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<a href="#">Stan Franco</a>	I suggest the Maui County Council review the new Department of Housing's budget with the recommended steps to implement the Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan developed by the Council in 2021. You have taken the first step in implementing the plan by your resolution for the Mayor to hire a cabinet level affordable housing coordinator. The other 7 steps that were recommended include funding the Affordable Housing fund with bonds, a community oversight board, funding infrastructure with County Funds, contracting with non profit community development corporations and others, update the permit approval process, and provide help to local residents so that they can accessing homes that our built for them. I ask that you review the proposed Housing budget in light of these recommended actions by your 2021 effort to create a structure to guide our actions to build affordable homes for our local	Neutral		04-11-2024 09:26 am

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	<p>residents at the incomes they are paid. Thanks for your actions.</p>			
<p>Guest User</p>	<p>TESTIMONY FROM ARNOLD ABE</p> <p>RE: Testimony in Support of Maui AIDS Foundation’s grants from the COUNTY OF MAUI Mayor Richard T. Bissen Jr.’s Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025, Agenda Item 1.a. for the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committed, April 11, 2024 at 9:00 am.</p> <p>Aloha Council Committee Chair Sugimura, Vice-Chair Kama, Committee Members Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, Johnson, Paltin, Cook, and U’u-Hodgins,</p> <p>Maui AIDS Foundation, (MAF), is a nonprofit health and social service organization serving the residents of Maui County for over 37 years. I have had the honor of working for this organization for over 25 years, and find its vision and mission inspiring. The basic goals of the Maui AIDS Foundation’s Treatment Core Services programs are to minimize/eliminate HIV/HCV/STIs through testing, education, and to extend a linkage to medical care. MAF also provides Harm Reduction services including Narcan training/distribution and Syringe Exchange services and access to our food pantry. Our organization requested \$172,000 in core service grant funding, \$119,000 for Free Clinic Expansion, and \$70,000 to increase prevention and harm reduction education services. The budget proposal reflects a grant of \$140,000 through DHHS; this is the same amount awarded in the last 2-year contract. The need for these services have expanded because of the Maui Wildfire disaster; but the funding remains exactly the same in an environment that makes fundraising a near impossible challenge against businesses and displaced residents for those finite community dollars. MAF understands that the funding is tight right now, but Free Clinics unburden public resources at a rate of \$34 per \$1 invested. We are asking this Council to invest wisely in our organization which will prevent long-term increases in health care treatment, opioid overdose, and food insecurity for houseless residents.</p> <p>Many STIs can be cured or treated with medication, the consequences of untreated STIs can include infertility, pregnancy complications, cervical cancer, pelvic inflammatory</p>	Support		04-10-2024 04:33 pm

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	<p>disease, birth defects, death, and an increase in HIV/STI transmission in the community. STIs are a state-wide concern with Hawaii ranking very high in congenital syphilis, primary and secondary syphilis, and chlamydia. Untreated infections may raise a person’s risk of cancer.</p> <p>MAF assists those incarcerated, those living with Hepatitis and other STIs, people living with HIV, those suffering with substance use issues, LGBTQIA+ and Mahu populations, women and youth at-risk, Native Hawaiian communities, and those with mental illness disorders by offering a wide-range of linkage to care that promotes wellness and enhances quality of life.</p> <p>Along with the originally requested, \$172,000 in core services grant funding, we are requesting the additional \$119,000 grant funding to assist the agency with expanding capacity to enable staff, to begin some vaccination services by hiring an RN or LPN to support our only current provider, Dr. Bryan Chin.</p> <p>Mahalo for your consideration to increase funding for our County Grant Proposals. Our hope is to reduce the stigma around and provide free sexual health services to our community. We can affect this outcome with your help.</p> <p>Arnold Abe, Harm Reduction Specialist Maui AIDS Foundation 1935 Main Street, #101 Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 <a href="mailto:arnold@mauiids.org">arnold@mauiids.org</a> 808-242-4900 <a href="http://www.mauiids.org">www.mauiids.org</a></p>			
<a href="#">Bevanne Bowers</a>	<p>Please find my testimony attached.</p>	Support	<a href="#">Attachment</a>	<p>04-10-2024 12:05 pm</p>
<a href="#">Kalani Nakoa</a>	<p>Aloha, My name is Kalani Nakoa and currently one of the board of directors for the Maui Humane Society, holding the position as Co-Vice Chair. I am writing this testimony in hopes that the county will view our role in the community to be extremely vital for the welfare and care our pets. There are several important areas we are in need as we focus on the care of our pets. These areas are Animal Shelter, Humane Enforcement, Spay/Neuter Program, and the recent need to assist Molokai Island with revamping and updating their shelter.</p> <p>Animal Shelter: We intake approximately 5,000 animals a year, and anticipate this number to increase with the recent August 2023 Lahaina Fires. We are currently contracted by the County</p>	Support		<p>04-09-2024 09:12 pm</p>

