6317, Budget Details, page 8-11), proposed to increase \$70,000 over last year's budget, for a total of \$1,150,000:

- a. Affordable Rental Housing is in very high demand. Why is the Mayor proposing an increase of less than seven percent for this program?
 - b. If the appropriation for this program was increased by \$1 million, explain how the funds could be used. (MM)
4. Relating to Hale Mahaolu for Homeowners and Housing Counseling Program, for which an appropriation of \$80,000 has again been proposed (Program Budget, page 287):
 - a. How many people are being served by this program? What percentage of participants purchase a home?
 - b. What are the income-level requirements for participation in the program and is there a fee for participation in the program?
 - c. If there is a fee, since the County funds this program, can the fee be reimbursed to participants after completing the program? (MM)
5. Relating to the Section 8 Housing Program (Program Budget, page 290):
 - a. Of the approximately 1,464 vouchers issued, how many voucher recipients are able to find housing?
 - b. If a recipient is unable to find a rental, does the County lose the funding for that voucher or can we use it for another family or purpose?
 - c. If a recipient is unable to find a rental, what efforts does the Department make to assist with finding housing? (MM)
6. Relating to the Affordable Housing Fund (Proposed Budget bill for FY 2020, pages 47-48):
 - a. How much of the \$21.9 million has been committed to projects?
 - b. How many of the projects are for affordable rental housing?
 - c. How many affordable rental units are within the committed projects?
 - d. Are land purchases proposed in the FY 2020 appropriations? (MM)

7. Relating to Hale Makua (Budget Details, page 8-36, Index Code 914137B, Sub-Object Code 6317) there is a proposed \$100,000 increase for master plan improvements to the Kahului Community Center and the Wailuku facility relocation. Please provide more detail about the proposed improvement and planning effort for the above-mentioned facilities. (MM)
8. Relating to the request for a \$60,000 increase to the Homeless Program (Budget Details, page 8-36, Index Code 914903B, Sub-Object Code 6317):
 - a. Why, with homelessness in a crisis, is the increase for this item only \$60,000 – less than a 4-percent increase?
 - b. Explain new efforts to address homelessness in the County. (MM)
9. Relating to the request for a \$200,000 increase for Maui Youth & Family Services (Budget Details, page 8-40, Index Code 9141608B, Sub-Object Code 6317):
 - a. Is this a one-time appropriation?
 - b. Where is the proposed facility to be located?
 - c. The grant is noted for construction of a new facility. Has the project planning and design been completed? (MM)
10. Relating to the request for a \$500,000 increase for the Boys and Girls Club of Paukukalo (Budget Details, page 8-41, Index Code 914217B, Sub-Object Code 6317), there is no explanation for this item. Please provide project details. (MM)
11. Please provide a breakdown of the affordable housing projects that have been constructed in the last 10 years, by district, type, and project cost. (AL)
12. What is the percentage increase or decrease in grant appropriations in your Department for the last 10 years? (AL)
13. Please provide a breakdown of the programs awarded grants for Food, Shelter, and Safety for FY 2020. (KK)

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14. Please provide a breakdown of the Early Childhood Programs for FY 2020. (KK)
15. Please provide a breakdown of the awarded grants for the Homeless program for FY 2020. (KK)
16. Please explain the increase in funding to Mental Health Kokua. (KK)
17. What grant awards and subsidies were requested by your Department and not included in the Mayor's proposed budget? (SS)
18. Were there any increases in existing programs that were requested by your Department that were not included in the Mayor's proposed budget? (SS)

May I further request that you transmit your response **no later than April 9, 2019**, to enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2020 Budget.

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Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Leslee Matthews at ext. 7662, Shelly Espeleta at ext. 7134, Christy Chung at ext. 7137, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



KEANI RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ, Chair
Economic Development and Budget
Committee

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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino
Budget Director