

Resolution

No. 25-144

URGING THE MAYOR TO ADVOCATE FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS AND TO SUPPORT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF MAUI

WHEREAS, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, known as 21CCLC, is the only federal program dedicated to supporting afterschool and summer-learning programs; and

WHEREAS, 21CCLC provides academic enrichment, STEM activities, tutoring, and other services to students as well as literacy and educational opportunities for families; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui relies on 21CCLC funding to operate six clubhouses and a mobile “Club on the Go” to provide high-quality academic support, mentorship, and a safe environment for local youth during out-of-school hours; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget has delayed the release of Fiscal Year 2025 funds that Congress already appropriated, and the President’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026 would eliminate the 21CCLC program entirely; and

WHEREAS, any interruption or reduction in 21CCLC funding may result in summer-camp closures, staff layoffs, and the permanent closure of Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui facilities, leaving youth without access to safe, supportive, and enriching programs outside of school; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui play a key role in supporting working families and improving educational outcomes for children, particularly in underserved communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the Mayor to advocate for federal funding of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers and to support Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui; and

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2. That it also urges the Mayor to seek the Trump Administration's release of Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations and the continued congressional funding in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget of the 21CCLC program;
3. That is further urges the Mayor to work with Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui to identify and allocate additional County funds, if needed, to prevent service disruptions caused by any delay or reduction in federal support; and
4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Kelly Maluo-Pearson, Chief Executive Officer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui.

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INTRODUCED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

ALICE L. LEE