

## EDB Committee

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**From:** bobby.witham <bobby.witham@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 12:37 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Invasive species

Dear Committee Members,

Please consider funding efforts to eradicate Miconia and fight the Fire Ant intrusion.  
Is anything on the table regarding African Tulips?

Respectfully

Robert Witham & Martha Latta  
340 Alalele Place

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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**From:** ed <ed@edwilliams.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 2:29 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Upcountry spending  
**Attachments:** maui council3.pdf

Please see attached for your consideration.

Ed Williams  
Marlene Noble  
21 Lumahai Place  
Makawao  
510-427-1136

April 5 2019

Maui County Council  
Economic Development and Budget Committee:

My husband and I (Edward Williams and Marlene Noble) live Upcountry, on Lumahai Place, just off Olinda Road. We attended the Council meeting last night because we were concerned with two aspects dealing with the maintenance of Olinda Road.

1. The Eucalyptus trees lining the upper section of Olinda road (mostly at or above the mile 10 road marker) are a dangerous hazard. There are several that have come down on the curve just above mile 10 in the last 4-6 months. Each time they come down they take out the electricity and cable. They also block the road, so there is no convenient way for people that live here to access their property. Residents must drive up past the "end county road" signs, over a very potholed/tree rooted section of Olinda road to Piiholo road (also in bad shape) to get out. The fallen trees can also take out buildings adjacent to the road (see enclosed photo) and any car unlucky enough to be driving on the road.

We realize that it will be costly to remove these trees, but due to the beetle infestations one presenter spoke about last night, they are coming down sooner or later anyhow, making them an expensive liability to the county. Removing them piecemeal after they fall in an uncontrolled fashion has to cost more than removing them in systematically. An arborist could prioritize them for removal according to their health. But the trees are a clear and present danger. Some months ago, both Marlene and Ed were blocked coming up the road when trees fell across the road at the corner of Lumahai and Olinda. Later, George, who was staying here, was blocked by another tree that fell. He had to rent a room in Kahului until Olinda and Piiholo roads were cleared. Recently two of our own Eucalyptus trees crashed down on our neighbor's property. Our house shook so hard we thought it was an earthquake! We pre-emptively removed about ten more trees to mitigate future risk. The county needs to be equally pro-active.

2. Some portions of Olinda road above Seabury are presently being resurfaced due to the many potholes and cracks in the road. However, the road-resurfacing crews have only done part of the road, preferring to just fill some of the other potholes. Many of these "filled" potholes have subsided, creating a new pothole. Other potholes were not filled, so cars still need to drive around them, creating more hazards on this windy road as they must drive on the other side of the road. In particular, the resurfacing stopped just above mile 9. Just below mile 9 (about 100 ft or so) is a very damaged section of Olinda that should have been fixed. It gets regularly patched, but the repairs only last a few months. Marlene has spoken with the Makawao

road group and they explained that 1) there was no funding authorized for this section of Olinda and 2) this work was contracted out, so it seems no one will hold the contractors responsible for fixing the missed and sunken potholes. We much appreciate that some of Olinda road has been fixed. We are now safer driving on it, but leaving parts unfixed is not really acceptable.

Sincerely

Edward Williams and Marlene Noble

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21 Lumahai Place

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Enclosed:

Pictures from recent tree falls. The crushed ohana was taken out by a eucalyptus right immediately beside Olinda Road – quite possibly growing on County land – making the County potentially liable for the damage.





From Olinda Rd, opposite Lumahai Place



Looking down Olinda Rd from Lumahai Place.

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**From:** Geoff Moore <geoffm@silvermoonmaui.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 11:44 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony for FY 2020 Budget - Common Ground Collective

Dear Councilmembers,

I am submitting testimony to ask you to provide funding in the amount of \$25,000 to the Maui based 501c3 Common Ground Collective.