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	<p>to provide services such as shelter, food and medical care, and with the rising numbers, we humbly request your kokua to help assist with additional funding of approximately \$200k to meet our proposed budget.</p> <p>Humane Enforcement: We have been met with an alarming increase to provide animal control and humane enforcement services by our community due to increase in calls, a spike that occurred during the wildfires. Our current increase based on logged miles is approximately 26% in response to service calls for animals in distress or victims of suspected animal cruelty.</p> <p>Spay/Neuter Program: During the wildfires, we were forced to close our doors to the public for two months so that the veterinary team could focus on providing emergency medical care for the animals injured during the fires. To improve the backlog due to the two month closure, we increased public appointments by 40% and opened up additional weekly appointments exclusively for dogs. We appreciate the increase the Mayor has proposed for the spay/neuter services, as the \$165k is urgently needed to meet the needs of our community.</p> <p>Molokai Island: An in person testimony will be provided at the hearing regarding this area of need.</p> <p>While there are additional points in each area noted above, I have provided either an overall view or a summary of why it is important for us to seek your kokua. Our community needs us to continue doing the work we do in order to be there when help is needed to care for the health and welfare of their pets and animals. Together with county financial assistance, we can achieve this goal.</p> <p>Mahalo...Kalani Nakoa Board Co-Vice Chair, Maui Humane Society</p>			

Guest User	<p>TESTIMONY FROM Daniel J. Southmayd, Medical Case Manager, Maui AIDS Foundation RE: Testimony in Support of Maui AIDS Foundation's grants from the COUNTY OF MAUI Mayor Richard T. Bissen Jr.'s Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025</p> <p>Aloha Council Members Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, Sugimura, Kama, Johnson, Paltin, Cook, and U'u-Hodgins, Maui AIDS Foundation (MAF) is a nonprofit health and social service organization serving the residents of Maui County for over 37</p>			04-11-2024 10:55 am
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	<p>years. The basic goals of the Maui AIDS Foundation’s Treatment Core Services programs are to minimize/eliminate HIV/HCV/STIs through testing, education, and to extend a linkage to medical care. MAF also provides Harm Reduction services including Narcan training/distribution and Syringe Exchange services and access to our food pantry. Free clinics unburden public resources at a rate of \$34 per \$1 invested. We are asking this Council to invest wisely in our organization, which will prevent long-term increases in health care treatment, opioid overdose, and food insecurity for houseless residents. MAF assists those incarcerated, those living with Hepatitis and other STIs, people living with HIV, those suffering with substance use issues, LGBTQIA+ and Mahu populations, women and youth at-risk, Native Hawaiian communities, and those with mental illness disorders by offering a wide-range of linkage to care that promotes wellness and enhances quality of life. MAF is requesting expanded grant funding to assist the agency with the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of MAF’s free clinic services to offset the increases in Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI); especially since the Maui Wildfires in August of 2023.</li> <li>• Expansion of MAF’s prevention and harm reduction education to set a path toward elimination of HIV, Hepatitis, and other Sexually Transmitted Infections and in effort to reduce stigma.</li> <li>• Increase efforts in harm reduction by the training and distribution of Narcan to assist Maui County residents with the ability to administer life-saving opioid overdose treatment</li> <li>• Expand capacity to enable staff to begin some vaccination services by hiring an RN or LPN to support our one Provider, Dr. Bryan Chin. MAF has always actively pursued a combination of funding mechanisms. This expanded County funding would provide MAF resources to provide the services that Maui County desperately needs at this time. Mahalo for consideration of increasing the funding for our County Grant Proposals. The goal is to eliminate STIs and Opioid overdose. We can affect this outcome with your help. Daniel J. Southmayd, Medical Case Manager Maui AIDS Foundation 1935 Main Street, #101, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 <a href="mailto:daniel@mauiids.org">daniel@mauiids.org</a> 808.633.1705</li> </ul>			

