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April 19, 2024

Mr. Shayne Agawa, Director
Department of Environmental Management
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Agawa:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1) (EM-5)

At its meeting of April 18, 2024, the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee discussed the Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, as listed in Appendix A, Part II, Special Purpose Revenues - Schedule of Revolving/Special Funds for Fiscal Year 2025, attached to Bill 60 (2024).

The Wahikuli neighborhood in West Maui has 231 homes with cesspools. Since the August 2023 wildfires, there has been an increased desire to install sewer lines to connect Wahikuli to the County sewer system. This proposed sewer installation would take five to six years to complete.

May I please request your response to the following:

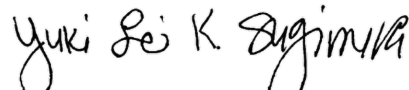
1. CBS-8403, Maui Wildfire Disaster Recovery, a capital improvement project under the Department of Management, notes a Wahikuli Sewer Installation project.
 - a. How much State funding will be provided for this project?
 - b. If there is insufficient funding, could the Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve Fund be used as an alternate funding source?

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May I further request you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **April 22, 2024**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (James Krueger at ext. 7761, Kasie Apo Takayama at ext. 7665, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



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

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cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Acting Budget Director

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 3:20 PM
To: Shayne Agawa
Cc: Robert Schmidt; Nadine Orikasa; Michelle Santos; Zeke Kalua; Lesley Milner; Kristina Cabbat; BFED Committee
Subject: PLEASE READ attached letter re: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1); (EM-5); reply by 04/22/2024
Attachments: 240419aem01.pdf

Mr. Agawa: Please refer to the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated April 19, 2024. Please respond by **April 22, 2024**.

Mayor's Office (attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua): Please forward the attached letter to Mayor Bissen for his information.

Ms. Milner: FYI

Thank you,
BFED Committee

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor

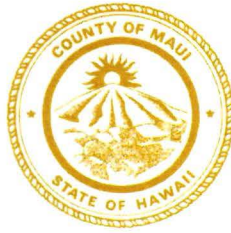
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April 22, 2024

Ms. Lesley Milner 
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200 South High Street
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Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL


Mayor 9-22-24
Date

For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Sugimura,

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2025 BUDGET (BFED-1) (EM-5)

In response to your request for information dated April 19, 2024, your request and the corresponding answers are provided below by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM).

1. **CBS-8403, Maui Wildfire Disaster Recovery, a capital improvement project under the Department of Management, notes a Wahikuli Sewer Installation project.**
 - a. **How much State funding will be provided for this project?**

DEM’s understanding is that currently there is no State funding allocated to this project. However, the Wastewater Reclamation Division submits Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for State Revolving Funds (SRF) to the State of

Hawaii Department of Health (SDOH) typically at the end of the calendar year. According to SDOH, there may be SRF funding available for the Wahikuli Sewer Installation project above what is normally allocated for the County of Maui.

It is also DEM's understanding that CBS-8403, Maui Wildfire Disaster Recovery, is under the jurisdiction of the Office of Recovery so they may be able to provide more details relating to the allocation of State funding for that project.

b. If there is insufficient funding, could the Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve Fund be used as an alternate funding source?

The Department's understanding of the intended use of these funds were for unbudgeted emergency repairs to existing County owned wastewater infrastructure. However, the use of the funds was established for the purposes described in MCC Chapter 3.98 (see below).

Maui County Code, Chapter 3.98 - Countywide Sewer Capital Improvement Reserve Fund, 3.98.020 - Purpose, Section A. "The countywide sewer capital improvement reserve fund is established for the purpose of funding the replacement or expansion of infrastructure for the County's sewer and wastewater collection system, and related improvements and debt service; provided that the purpose for which the fund may be expended may be amended by ordinance passed upon a vote of not less than seven members of the council."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with information on this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to transmit them to the Department of Environmental Management via transmittal through the Office of the Mayor.

Sincerely,



Digitally signed by Shayne R. Agawa, P.E.
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SHAYNE R. AGAWA, P.E.
Director of Environmental Management

BFED Committee

From: Janina Agapay <Janina.E.Agapay@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 1:46 PM
To: BFED Committee
Cc: Lesley Milner
Subject: (BFED-1)(EM-5)
Attachments: (BFED-1)(EM-5).pdf

Hello,

Please see attached correspondence from Department of Environmental Management.

Thank you,

Janina Agapay

County of Maui

Budget Office

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