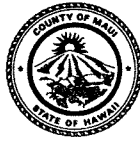


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May 31, 2020

The Honorable Michael P. Victorino
Mayor, County of Maui
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Aloha e Mayor Victorino:

**SUBJECT: LEGISLATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE EFFECT
OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, RULES, CARES
ACT, AND RELATED ISSUES (EDB-85)**

Mahalo for your collaboration in determining how to best use the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") funding. We appreciated the presentation by Managing Director Sandy Baz and Budget Director Michele Yoshimura, explaining the general plan to use those funds to address our County's needs at the May 21, 2020, meeting of the Economic Development and Budget Committee. We look forward to working together on the details of that general plan, while keeping in mind that the future is unclear and everyone must remain flexible as we prepare for a potential second wave of COVID-19 cases.

In accordance with my request, members of the EDB Committee submitted to me their ideas and requests for the CARES Act funding. Please see the list below. As stated in the May 21, 2020, meeting, I intend to schedule this item for every EDB committee meeting. This will help the Council maintain consistent communication and collaboration with the Administration, in accordance with the consultation clause in Senate Bill 75 (2020), Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1.

From myself and Presiding Officer Pro Tempore Tasha Kama, we request that more funding be made available to families in need through the Hawai'i Emergency Laulima Partnership ("HELP") program. We propose an additional program for those who qualify for the HELP program and are interested in training for alternative careers, where these individuals are given stipends for career training. For those who do not qualify for the HELP program, we suggest

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starting an interest-free loan to those individuals, like the County of Kaua'i is doing in partnership with the Hawai'i Community Foundation and the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. Lastly, creating a workers hazardous pay stipend for employees in the healthcare industry.

From Council Chair Alice Lee:

- (1) Childcare programs.
 - In cases where the Department of Education is not allowing students to return to school, childcare will become a challenge for working parents. This will lead to a need for:
 - Additional personnel.
 - Expansion of facilities.
 - Purchase of equipment and supplies.
 - Financial assistance to parents.
- (2) Address the need for affordable housing.
 - Provide or support development of affordable homes for families earning 60% or less of the area median income
 - Provide or support development of housing or housing programs for the homeless.
 - Make infrastructure improvements, including the Wai'ale Development, in anticipation of displaced residents.
- (3) Address the problem of unemployment.
 - Hire local contractors, subcontractors, and laborers for Maui County projects.
 - Consider employing Maui County residents as temporary hires for County projects.
- (4) Address healthcare needs.
 - Purchase a substantial supply of testing, tracing, and monitoring equipment, PPEs, and other COVID-19 supplies and equipment.
 - Expand and improve emergency shelters.
 - Purchase emergency generators.
- (5) Address our food supply needs.
 - Initiate pilot projects to create a sustainable food supply, including the use of aquaponics and hydroponics.
- (6) Keep our residents informed and up to date.
 - Extensive education on the use of telecommunication platforms, beginning with seniors and extending to our young children

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From Councilmember Riki Hokama:

- \$1 million to \$5 million to expand the Lana‘i Agricultural Park purchase, for process plant inspection by appropriate federal agencies, and for a Lana‘i technology park.
- \$3 million to \$5 million for waste-to-energy conversion at the Lana‘i Landfill
- \$8 million to \$10 million for a new Community/Disaster Response Facility.
- \$5 million to partner with the State in purchasing the Lana‘i Watershed.

From Councilmember Shane Sinenci:

- A van for the Hana Sr. Center - Food delivery and kupuna care - \$7,000
- HFUU – Hana Chapter – \$20,000
- 4 mobile trailers for homeless shelters
- Bags for food distribution
- Testing kits and PPE - masks, gloves, sanitizer
- Plexiglass for public stores & services
- 100 laptops for students
- Containers (8 x 20) for emergency supplies in remote area of the East Maui District – Kaupo, Kipahulu, Hamoa, Maka‘alae, Nahiku, Keanae
- Enforcement of STRH & B&B ordinances / Possible rental expenses to quarantine positive case.
- 6 defibrillators for outlying areas
- Mental health services – Suicide prevention, domestic abuse, alcohol and drug abuse counseling
- Abandoned/junk vehicle removal
- Bike/walking path maintenance – Hana Health to Pa‘ani Mai Park
- National Guard/Police – Continued monitoring of Hana Highway road closure.
- Rental assistance program/funding for displaced families.
- Commercial Community Kitchen for East Maui – \$250,000.

From Councilmember Tamara Paltin:

Community Services:

- Paid internships for residents who would like to leave the tourism industry and train in another sector in order to diversify the County’s economy.
- Grants for small businesses:

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- Grants should prioritize locally owned businesses. For example, this may include restaurants, salons, and spas and providers of sports and enrichment programs.
- Moreover, relief for small businesses should also include relief for Bed and Breakfast Home and Short-term Rental Home permit holders who are full-time Maui County residents. This relief may include Real Property Tax vouchers or small grants that may be used to pay for Real Property Tax to the County.
- 24/7 hygiene facilities for our unsheltered, especially in Central, South, and West Maui.
- Closed Loop Animal Husbandry Food Program, including chicken and pigs.
- Opportunity and funding to develop production of locally sourced non-petroleum-based fertilizers
- Support and training for expansion of mental health services.
- Support and training for expansion of locally based leadership, emphasizing community-based problem-solving and Strong Towns components.

Public Safety:

- Equipment sanitation supplies:
 - Portable toilets as part of Disaster Preparedness Strategy.
 - Worm toilets as part of Disaster Preparedness Strategy.
- New Emergency Operations Center based on Anna Foust's proposed location and design.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Lesley Milner at ext. 7886, Shelly Espeleta at ext. 7134, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Mahalo,



KEANI N.W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ,
Chair, Economic Development and
Budget Committee

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Attachments: 085aom01 - KRF.pdf
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Sorry, resending letter to Mayor (Mayor's address was incorrect in the first e-mail).

Mahalo,
Tammy Frias, OCS

From: Tammy Frias <Tammy.Frias@mauicounty.us>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Michael Victorino <Michael.Victorino@mauicounty.us>
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Mayor Victorino: Please see the attached letter from EDB Committee Chair, dated 05/31/20, on the above-referenced subject matter.

Mahalo,
Tammy Frias
Supervising Committee Secretary
(on behalf of EDB Committee)