**I believe this non-profit is a very valuable resource to our community. I am close to the founder Jennifer Karaca, and have seen the effort and care shew puts into the organization, and the good it has done is such a short time here on Maui. I know the funding you can provide Common Ground Collective will be very worthwhile.**

This is a non-profit that was started by Maui residents to help increase food security and economic benefits in Maui County. This organizations works hard to provide education and outreach to community members, they work with the American Heart Association to provide locally grown produce for the Kids Cook with Heart program ensuring that the produce is purchased from our local farmers to support local agriculture.

This organization also spotlights and promotes local businesses that used locally sourced produce for their products and helps connect them with local farmers if they need local produce. On top of this they are also collecting data to increase local connections between farmers and the market as well as inspiring landowners to convert their properties to small passive farms and most recently have become involved in supporting the Maui Food Bank's Give Healthy Challenge to promote healthy donations to the Maui food bank for their recipients and will be launching their Foster Farming upcountry gleaning program very soon.

All of these services are incredibly beneficial to the Maui community and they are only getting started. They have done the majority of this work with very little donations and funding, and they deserve support from the County. This organization is providing much needed assistance and with your help they could continue to grow and thrive and help our community do the same.

I ask that you please support Common Ground Collective and provide them with \$25,000 for their program costs.

Mahalo,

Geoffrey T. Moore

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**From:** Gina Teliho <ginateliho@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 11:21 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Kula Park Playground testimony

Dear EDB Committee Members,

As a Kula resident and a parent of young children, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your time and consideration for a Kula Park playground structure. Our community is far removed from any town or city center, making a simple trip to a children's park a considerable undertaking. The play structure in Keokea is not convenient for many Kula residents, and is also inadequate for children over the age of 5. The park in Pukalani is often overcrowded, and still not conveniently located.

Kula Park would be an ideal setting for a playground structure, and also a convenient gathering spot for our Kula Ohana.

Mahalo for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,  
Gina Teliho  
Kula School PTA President

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**From:** Hilary Harts <hilary@hilaryharts.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 11:38 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Hana Budget meeting

Dear Committee members,

I would like you to further support funds to purchase Maka'alai to hold land for Open space, cultural and recreational purposes.

I have been on the Mu'olea Board for over 10 years and see how protecting Hana's precious resources for future generations is of utmost importance.

Thank you!

Aloha,

Hilary Harts

Sent from my iPhone

## **EDB Committee**

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**From:** Kimberly\_Nolasco/MAUIDO/HIDOE@notes.k12.hi.us  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 4:00 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Email Testimony-Mental Health America formerly known as Mental Health Association of Maui  
**Attachments:** Mental Health America Anti Bullying Suicide Prevention.docx

Please see our email testimony attached below:

*(See attached file: Mental Health America Anti Bullying Suicide Prevention.docx)*

Thank you,  
Kimberly Nolasco  
Behavioral Health Specialist  
Lahaina Intermediate School  
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kimberly\_nolasco@notes.k12.hi.us



We would like to take the time to thank you for funding the Mental Health America of Hawaii formerly known as Mental Health Association of Maui Youth Suicide and Bullying Prevention Training. We were fortunate enough to have Danielle Bergan and her staff present this important topic to our students in Feb 2019 during their Health class. Our students at Lahaina Intermediate were very engaged in the presentation and gained valuable information on the different types of bullying behavior. They learned what they can do if it happens to themselves or others. The information they were given on suicide prevention was helpful because we have had students with suicide ideation and students who have had a friend with suicide ideation they were concerned about but weren't sure how to respond. Now they know they can talk to school counseling staff or a trusted adult and also have all the important contacts and numbers for the Suicide Crisis Line. With Hawaii statistics listed below, I feel it is more important than ever to support mental health programs.

