

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 33 (2024)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE PROGRAM, AND
GRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR
AGRICULTURAL PROMOTION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 5528, Bill No. 22, CD1, FD2 (2023), as amended, "Fiscal Year 2024 Budget", Section 3.B.1, Department of Agriculture, is amended to 1) delete "the" from the Department title; 2) reduce the appropriation for Agriculture Program, Category B – Operations and Equipment by \$28,239; 3) reduce the appropriation for Grants and disbursements for Agricultural Promotion, Feral Animal Recovery by \$781,500; 4) reduce the appropriation for Grants and disbursements for Agricultural Promotion, Agricultural Education and Apprenticeship by \$51,600; 5) increase the appropriation for Grants and disbursements for Agricultural Promotion, Agricultural Promotion/Technology by \$861,339, and 6) reduce the amount of the condition under Grants and disbursements for Agricultural Promotion, Agricultural Promotion/Technology for infrastructure improvements by \$45,000, to read as follows:

<u>"FUNCTION AND PROGRAMS</u>	<u>A – Salaries</u>	<u>B – Operations & Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Department of [the] Agriculture			
a. Agriculture Program	671,236	[1,265,845]	[1,937,081]
(1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 12.0 equivalent personnel.		<u>1,237,606</u>	<u>1,908,842</u>
(2) Grants and disbursements for Agricultural Promotion			
i. Kula Agriculture Park	0	450,000	450,000
ii. Feral Animal Recovery	0	[1,000,000] <u>218,500</u>	[1,000,000] <u>218,500</u>
iii. Maui School Garden Network	0	100,000	100,000
iv. Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. ("MEO") Agricultural Micro Grants Program	0	3,000,000	3,000,000
(a) MEO will receive a \$3,000,000 grant from the County to manage and distribute micro grant payments up to \$25,000 per grantee. At the close of the grant period, MEO will			

transmit a list of grantees to the council, which will include recipient name, district, grant-funded projects, and whether the recipient satisfies kuleana land ownership, native Hawaiian, or female demographics. Upon application approval, MEO will not limit the number of grantee vendors. MEO will pay equipment vendors in full at the time the order is placed. MEO will pay service vendors 50 percent of the total cost of the service at the time the contract for services is executed and will pay the balance upon completion of the service. The micro grants must be dispersed with efforts to ensure equitable distribution among applicants in Maui, Molokai, and Lāna'i, with preference given to socially disadvantaged farming applicants, such as women and native Hawaiians, and to farmers who did not receive funding in prior fiscal years from the micro grant funding. An application deadline will be set and grants not dispersed until MEO ensures these preferential guidelines will be met. The micro grants will be exclusively to food-producing farm businesses that operate on less than an aggregate of 12 acres, or up to an aggregate of 40 usable acres for livestock producers within Maui County and possess a County business or State general excise license for the farming or ranching business as of July 1, 2023. Low revenue from sales will not disqualify applicants. Farm business owners and any partners

must be Maui County residents for a minimum of one year prior to the date of the applicant's grant request. Applicants will not be disqualified based upon receipt of COVID-related grant funding from supplementary sources.

v. Agriculture Education and Apprenticeship	0	[375,000] <u>323,400</u>	[375,000] <u>323,400</u>
vi. University of Hawai'i Tropical Agriculture/Human Resources	0	150,000	150,000
vii. Agriculture Promotion/Technology	0	[2,000,000]	[2,000,000]
(a) Up to \$375,000 must be for Hawai'i Farmers Union United for the Farmer Apprentice Mentoring Program and the HFUU Chapter Outreach and Local Food Hub Support Program.		<u>2,861,339</u>	<u>2,861,339</u>
(b) Up to \$75,000 must be for a feasibility study for an agricultural co-operative for materials, equipment, and supplies.			
(c) Up to [\$750,000] <u>\$705,000</u> must be for infrastructure improvements on established agricultural operations, including water filtration systems, fencing and netting to protect crops, processing food, and certified kitchens.			
viii. Molokai Livestock Cooperative	0	10,000	10,000
ix. Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, Inc.	0	150,000	150,000"

SECTION 2. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance takes effect upon approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



KRISTINA C. TOSHIKIYO
Deputy Corporation Counsel

INTRODUCED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James R. Lee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Upon the request of the Mayor.