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January 21, 2026

Mr. John Smith, Administrator
Office of Recovery
County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mr. Smith:

**SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ON BILL 4 (2026), AMENDING FISCAL
YEAR 2026 BUDGET: GRANT TO LAHAINA
COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (BFED-20(24))**

The Council's Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee discussed Bill 4 at its meeting of January 15, 2026.

May I please request you provide the following:

1. May an eligible household receiving assistance under the CDBG-DR first-time homebuyer program purchase a home that is located on land held by a nonprofit community land trust that is conveyed to the buyer through a deed-restricted arrangement?
 - a. If yes, please describe the required approval steps and documentation, including any required review of the ground lease, resale restrictions, title, and lender requirements.
 - b. If no, please identify what rule or program requirement prevents participation in a deed-restricted arrangement.
2. Under the CDBG-DR program requirements, does any pre-award site work or groundwork make an applicant ineligible for assistance, or does it only affect whether the applicant may use existing plans, permits, and bids? Please explain.

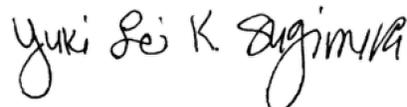
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3. Please provide a brief overview of the three CDBG-DR programs administered by the Office of Recovery, and for each program, please confirm whether it is open or closed and the key eligibility rules and deadlines.

May I further request you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **January 27, 2026**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the Committee item number in the subject line.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Kirsten Szabo at ext. 7662, or Pauline Martins at ext. 8039).

Sincerely,



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