**The Hawaii Youth Risk behaviors survey results for Maui County 2017 show:** (listed under Mental Health and Suicide and Injuries and Violence)

\*27.3% of students felt sad or hopeless almost everyday for two or more weeks in a row

\*23.6% seriously thought about killing themselves

\*16.5% made a plan

\*12% tried to kill themselves

\*58.7% Strongly agreed or agreed that harassment and bullying by other students is a problem at their school

\*22.9% were electronically bullied

\*18% were in a physical fight in past 12 months

\*8.7% did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school

We are grateful for this program and believe they are truly helping to save lives. We ask that you continue to provide funding in order to provide the Youth Suicide and Bullying Prevention Training next school year as well.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Nolasco  
Behavioral Health Specialist  
(808)662-3965 \*274  
&

Sasha Stansel  
Behavioral Health Specialist  
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**From:** Arts of Hawaii <leojoephjohn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 11:57 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee; Deidre Tegarden; mayors.office@mauicounty.gov  
**Cc:** Joyce Kawakami; Office of U.S. Senator Brian Schatz(imailagent); Rosalyn H. Baker; Angus L.K. McKelvey; governor@iq.hawaii.gov; corpocounsel@hawaiicounty.gov  
**Subject:** County Maui Budget EDB-1 Testimony - FEED MY SHEEP - SEPARATION CHURCH & STATE

Aloha -

In responses to Maui County Mayor Micheal Victorino budget line to *Feed My Sheep*. Which our understanding is a non denominational Christian Charity organization. We again are asking for that support to them. We have no problem with them. Find job has been done. With that again; we also ask that County of Maui again to seek out other avenues in the **Separation related to CHURCH & STATE**. Again we ask for County of Maui independent agency to be set up for the management, and the distribution of food. As in the past there has been much e-mail conversation between myself, and Hawaii US Senator Brain Schatz in regards to. At this time we do support the current plan. However, we believe the management of public funds in this way bring great legal exposure to the people of Maui County. With that again; a separate independent agency should be put into place to manage these funds, and programs.

Kind regards -

Leo Thiner - Brickey

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**Wind fallen leafs**

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**Photographer Leo Thiner  
CEO - Founder Arts of Hawaii  
Honokowai**

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**From:** Ramona Oliveira <r.oliveira@ohanamakamae.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 11:20 AM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Ohana Makamae  
**Attachments:** Gerardi support letter.docx

Aloha,  
Please see attached letter of support for Ohana Makamae family resource center in Hana.

Mahalo,

Ramona Oliveira

# 'OHANA MAKAMAE

Hana's Family Resource Center

Substance Abuse Treatment, Behavioral Health Resources, & Family Strengthening Programs

Box 914, Hana HI 96713 Office (808) 248-8538 Fax (808) 248-7099



'OHANA MAKAMAE  
PRECIOUS FAMILY

April 5, 2019

Aloha Maui County Council members,

My name is Milton-Gerard Oliveira and I am writing to all of you in support of Ohana Makamae Family resource Center in Hana. I am the soberliving manager for our soberliving home: Hale Ku'oko'a. We service adult men with transitional living in recovery from substance and alcohol abuse. We support them with resources to assist them in reclaiming their lives clean and sober. Our organization is a community resource center that brings strength, hope and healing to individuals and families in need. Our mission is to strengthen families of East Maui through hawaiian culture and spiritual values.

Our services include Substance abuse treatment programs, A soberliving home for men, mental health programs, community & family programs, and support & resources.

Without the continued support from county funding, our programs cannot function. It is vital that we continue our programs for the residents of east Maui.

I humbly ask for your support again this year, and consider us in the budget.

Mahalo nui loa,

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Milton-Gerard K. Oliveira



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**From:** Pat Bily <pbily29@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 1:02 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** support Maui Nui Botanical Gardens  
**Attachments:** MNBG funding2019.doc

please consider this letter as my testimony of support for the above topic.  
mahalo,  
Pat Bily

TO: Maui County Council EDB Committee  
FROM: Pat Bily, 223 Upper Kimo Drive, Kula  
RE: continued funding for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens  
DATE: April5, 2019

Welcome new and past Council members to this years' future budget reviews!  
For decades now the Maui community has had the benefit of an important environmental education center that involves our citizens in hands-on experiences as it relates to Hawaii's native plants and their strong connection to the former and current Hawaiian culture. With their schedule of community events, Maui Nui Botanical Gardens has become a mainstay for our county and serves to educate and entertain our citizens.

