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April 4, 2019

Ms. Kay Fukumoto, Director
Office of Economic Development
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Fukumoto:

**SUBJECT: REQUESTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE APRIL 1, 2019
MEETING (ED-3) (EDB-1)**

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

1. Relating to proposed expansion positions (Budget Details, page 11-14):
 - a. Provide the justification for the Grants Management Program Specialist and Economic Development Specialist III positions.
 - b. How is the work relating to the above positions being performed now?
 - c. How will the Economic Development Specialist position differ from the seven existing Specialist positions? (MM)
2. Relating to the Economic Development Program – Grants Management (Program Budget, pages 406-412), please explain the process for determining increases or decreases in grant amounts awarded to grantees each year. What are the benchmarks each grantee must meet at the end of the current fiscal year that may determine the amount of the award in FY 2020? (MM)

3. Relating to the Coqui Frog Eradication Project (Budget Details, page 11-33, Index Code 903232B, Sub-Object Code 6317):
 - a. Please provide an explanation and breakdown of the proposed increase to \$2,500,000. (MM)
 - b. Please provide details on the eradication plan. (KK)
4. Relating to Grants and Disbursements for Visitor Education (Program Budget, page 412):
 - a. Please provide a breakdown of how the \$200,000 appropriated in FY 2019 for Grants and Disbursements for Visitor Education was spent. (KK)
 - b. Why is there no proposed funding for this category in FY 2020? (SS)
5. Is it possible to change the program description for the Maui County Visitor Association through the budget process (Program Budget, page 412)? (SS)
6. Relating to Grants and Disbursements for Agricultural Promotion (Program Budget, page 414):
 - a. What amounts were requested by the Hawaii Farmers Union United Four Maui Chapters and the Maui County Farm Bureau? (SS)
 - b. What are the specific programs being funded by the Hawaii Farmers Union United Four Maui Chapters and the Maui County Farm Bureau? (SS)
 - c. Is the Farm Apprentice Mentoring (“FAM”) Program a part of the Hawaii Farmers Union United Four Maui Chapters funding? If so, what is the amount allotted to the FAM Program? (KK)
7. Hawaii Farmers Union United - Mentoring Program appears to have been defunded (Budget Details, page 11-20, Index Code 903224B, Sub-Object Code 6317). Is this the case or has it been moved to another area? (SS)

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8. Relating to Grants and Disbursements for Business Development & Technology (Program Budget, pages 407-410):
 - a. Explain the return on investment for Maui Economic Development Board, Inc.'s StemWorks after school program. (KK)
 - b. Provide the justification for the proposed grant to Tri-Isle RC & D. (KK)
 - c. Please provide details for the ESG Initiative Conference. Include the expected date of the event, topics that will be covered, and where the matching funds are expected to come from. (YLS, KK)
9. Provide the justification for the proposed grant for King Kekaulike Performing Arts Center (Program Budget, pages 410-411). (KK)
10. Please provide a breakdown of the various programs under the Environmental Protection grant (Program Budget, page 413). (KK)

May I further request that you transmit your response **no later than April 11, 2019**, to enable the Committee to comprehensively review the FY 2020 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 (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