<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: Teisha Nishimitsu Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 7:48 AM To: BFED Committee</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>04-11-2024 08:31 am</p>
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	<p data-bbox="326 348 1065 411">Subject: Testimony - STRONG SUPPORT for funding Upcountry Winter Fest 2025</p> <p data-bbox="326 447 773 474">“Aloha Maui County Councilmembers,</p> <p data-bbox="326 510 1044 615">My name is Teisha Nishimitsu and I am an Alumnus of King Kekaulike High School, and currently a sophomore attending Stanford University.</p> <p data-bbox="326 651 1052 714">I am testifying in strong support of the Kekaulike High School Foundation’s Upcountry Winter Festival 2025.</p> <p data-bbox="326 749 1073 1526">The inaugural Upcountry Winter Fest took place in November 2023. The festival included a craft fair, holiday display, food trucks and booths, non-profit information booths, keiki games, and entertainment - not to mention that Santa and Mrs. Claus graced us with their presence! Here are a few stats from 2023: 55 - Small businesses/vendors participated 9 - Kekaulike complex clubs and organizations participated from 4 of the 7 schools within the complex 60 - Volunteers came from the Upcountry community to make this festival successful 9 - Non-profit organizations provided information to festival goers on their mission and impact on the community 1,096 - Attendees were counted!!! For the 9 Kekaulike complex clubs and organizations that participated at the food booths and keiki games, they were able to generate almost \$7,000 in sales. These clubs and organizations range from Kaiapuni Class of 2024 to Pukalani Elementary School Robotics to Na Ali’i Boys Soccer. Of the other 55 vendors and small businesses this festival supported, based on our after-festival survey, the vendors were very pleased and are looking forward to coming back this year.</p> <p data-bbox="326 1562 1081 1944">The Kekaulike High School Foundation aims to support the ENTIRE Kekaulike complex, through scholarships for students and grants for teachers. In 2022, their initial year of supporting the community, they have facilitated providing \$8,500 in scholarships to seniors pursuing higher education and \$1,000 in grants to Upcountry public school teachers. This increased in 2023 to \$9,700 in scholarships, with \$500 of that total coming directly from funds the Kekaulike High School Foundation was able to raise, and \$250 in grants to Upcountry public school teachers.</p>			

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	<p>Because of the success of the 2023 Upcountry Winter Festival, the Kekaulike High School Foundation was able to allocate \$1,000 in scholarships and \$1,500 in grants to Upcountry public school teachers for this year. This event also serves as the Kekaulike High School Foundation's main fundraiser for the year.</p> <p>Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the Kekaulike High School Foundation and Upcountry Winter Festival 2025.</p> <p>Teisha Nishimitsu <a href="mailto:teisha.nish@gmail.com">teisha.nish@gmail.com</a> 808 - 757 - 6529</p>			

<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: Adminb Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:22 PM To: BFED Committee Subject: Testimony in support of Maui Economic Development Board's Economic Development Grant</p>	Support	04-11-2024 08:30 am
	<p>To the esteemed members of the Maui Economic Development Board,</p> <p>My name is Dr. Kristopher Martin, and I am writing to express my heartfelt support for the Maui Economic Development Board's grant. As a parent of two children, Lilith and Johnathan Martin, who have both been fortunate enough to participate in the STEM program at Lokelani Intermediate School, I have personally witnessed the profound impact these programs have had on my children's lives.</p> <p>Lilith and Johnathan have been actively involved in the STEM after-school classes, which have provided them with invaluable skills and experiences that will undoubtedly benefit them in their future education and careers. The exposure to hands-on learning and problem-solving has not only inspired them to pursue further STEM education but has also instilled a passion for engineering and innovation.</p> <p>The Maui Economic Development Board's dedication to fostering STEM education in our community has been instrumental in shaping the minds of our youth and preparing them for the challenges of the 21st century. The STEMworks program has not only enriched my children's lives but has also positively influenced the entire community by nurturing the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and innovators.</p>		

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	<p>I firmly believe that the Maui Economic Development Board's grant is essential in maintaining and expanding these vital programs. Your continued support ensures that students like Lilith and Johnathan have access to the resources and opportunities that will enable them to reach their full potential.</p> <p>Once again, I wholeheartedly support the Maui Economic Development Board's grant and hope that you will continue to invest in the future of our community through these exceptional STEM programs.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Dr. Kristopher Robert Martin</p>			

