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April 17, 2025

Ms. Kate Blystone, Director
Department of Planning
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Blystone:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (PL-04)

May I please request you explain whether the Special Management Area Revolving Fund can be used to survey or resurvey properties, including obtaining a Geographic Information System overlay? (SS)

May I further request that you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **4:30 p.m. on April 21, 2025**, to enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2026 Budget.

To ensure efficient processing, please duplicate the coding in the subject line above for easy reference.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, James Krueger at ext. 7761, Jarret Pascual at ext. 7141, Clarissa MacDonald at ext. 7135, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuki Lei K. Sugimura". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic
Development Committee

bfed:2026bgt:250417apl01:clm

cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Budget Director
Deputy Planning Director

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 3:06 PM
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Subject: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (PL-04); reply by 4/21/25
Attachments: 250417apl01 (PL-04).pdf

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor


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April 21, 2025

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Honorable Richard T. Bissen Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

 4-21-25
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (PL-04)

Thank for your correspondence dated April 17, 2025. We offer the following response to your question.

1. *May I please request you explain whether the Special Management Area Revolving Fund can be used to survey or resurvey properties, including obtaining a Geographic Information System overlay?*

Yes, the Special Management Area (SMA) Revolving Fund may be used to cover the costs of a property survey or resurvey, including obtaining a Geographic Information System (GIS) overlay, but only under specific conditions.

Honorable Richard T. Bissen Jr
For Transmittal to:
Honorable Yuki Lei Sugimura
April 21, 2025
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According to Subsection 3.49.020(A) of the Maui County Code, the use of this fund is restricted to three defined purposes. Therefore, the survey or resurvey, along with any GIS work, must be directly related to one of the following:


- 1) Augment enforcement of chapter 205A, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and special management area and shoreline rules of the Lanai, Maui, and Molokai planning commissions;
- 2) Land and easement acquisition for beach access;
- 3) Master planning, studies, permitting, and implementation pertaining to coastal realignment, beach and shoreline management, beach or dune restoration, or managed retreat.

If the intended survey or GIS overlay does not directly support one of the above purposes, then the SMA Revolving Fund cannot be used for that activity.

Please note the Department does not currently administer a grant management program for the Special Management Area Revolving Fund. Implementing any similar new program would require significant administrative infrastructure to ensure proper application review, compliance monitoring and financial reporting to protect public funds. At this time, the Department does not have the staffing capacity to support those functions while maintaining focus on our core responsibilities.

Mahalo for allowing us to respond to your requests.

Sincerely,



KATE L. K. BLYSTONE
Director

BFED Committee

From: Tiare P. Horner <tiare.p.horner@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 4:47 PM
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Subject: RE: FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET (BFED-1) (PL-04); reply by 4/21/25
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Aloha BFED Committee,

Please see attached correspondence.

Mahalo,

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