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Guest User	<p>From: David French Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024</p> <p>Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control</p> <p>To: Alice.Lee@mauicounty.us, Yukilei.Sugimura@mauicounty.us, Tasha.Kama@mauicounty.us, Thomas.Cook@mauicounty.us, Gabe Johnson, Tamara.Paltin@mauicounty.us, Keani.Rawlins@mauicounty.us, Shane.Sinenci@mauicounty.us, Nohe.Uu-Hodgins@mauicounty.us, Nikki Perry</p> <p>Dear Councilmembers,</p> <p>My name is Samantha French. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lānaʻi Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.</p>			04-08-2024 06:47 pm

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Thank you, Samantha French

Guest From: Bobbie Best Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:39:17 PM 04-08-2024
User (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Save the Water Authority 06:38 pm

Omitting new departments from the budget would be ignoring the wishes of the citizens. It's only 1% of the Mayor's budget and will eventually save the county money. We voted for the county to be in charge of our water and a private for profit corporation is exactly what we didn't want. Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha, Bill and Bobbie Best 280 Hauoli Wailuku 808-242-9119

Guest My name is Jarrett Chapin and I am a teacher at Support 04-08-2024
User Lahainaluna High School. I am writing in support of the 05:50 pm

Maui Economic Development Board's Economic Development Grant under the Maui County Office of Economic Development.

Because of this generous funding, I recently attended a conference called STEMWorks with some of our students. I would like to testify to the importance of that opportunity for the students in Maui. My experience at this event showed me that programs like STEMWorks are incredibly important as they provide models of

intellectual excellence for our keiki and create connections for the kumu guiding them.

As an English teacher with a PhD in in my subject area, my perspective is not often connected to STEM fields. And yet, attending STEMWorks with our students gave me a great deal of insight on how much interdisciplinary work is possible (and necessary) at the high school level.

Seeing a range of student projects showed me how students of science could benefit—and some had clearly benefitted—from rhetorical training. Moreover, wandering the convention offered several opportunities to discuss the importance of science writing with other educators, not to mention other humanities-adjacent topics such as the rise and dangers of AI and story writing. At one of the talks, in fact, I made a valuable connection with whom I am now discussing a collaboration having to do with ethics and the use of AI in the classroom.

The conference’s “playground” area showcased a number of hands-on science curiosities for and by students. In this showroom, our students saw not only what is possible but what is necessary for success. As they watched other students from around Hawai’i present their projects on agriculture and entrepreneurship, our students inevitably imagined higher standards of achievement for themselves. This kind of reflection is crucial in West Maui where the highest aspiration for many of our students is not space, particle colliders, or marine biology, but hospitality.

At a handful of STEMWorks talks, our students learned about rocketry from representatives of the US Space Force. They discovered the history and underlying science behind AI technology. After the keynote on Friday, they watched intently, almost incredulously, as high-achieving intermediate and high school students from around the state received awards for their multimedia creations, science experiments, and video games with dialog in olelo Hawai’i.

All said, I urge you to continue funding for this program. It is one of the few programs that really do help our students imagine a way forward. In the future, I hope to bring a wider range of students with interests in both

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	<p>STEM and the humanities; I hope to see more students in Maui encouraged to imagine themselves as innovative scientists and excellent communicators.</p> <p>Mahalo for your time and consideration.</p>			
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<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: Dana Dolan Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 3:53:32 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Please help fund the Lanai Cat Sanctuary</p> <p>Dear BFED Committee,</p> <p>Aloha, my name is Dana Dolan. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.</p> <p>On a more personal note, I have visited the Sanctuary 6 times from Colorado. I have a personal connection of the island of Lana'i as my great grandmother was the</p>			04-09-2024 03:54 pm

Postmistress on the island working for George Munro in the early 1900s. My grandmother grew up on the island in the 1920s. I love what the Sanctuary does for cats and birds, and also employs several residents on the island. Visiting there has given me the happiest days of my life. Please continue to support this wonderful place, and protect this precious island.

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Mahalo, Dana Dolan

<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: Brittney Schebler Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:13:37 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control</p> <p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>My name is Brittney Schebler. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lānaʻi Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island. The Lanai Cat Sanctuary holds a special place in my heart as it is where my fiance and I were engaged last year! The work they do is extremely important and we hope you see that too.</p> <p>The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lānaʻi, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving</p>	<p>04-09-2024 12:38 pm</p>
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Thank you, Brittney Schebler

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Testimonies received from BFED Committee.

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10:06 am

Guest
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From: April Proper
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 3:29 AM To: BFED Committee
Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control

04-09-2024
08:55 am

Dear BFED Committee,

My name is April Proper. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.