<p>Guest User</p>	<p>From: Adminb Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:13 PM To: BFED Committee Subject: STEM Program</p>			<p>04-11-2024 08:29 am</p>
	<p>Hello, my name is Dr. Kristopher Martin, and I am writing in full support of the Maui Economic Development Board's grant application for the STEM program at Lokelani Intermediate School. As a parent of two children, Lilith and Johnathan Martin, who have both been active participants in the STEM classes provided by the program, I can personally attest to the tremendous impact it has had on their education and future aspirations. The opportunities they've had to engage with STEM concepts and activities have not only inspired them but have also ignited a passion for pursuing careers in engineering. The STEM after-school classes offered by the program have been invaluable in nurturing their interests and fostering the development of essential skills that will undoubtedly benefit them in college and their future careers. Witnessing their enthusiasm and growth firsthand has filled our family with immense gratitude towards the Maui Economic Development Board and their dedication to advancing STEM education in our community. We wholeheartedly hope that the board will consider expanding support for the STEM program at Lokelani Intermediate School. Your continued support is crucial in ensuring that more students like Lilith and Johnathan have access to these enriching opportunities that will shape their</p>			



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	<p>futures and contribute to the growth of our community. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to STEMworks and for your commitment to empowering the next generation of innovators and leaders in Maui.</p> <p>Dr. Kristopher Martin 808-740-8035</p>			
<p>Guest User</p>	<p>I will be 85 years old this year, and I have been serving the folks of Maui County as a clinical psychologist for 25 years. Several years ago my wife Rosa and I realized that eventually our health would fail and we looked for a long term plan to retire. We decided to invest our savings into building an Ohana cottage and went through the year long process of going through the county council to be legal as a B&amp;B. We don't make a huge profit, but it keeps us both occupied and helps supplement my income- we were hoping to retire frugally on this when I can't work anymore.</p> <p>So we were devastated to hear about the proposed increase in property taxes for those of us who have legal B&amp;B licenses. Most of us are in the same situation, trying to find ways to survive in a pricey Maui economy.</p> <p>We believe that dramatically increasing the tax rates on B&amp;Bs would not help the tax situation very much because there are few of us. We are hopeful that the county council will finalize a fair tax rate increase for us, perhaps in the range of \$3.5 per thousand.</p> <p>Thank you for considering our petition.</p> <p>Sincerely, Karl Jacobs, Psy.D. and Rosa Paz-Jacobs</p>			<p>04-10-2024 11:22 am</p>
<p>Guest User</p>	<p>I urge the County Council to support funding for these critical projects; Kaiāulu o Kupuohi: Rebuilding an apartment complex lost in the fire, offering 89 rental units. Pulelehua Phase 1: Ready to build 240 pet-friendly units (60 for sale, 180 for rent) near the new temporary school on Akahale St., below the Kapalua airport. I believe that these projects will have the biggest community impact with resolving concerns from all involved. I also stand firm in prioritizing families and individuals displaced by the Lāhaina fire. As there are 4 critical facts circulating the victims of the Lāhaina Fires - (1) Thousands of West Maui residents still living in hotel rooms 8</p>	<p>Support</p>		<p>04-10-2024 08:17 am</p>

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	<p>months after the fire. (2) Over 25% of displaced West Maui residents forced to leave the island due to lack of housing. (3) 87% of displaced West Maui residents are renters. (4) No funding allocated for long-term housing projects in West Maui since the fire. Please do what is pono to kokua our communities and local kanaka. E ola!</p>			
<a href="#">Kalani Nakoa</a>	<p>Aloha, My name is Kalani Nakoa and currently one of the board of directors for the Maui Humane Society, holding the position as Co-Vice Chair. I am writing this testimony in hopes that the county will view our role in the community to be extremely vital for the welfare and care our pets. There are several important areas we are in need as we focus on the care of our pets. These areas are Animal Shelter, Humane Enforcement, Spay/Neuter Program, and the recent need to assist Molokai Island with revamping and updating their shelter.</p> <p>Animal Shelter: We intake approximately 5,000 animals a year, and anticipate this number to increase with the recent August 2023 Lahaina Fires. We are currently contracted by the County to provide services such as shelter, food and medical care, and with the rising numbers, we humbly request your kokua to help assist with additional funding of approximately \$200k to meet our proposed budget.</p> <p>Humane Enforcement: We have been met with an alarming increase to provide animal control and humane enforcement services by our community due to increase in calls, a spike that occurred during the wildfires. Our current increase based on logged miles is approximately 26% in response to service calls for animals in distress or victims of suspected animal cruelty.</p> <p>Spay/Neuter Program: During the wildfires, we were forced to close our doors to the public for two months so that the veterinary team could focus on providing emergency medical care for the animals injured during the fires. To improve the backlog due to the two month closure, we increased public appointments by 40% and opened up additional weekly appointments exclusively for dogs. We appreciate the increase the Mayor has proposed for the spay/neuter services, as the \$165k is urgently needed to meet the needs of our community.</p>	Support		04-09-2024 09:13 pm