If you remember back in the day when this area was a decrepit zoo, it has come light years ahead in terms of providing a respite for those utilizing the nearby park and other attractions in that local area. Of course this is due to prior support from the Maui County administration and council, and I thank you all personally for your past efforts to keep this special oasis viable.

MNBG has helped spread pride to our residents for the unique plants found only in Hawaii, some of those are found only in Maui County. For rare plant conservation, they provide an outlet to keep our most imperiled plants regenerating through their dedicated nursery.

Native Hawaiians benefit greatly from MNBG by attending their special events and workshops that help to perpetuate critical cultural practices that might otherwise be forgotten. The accessibility of the Gardens makes it attractive to our larger community for events like Earth Day, Arbor Day, native plant sales, and other events that can be tied into Hawaiian culture. Students from U.H. Maui College now have an outdoor learning experience just a walk away to enhance their interest and pursuit of Hawaiian natural history and culture.

For us senior citizens, the Gardens provide opportunity to learn and practice skills that were critical to native Hawaiian culture, such as creating useful products from native plants. For our keiki, the Gardens provide a renaissance for ancient Hawaiian games and other activities. Yet MNBG stays current in the pulse of our changing island and very keen to upgrade facilities and displays as needed to accommodate the community.

It's understandable that the Council and Administration are tasked with many financial priorities to compete with funding such an important non-profit educational center, but the net result of better educated citizenry and uplifting disenfranchised native Hawaiian citizens with the pride the Gardens stimulates is a result beyond measure.

Please support the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens in this year's budget allocations.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Pat Bily  
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**From:** Jubilee Konohia <JKonohia@hkop.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Mavis I. Medeiros  
**Cc:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** Written Testimony  
**Attachments:** County Budget Testimony 040419.docx

E kalamai so late..Mahalo nui!

4-5-19

To: Maui County Council

Re: County Budget Hearing in Hana; Written Testimony

From: Pomai Konohia

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit written testimony as I am unable to attend in person. I am a concerned Hana citizen, mother and caregiver writing to support the following programs that helped me and my ohana personally. I am asking for your continued financial support for:

Building and Construction Program at Hana School, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike

Ohana Makamae

Kaunoa Senior Citizens

Aloha Week Festivities

MEO Transportation

Na Mama o Muolea

Hana Youth Center

Hale Hulu Mamo

Parks and Recreation (with a special request to ensure sufficient funds are budgeted for a new Hana Bay Pavillion and Repairs of the Old Hana School roof, structure, etc.)

Toll Booth for Hana Road

Keep Hana Open space- No more selling of land

Lower Property Taxes

Mahalo nui for the opportunity!

Pomai Konohia



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**From:** Robert Cantrell <r.cantrell@ohanamakamae.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2019 12:25 PM  
**To:** EDB Committee  
**Subject:** EDB Committee Budget Letter attached for 'Ohana Makamae  
**Attachments:** April 5 budget letter.docx

Hello,

Attached is my letter of support for 'Ohana Makamae Behavioral Health Services. I will attend the meeting and want to make certain the committee is aware of our work and needs. Please provide copies of my letter to the appropriate members.

Warmly,

Rob Cantrell, MBA,MS,MCAP,LAADC,ICAADC.CSAC  
Clinical Supervisor  
'Ohana Makamae Behavioral Health Services  
323/533-6993

April 5, 2019

To: All Maui County Council Members

From: Robert Cantrell, MBA, MS, MCAP, LAADC, ICAADC, CSAC – Clinical Supervisor

Re: FUNDING - 'Ohana Makamae Behavioral Health Services & Family Resource Center

Crystal methamphetamine is a medical, legal and social crisis that has now entered its third generation in Hawai'i. The federal government estimates that more than 10,000 people died of meth-related drug overdoses last year, leaving children orphaned and communities destroyed. 'Ohana Makamae Behavioral Health Services & Family Resource Center is at the forefront in the battle to rescue our community from the Ice Epidemic by providing the Matrix Model of Recovery, an evidence-based program designed for stimulant addiction.

