

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET, FINANCE, AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

November 20, 2023

Committee
Report No. _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee, having met on November 6, 2023, makes reference to Bill 97 (2023), entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS."

Bill 97's purpose is to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, Appendix A, Part I, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2024, for the Department of Housing and Human Concerns by adding a new grant, entitled "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Emergency Rental Assistance Program #2 (ERA #2)," in the amount of \$322,248.

By correspondence dated November 1, 2023, the Director of Housing and Human Concerns noted the following:

- Of the \$15,710,000 already allocated to the County, \$10,277,234 has been expended. A recent contract amendment added \$5,000,000 to the allocation, resulting in a total encumbrance of \$15,277,234.
- ERA #2 funds have provided assistance to 1,015 households with \$7,325 being the average aggregate assistance paid per household over a maximum of 18 months.
- The U.S. Department of Treasury identified September 30, 2025, as the end of the ERA #2 period of performance. But the County's

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contract with Catholic Charities Hawai'i will end sooner on June 30, 2025, which will allow the County and Catholic Charities Hawai'i to reconcile financial records to meet federal closing timelines.

- ERA #2 was authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to “assist eligible households with financial assistance, provide housing stability services, and as applicable, to cover the costs for other affordable rental housing and eviction prevention activities.”
- Catholic Charities Hawai'i works closely with four Maui agencies – Family Life Center, Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Centers, Inc., Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc., and Women Helping Women – that receive funds from the County for rental subsidy, deposits, and utility assistance.

The Director said ERA #2 funds can be used by those affected by the August 2023 fires if they meet these qualifications:

- Household income of 80 percent Area Median Income or below.
- Proof of County residency.
- Evidence of financial hardship.

The Director recommended that residents plan ahead and contact Catholic Charities Hawai'i directly to avoid an emergency situation or the risk of eviction.

The Director said applicants for the ERA #2 program are only required to prove financial hardship, whereas, applicants for the ERA #1 program are required to provide financial hardship from COVID-19.

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The Director also said the Department plans to issue press releases to announce that additional rental assistance funding is available once the formal contract is executed and encouraged your Committee to share the information.

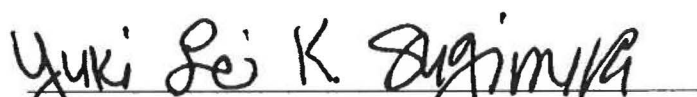
Your Committee expressed concern for the challenges faced by displaced families, particularly with recent price gouging and rent increases. Your Committee supported the need to provide rental households with financial assistance and housing stability.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend passage of Bill 97 (2023) on first reading. Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and members Cook, Lee, Paltin, Rawlins-Fernandez, and Sinenci voted "aye." Committee members Johnson and U'u-Hodgins were excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of Bill 97, CD1 (2023), approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Bill 97, CD1 (2023), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI, APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS," be **PASSED ON FIRST READING** and be **ORDERED TO PRINT**.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BILL NO. 97, CD1 (2023)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI,
APPENDIX A, PART I, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
HUMAN CONCERNS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 5528, Bill No. 22, CD1, FD2 (2023), as amended, "Fiscal Year 2024 Budget", Appendix A, Part I, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues – Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2024, Department of Housing and Human Concerns is amended by adding a new grant entitled "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Emergency Rental Assistance Program #2 (ERA #2)" in the amount of \$322,248, to read as follows:

"I. GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES- SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES BY DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024	
<u>REQUEST DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>
6. Department of Housing and Human Concerns	
a. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Expansion	1,000,000
(1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 5.5 LTA equivalent personnel.	
b. A&B Kōkua Giving Contribution	20,000
c. Assisted Transportation Program	12,000
(1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 5.0 LTA equivalent personnel.	
d. Congregate Meals Program	60,000
(1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 6.3 LTA equivalent personnel.	
e. Department of Housing Urban Development Emergency Housing Vouchers	1,294,620
f. Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Grant	45,000
g. Healthy Aging Partnership - Empowering Elders	150,000
(1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 1.0 LTA equivalent personnel.	
h. Home-Delivered Meals Program	117,000
(1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 6.5 LTA	

equivalent personnel.

i. HOME Investment Partnership Program	3,000,000
j. Kupuna Care Program (1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 2.0 LTA equivalent personnel.	1,142,917
k. Matson Foundation Contribution	1,000
l. National Housing Trust Fund	3,000,000
m. Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)	250,000
n. 'Ohana Zone- Kahului Affordable Housing for Homeless Families	2,000,000
o. Private Donations	1,000
p. Retired Senior Volunteer Program (1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 1.0 LTA equivalent personnel.	73,350
q. Section 8 Housing Program (1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 22.0 LTA equivalent personnel.	28,163,848
r. State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)	1,000
s. Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success (1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 1.0 LTA equivalent personnel.	110,000
t. Title III Programs (1) Disbursement for salaries and premium pay is limited to 5.0 LTA equivalent personnel.	1,500,000
u. Voluntary Contributions	25,000
v. Volunteer Center Program	10,000
<u>w. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – Emergency Rental Assistance Program #2 (ERA #2)</u>	<u>322,248"</u>

SECTION 2. New material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance takes effect upon approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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KRISTINA C. TOSHIKIYO
Deputy Corporation Counsel

INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE