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December 1, 2023

Mr. Kekuhaupio Akana, Managing Director  
Department of Management  
County of Maui  
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Akana:

**SUBJECT: REIMBURSABLE COSTS FOR AUGUST 2023 MAUI  
WILDFIRE RECOVERY** (BFED-51, -52, -53, -54)

By the attached correspondences, the Administration provided breakdowns of how additional funds being requested by Bills 121, 122, 123, and 124 will be expended.

May I please request an explanation on whether any of these expenditures are reimbursable by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in response to the August 2023 Maui Wildfires. Further, include an itemized list of the expenditures eligible for reimbursement.

May I further request you provide your response to [bfed.committee@mauicounty.us](mailto:bfed.committee@mauicounty.us) by **December 13, 2023**. 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, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,

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

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

Mr. Kekuhaupio Akana  
December 1, 2023  
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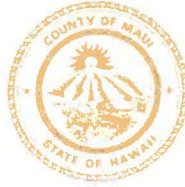
Attachments

cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Director of Environmental Management  
Fire Chief  
Director of Water Supply

**RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.**  
Mayor

**KEKUHAUPIO R. AKANA**  
Managing Director

**JOSIAH K. NISHITA**  
Deputy Managing Director



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November 27, 2023

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

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL**

 **11-27-23**  
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Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Ms. Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: BILL 121 (2023), AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET:  
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF RECOVERY; AND  
APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT(BFED-51)**

Thank you for your letter dated November 22, 2023 regarding Bill 121 (2023), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, REVENUES; DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF RECOVERY; AND APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT." Please see the responses below to the following questions posed:

**Please explain why there is no appropriation for fringe benefits.**

**Response:**

There are sufficient funds under Countywide Costs to cover the fringe benefits of these additional employees, if approved by Council.

*Ms. Yuki Lei K. Sugimura*  
*November 27, 2023*  
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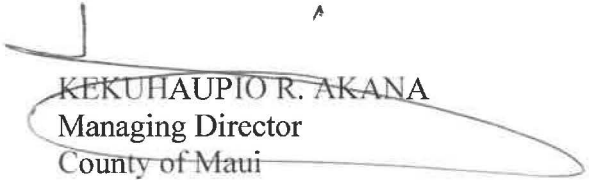
**Please provide a breakdown of the \$7,000,000 requested.**

**Response:**

This amount is essentially being budgeted for professional services and management activities related to recovery efforts. The primary purpose and majority of this funding is for services provided in response to a Request for Proposals issued for "Recovery Management Services", as well as additional consultant related services for recovery efforts.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at ext. 7202 or contact Deputy Managing Director Josiah Nishita at ext. 7205.

Sincerely,



KEKUHAUPIO R. AKANA  
Managing Director  
County of Maui

**RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.**  
Mayor

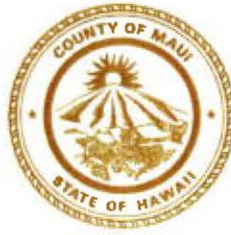
**SHAYNE R. AGAWA, P.E.**  
Director

**ROBERT SCHMIDT**  
Deputy Director

**MICHAEL KEHANO, P.E.**  
Solid Waste Division

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Wastewater Reclamation Division

Environmental Protection &  
Sustainability Division



**COUNTY OF MAUI  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
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November 24, 2023

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL**

*Richard T. Bissen, Jr.* 11/28/2023  
Mayor Date

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

For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: BILL 122 (2023), AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET:  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (COUNTYWIDE COSTS); AND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (SOLID  
WASTE OPERATIONS PROGRAM, LĀHAINĀ WILDFIRE FINAL  
DISPOSITION SITE) (BFED-52)**

In response to your request for information dated November 22, 2023, your request and the corresponding answer(s) are provided below by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM):

1. Please provide a breakdown of the \$4,000,000 in operational costs.

Response:

Due to various unknowns in regards to timing and which tasks will be completed by the County of Maui versus others, several assumptions were considered to develop the below estimates.

Item	Task	Estimated costs	Description
1	Operational Planning	\$500,000.00	Develop waste acceptance test protocol for commercial and public facilities, Final Disposal design, and plans for Operations, Environmental Monitoring, and Closure.
2	Commercial Testing	\$250,000.00	Estimated 25 (7.5% of total) commercial/public facilities to be tested in FY24 at an estimated \$10k/property (consultant proposal).
3	Environmental Monitoring	\$1,250,000.00	Particulate air, gas probe, leachate level, and groundwater monitoring.
4	Disposal Operations	\$2,000,000.00	Estimated cost of operation is \$100/ton and an assumed 20,000 tons of material received in FY24. Operational costs include load inspection, tracking of incoming loads, and operational resources (manpower/equipment) to receive, consolidate, compact, and cover daily incoming material.
	<b>TOTAL ESTIMATE</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000.00</b>	

**2. Please explain whether additional equivalent personnel are needed to operate the site.**

Response:

Additional equivalent personnel will be needed to operate the site. Management of the debris for final disposal is in excess of the Solid Waste Division's normal municipal solid waste management activities and available resources. The Solid Waste Division anticipates contracting out the operation of the debris disposal facility at this time.