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Thank you, April Proper

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From: prquzit16 Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 2:50:26 AM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Lanai Cat Sanctuary

04-09-2024
08:14 am

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Catherine Burchell. I live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I was fortunate to visit Lahaina, Maui in April 2022 specifically to take the boat to Lanai Cat Sanctuary after seeing their story on CBS News a few years earlier. It was on my Bucket List. While on the boat I met a little boy whose parents were taking him to the Sanctuary as a birthday gift. I bet it was a birthday he'll never forget as I know I will never forget my day. Perhaps you don't realize how many lives the Sanctuary has touched, especially the Cats.

I have made small donations since I visited but have five cats of my own and know the cost of caring for them. I'm writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island especially since they have proven their value over a number of years.

Also, I did not realize the Sanctuary's impact on the bird population until I visited. The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lāna'i, but they are a leader in the industry for their progressive approach to saving endangered birds by providing humane solutions for cats predating in protected areas.

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Thank you, Catherine Burchell

Guest User

From: Lindsay Orman Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 8:49:44 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control

04-08-2024 09:41 pm

Dear Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, and Members of the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee,

My name is Lindsay Orman. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.

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Thank you, Lindsay Orman

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From: Jonathan Simon Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 6:33:27 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Fw: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control

04-08-2024 06:51 pm

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Hodgins@mauicounty.us ; Nikki Perry Sent: Wednesday,
 April 3, 2024 at 09:26:39 PM PDT Subject: Please Add
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Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Jonathan Simon. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lānaʻi Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island. We have visited the sanctuary on our annual trips to Maui county, and adopted Lloyd, a 1 year old black shorthair. While we sponsor the sanctuary every year, I don't think individual contributions can cover the expense of food, medicine, etc. for the more than 800 cats including over 200 cats displaced by the Maui fire.

The Lanai Cat Sanctuary has not only reduced the feral cat population on Lānaʻi, they contribute to saving endangered birds, particularly ground birds, by providing humane solutions for cats predated in protected areas. Unsterilized sexually mature female cats can have up to 3 litters a year, with 3-5 kittens per litter. Without the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, feral cats would overrun the island of Lānaʻi.

Mahalo,

Jonathan Simon

Guest User	From: LISA SIMON Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 6:30:52 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: \$285,000 Lanaʻi Feral Animal Control	04-08-2024 06:50 pm
	<p>Dear Councilmembers,</p> <p>My name is Lisa Simon. I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lānaʻi Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai</p>	

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We continue to donate and love our adopted (in our home) cat from the sanctuary, as well as our two adopted in place kitties.

Thank you, Lisa Simon

Guest User	<p>From: Alma Tassi Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 6:02:28 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Subject: Testimony in support of Maui Economic Development Board's Economic Development Grant.</p>	04-08-2024 06:49 pm
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My name is Alma Tassi and my 7th grade daughter got to benefit from the MEDB's grant receiving enrichment classes 3 times a week at her school Lokelani Elementary. I've seen her interest in STEM and technology grow as well as she's developed new skills in storytelling, media, and entrepreneurship. She attended a two day STEM conference on Oahu and could not stop talking about what she saw and learned. I hope the County will continue this program so other students can benefit! Alma Tassi Kīhei

Guest User	<p>From: Frank D. Eppelheimer Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:42:04 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee</p>	04-08-2024 06:46 pm
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Dear BFED Committee,

Our names are Frank & Maryann Eppelheimer. We are writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and award it to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary so they can continue to provide feral cat services on the island.

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Thank you, Frank & Maryann Eppelheimer

<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: prqzit16 Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:37:02 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee ; Prqzit16 Subject: FW: Please Add \$285,000 to FY25 Budget for Lanai Feral Cat Control</p>	<p>04-08-2024 06:37 pm</p>
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Guest User	<p>From: Cara Diaconoff Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:47:16 PM (UTC-10:00) Hawaii To: BFED Committee Cc: Lanai Cat Sanctuary Development Subject: Please be sure to fund the Lanai Cat Sanctuary</p> <p>Dear BFED Committee--</p> <p>My name is Cara Diaconoff. As a past visitor to the island of Lāna'i and to the Lanai Cat Sanctuary, I am writing to request that you add \$285,000 to the Lāna'i Feral Animal Control line item in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and</p>	04-08-2024 06:34 pm
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Thank you, Cara Diaconoff



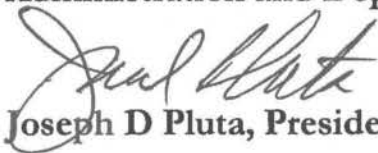
April 8, 2024

Aloha Maui County Council Members:

The West Maui Taxpayers Association has been advocating for increased Prioritization of Health and Safety and our on going crisis issues for many years. Now it's time for action in the budget to support addressing these crisis issues while deferring resources away from non-emergency and non-crisis issues. Please consider the following:

1. Prioritization of Health and Safety and ongoing crisis resolutions over any and all non-crisis issues.
2. Defer any growth of governmental agencies and ongoing employment related issues/expenses that could be contracted out via public/private partnerships
3. Re-assignments of existing departments and personnel to critical staffing shortages temporarily in addressing crisis resolving projects.
4. Outsourcing essential projects on hold due to staffing shortages.
5. Protecting and preserving housing and tax base collections in supporting Kahana Bay Restoration via Project District establishment.
6. Take back control of Maui Water Resources from State of Hawaii non elected power grab from recent State Water Commission authorization requirements.
7. Completion of Lahaina/Kahoma Stream Flood Control Project! (Another pending catastrophe.)