Success in addiction treatment can be defined in different ways, by negative urine drug tests, by continued participation in treatment. The National Institute on Drug Addiction (NIDA) Estimates the average success rate for addiction treatment to be 40-60%. The Matrix Model is superior to other treatment modalities in clinical trials, and outcomes are generally higher than 70%.

'Ohana Makamae Behavioral Health Services is *the only treatment facility* in Hawaii utilizing the Matrix Model of Recovery exclusively. A program acknowledged by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), as a *successful method* in the fight against stimulant use disorders.

As part of 'Ohana Makamae's intensive outpatient program, an individualized treatment plan is designed to meet the specific needs of each client and their family. Clients attend group sessions three times each week with individual and conjoint sessions provided regularly. A continuing care program (Social Support Groups) meets weekly following the intensive phase of treatment. Also, the Matrix Model encourages clients to attend 12-step meetings as an added recovery source.

Currently, 'Ohana Makamae's clinicians are undergoing training from an educational supervisor certified by the Matrix Institute. Once completed, 'Ohana Makamae will provide services never before available to those we serve. We have an opportunity to save our community, and it cannot happen without funding. We have a chance to save a generation of Hawaiians lost in the darkness of addiction, and we need your financial support to make it happen. We're not talking about statistics... we are talking about human lives in need of help.

Respectfully submitted.

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TO: *Economic Development and Budget Committee*  
*Chairwoman Keani Rawlins-Fernandez*  
*Vice Chair Kelly King*  
*Council Member Riki Hokoma*  
*Council Member Tasha Kama*  
*Council Member Alice Lee*  
*Council Member Michael Molina*  
*Council Member Tamara Paltin*  
*Council Member Shane Sinenci*  
*Council Member Yuki Lei Sugimura*

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OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY COUNCIL

Date: 4-4-2019

From: *Stephen Jeremy Cabral; Manager, Cabral's Ranch*

SUBJECT: *Funding for the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts*  
*Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Meeting*

I am a client within one of the Soil & Water Conservation Districts on Maui and received conservation planning assistance for my Ranch in Halehaku, Haiku, Maui, Hawaii.

Please consider continued funding of, not just a great program, but a necessary one. I have been a participant of this program since 2016. I ranch on a lease, formerly from A&B but now from Mahi Pono, 1,000 Acres in the Ko'olau Forest Reserve applying and adhering to their conservation practices and in return they help to plan and fund a complicated infrastructure. Some specific examples how this programs assists us cooperators:

- Fencing requirements that protect the endangered Hawaiian bats
- Keep my ungulated animals out of the State's water resources via fence funding
- Access Roads to shore up against erosion issues

They are also heavy into their outreach at many events like the County Fair and Ag festivals held around Maui. They are all professionals and always make time for their clientele whether it's holding our hands completing paperwork or with heavy amounts of questions on our projects big or small.

To end, I would like to clarify I'm only 1 guy who is literally starting from the bottom of the mountain of this 1,000 Acre monster project after receiving the pasture from my Grandfather and Dad who let a lot of things go. I have a regular day job and have 2 young children so time is scarce, but I still try to make it happen. There is no profit yet but for the last 2 years I have been playing this like a real life chess game and skillfully reinvesting any extra monies into this ranch which would have been 100% impossible without just the fencing assistance from the SWCD alone. But the results are profound and can be measured. The land is clear and cows can be found. The cows are contained and now can be sold. With no shame, this is only possible because of the help I received.

Sincerely, Stephen "Jeremy" Cabral

*"We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from our children"*

611-268-1055







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Brush Clearing





















































Fencing