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

Sincerely,



SHAYNE R. AGAWA, P.E.  
Director of Environmental Management

cc: Mayor Richard T. Bissen, Jr.  
Scott Teruya, Director of Finance  
Maria Zielinski, Budget Director



**RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.**  
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Director

**JAMES A. LANDGRAF**  
Deputy Director



**DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY**  
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November 27, 2023

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

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

*Richard Bissen* 11/28/2023  
Mayor Date

For Transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Sugimura:

**SUBJECT: BILL 123 (2023), AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET:  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE (COUNTRYWIDE COSTS); AND  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY (WATER OPERATIONS PROGRAM)  
(BFED-53)**

In response to your letter dated November 22, 2023, Department of Water Supply provides the following:

1. Please explain the need for a mini excavator, where and how the Department intends for it to be used, and its cost.

Response:

The mini excavator will be used to excavate the waterlines in the impacted areas of Lahaina. Valve replacements, service lateral replacements and broken main waterline repairs are necessary in the restoration of drinking water for the public health. Total cost is \$300,000.

*"By Water All Things Find Life"*

2. Please describe the temporary waterline and waterline repairs and whether they are more appropriately characterized as a capital improvement project.

Response:

These are for ongoing repairs of the waterlines in Lahaina related to the fire impacted areas for the restoration of the drinking water service. This is not a capital improvement project because it involves emergency work related public health.

DWS does not plan to install the temporary waterline, because our normal procedure for clearing a waterline in a fire impacted area proved to be faster.

3. Please provide a breakdown of the \$9,200,000 requested.

Response:

\$2,000,000 Waterline repairs, valve replacement service line repairs

\$300,000 Mini Excavator

\$460,000 Potable water tanker truck

\$240,000 (6) Water buffalos

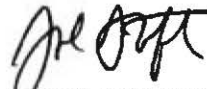
\$3,000,000 500/250KW Portable generators

\$2,000,000 Water sample testing and electricity (fire related)

\$700,000 Digital infrastructure (data management-fire related)

\$500,000 Temporary 12-inch waterline

Sincerely,



JOHN STUFFLEBEAN, P.E.  
Director



**GAVIN L.M. FUJIOKA**  
Deputy Fire Chief



**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**COUNTY OF MAUI**  
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November 27, 2023

**Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.**  
**Mayor, County of Maui**  
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**Wailuku, HI 96793**

For transmittal to:

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

Dear Chair Sugimura,

**SUBJECT: BILL 124 (2023), AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET:  
DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY (FIRE/RESCUE  
OPERATIONS PROGRAM) (BFED-54)**

The Department of Fire & Public Safety is in receipt of your letter dated November 22, 2023. The breakdown and explanations for the \$2,000,000 requested funding can be found on the attached document. Please keep in mind that this does not include any unforeseen costs such as delayed invoicing, insurance claims, etc.

**If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Fire Chief at (808) 270-7561.**

Sincerely,

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**BRADFORD K. VENTURA**  
Fire Chief

ITEM	EXPLANATION	TOTAL COST	COST AFTER INSURANCE
Replacement for Engine 1	Burnt up completely in the fire	\$1,344,180	\$509,044
Equipment from Engine 1	Burnt up completely in the fire	\$257,500	\$257,500
Replacement for Wildland (Mini) 3	Burnt up completely in the fire	\$347,931	\$122,440
Equipment for Wildland (Mini) 3	Burnt up completely in the fire	\$24,240	\$24,240
Repairs to Engine 6	Major damage during fires	\$150,000	\$25,000
Repairs to Wildland 6	Major damage during fires	\$50,000	\$10,000
Refuel for Generator at Napili Market	To provide power at County-approved Point of Distribution	\$3,410	\$3,410
6 Chainsaws from Maui Power Equipment	For upcountry fires	\$6,348	\$6,348
Water Trucks - Alpha	Equipment rental to supplement MFD resources	\$44,348	\$44,348
Heavy Equipment - Haleakala Ranch	Equipment rental to supplement MFD resources	\$85,491	\$85,491
Heavy Equipment - Truth Excavation	Equipment rental to supplement MFD resources	\$30,239	\$30,239
Water Trucks - Vares Construction	Equipment rental to supplement MFD resources	\$4,641	\$4,641
Heavy Equipment - C. Hayes Excavation	Equipment rental to supplement MFD resources	\$20,930	\$20,930
Helicopters - September	Air 1 services for disaster fires in September (upcountry)	\$7,623	\$7,623
4 Pallets of Foam	Ordered to replace that used during fires and in anticipation of future needs	\$34,540	\$34,540
Rescue Board for Engine 3	Damaged during fires	\$1,280	\$1,280
Honor Guard Uniform	Damaged during fires in home of firefighter that burnt to ground	\$700	\$700
Portable Radios	Damaged or lost during fires	\$80,000	\$80,000
Auto Parts and Outsourced Service	Several vehicles remain in need of repair due to fire damage	\$400,000	\$400,000
After Action Review from Western Fire Chiefs Association	Experienced third party to conduct AAR and produce report.	\$50,000	\$50,000
SCBA packs, cylinders and masks	Damaged during the fires	\$78,000	\$78,000
Additional Equipment to Restock Warehouse	To replace items distributed during fires and not yet returned to warehouse	\$54,000	\$54,000
Additional Fire Hose to Restock Warehouse	Estimation of fire hose yet to be ordered to replenish to pre-disaster levels	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$3,095,401</b>	<b>\$1,869,774</b>