We hope you can support needed actions with budget revisions in working with the Administration and Departments. Malama Pono ame Mahalo,



Joseph D Pluta, President

On Behalf of WMTA Board of Directors

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Lahaina

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Who are we?

A hui of advocates, experienced and educated kia'i, supported by trusted attorneys who have identified strategies to help preserve the character of the Lahaina community.

What is a land trust?

Community Land Trusts (CLT) are powerful and enduring structures for land protection and land justice. They are nonprofits that purchase and own land with the purpose of keeping it in community control, to be used as the community determines.



Contribute Today

We see the rising of Lahaina as an 'ohā, a next generation offspring of the makua that came before. Our intention is to nurture that 'ohā to ensure it grows healthy and strong, a beautiful reflection of the previous generation. Join us in this cause.

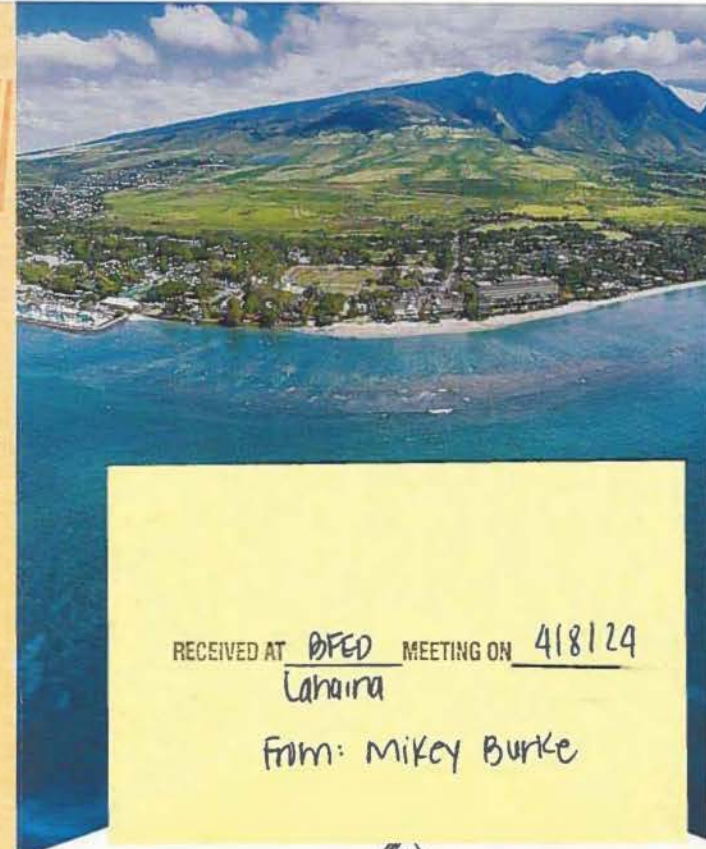
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Ways to Engage

Affordable Housing

We will serve a range of income brackets, depending on federal funding sources and parcels. Single family unit construction may be owner-builder or trust built. Ground leases will be for 99 years, renewable and inheritable. Re-sale formula will be chosen from a nationally recognized model, to ensure housing affordability.

Buy-Back Or Lease-Back

For current Maui resident-owners, buy-back or lease-back may be a seller's condition of the sale of the parcel to the land trust.

Conservation

We will prioritize properties with high cultural or environmental value, as determined by the Board of Directors and the Community Advisory Board. LCLT will partner with qualified community-based groups to steward

Type of Programs

Initially acquired parcels may be banked for a period of time in order to better understand what kind of uses and development is most appropriate for Lahaina, as new zoning decisions are made and infrastructure is repaired.

We've designated four programs to get the land trust started.

Affordable Housing

Buy-Back Or Lease-Back

Conservation

Economic Development



Our Mo'olelo

Immediately following the fire, the concern about the future of Lahaina resonated deeply with us. While many of our family and neighbors are consumed with their day-to-day lives post-fire, we recognize that we are also up against the already-moving wheels of disaster capitalists.

We feared the prospect of opportunistic investor eyes on our cherished Lahaina amidst all the chaos, hurt, and confusion. We knew we needed to move quickly.

Thus, the Lahaina Community Land Trust was formed. Our purpose is to protect Lahaina lands by offering landowners considering the sale of their land a community based alternative to investor transactions, prioritizing our community's well-being over profit. We ensure that every piece of land and property entrusted to us is responsibly cared for, maintained, managed, and remains safeguarded under our protection.

Lands protected by The Trust will