

EDB Committee

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To: EDB Committee
Subject: Recommendations for expenditure of \$67M grant under the CARES ACT

As requested by EDB Committee Chair Rawlins-Fernandez at the EDB Committee meeting of May 21, 2020, I am submitting my recommendations for the expenditure of the \$67 million grant under the CARES Act. Please provide funding for the following:

(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.

- 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 Waiale Development, in anticipation of displaced residents

(3) Address the problem of unemployment

- Hire local contractors, subcontractors, and laborers for Maui County projects
- Consider employee 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

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

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Council Chair