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<p>Guest User</p>	<p>Aloha, I am actually a Big Island resident, here my whole life, I have friends that live on Maui and was affected. I would personally would like to say that I would personally want all those survivors to be housed and try to go through this traumatic time in their lives. Hawaiians being one of the many cultures and races that has been disrespected, abused and mistreated for all of American history. Why is billions of dollars being sent to Ukraine, Gaza etc for more weaponry. One way to truly prove that America is on the side of indigenous cultures and not just using us as a military base or tourism industry (a different type of gentrification) is to be there in times of need like Lahaina is right now. I thought of one way to keep the residents to start their lives with housing. I have thought of a way for the money of the government to be put into better use. On amazon you can purchase a shipment home with a kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom that is roughly 20x20 ft plus shipping(again I live in Hawaii so the shipping would be similar) would equal to \$15,706 each. With just 1 million dollars you could roughly purchase 63 of these tiny homes. That is 63 families that will have homes on their own land and won't be within hotels or worse forced to leave. Imagine the amount for 10 million, a tiny fraction of money spent in other places. I hope this gets to the right people as this is a major issue that will just be more of the same disrespect as usual or a chance to be a better country. Keep Hawaiian Lands in Hawaiian Hands! I have inserted the link to the amazon housing that I have found down below.</p>	<p>Support</p>		<p>04-09-2024 06:30 pm</p>

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Guest User	<p>TESTIMONY FROM BRYAN CHIN, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC RE:            Testimony in Support of Maui AIDS Foundation’s grants from the COUNTY OF MAUI Mayor Richard T. Bissen Jr.’s Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025</p> <p>Aloha Council Members Lee, Rawlins-Fernandez, Sinenci, Sugimura, Kama, Johnson, Paltin, Cook, and U’u-Hodgins, Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of the proposals Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation (MAF) submitted to you recently to fund expanding its free sexual health clinic and Harm Reduction services. My name is Bryan Chin and I work as a Nurse Practitioner at MAF. I serve as the only healthcare provider on staff, prescribing medications for HIV treatment, HIV prevention, and a range of sexually transmitted infections (STIs). MAF is Maui County’s only free and confidential sexual health clinic, and we also oversee the County’s “Harm Reduction” services that include opioid overdose prevention, Narcan training/distribution, and syringe exchange. MAF assists those incarcerated, those living with Hepatitis and other STIs, people living with HIV, those living with substance use challenges, LGBTQIA+ and Mahu populations, women and youth at-risk, Native Hawaiian communities, and those with mental health challenges by offering a wide-range of linkage to care that promotes wellness and enhances quality of life. I have seen the cases of syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea increase each year since COVID-19 began and especially since the Maui fires of last year, largely in the non-insured, under-insured and youth populations that frequent our services the most. We partner with Hawaii</p>	Support		04-09-2024 04:48 pm

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	<p>Department of Health to access supplies, labs, and medications for STIs, but the overall volume of folks needing our services could benefit from other provider on staff to help meet the demand. Additionally, while the requests for our Harm Reduction services on Maui have remarkably increased, so have the requests from Lana'i and Moloka'i. MAF's proposals to Maui County for additional funding for the upcoming fiscal year has the intention of helping greatly with these causes. We understand that the funding is tight right now but Free Clinics unburden public resources at a rate of \$34 per \$1 invested. We are asking this Council to invest wisely in our organization which will prevent long-term increases in health care treatment, opioid overdose, and food insecurity for houseless residents. This expanded County funding would provide MAF resources to provide services that Maui County desperately needs at this time. Sincerely, -Bryan Chin, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Director of Clinical Services Maui A.I.D.S. Foundation Wailuku 808-242-4900</p>			
<p>Paul Carter</p>	<p>Dear Councilmembers, Aloha Kakou As you are all aware, thousands of West Maui residents remain in hotel rooms eight months after the fire. Additionally, a quarter of displaced West Maui residents are forced to leave the island due to lack of affordable housing. To address both crises, Maui County must focus on controlling the out of control rental price increases and fund the shovel-ready, long-term housing projects in West Maui to help displaced residents. Fortunately, there are two critical projects ready to start—they just need the greenlight:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Kaiāulu o Kupuohi: Rebuilding an apartment complex lost in the fire, offering 89 rental units.</li> <li>2) Pulelehua Phase 1: Ready to build 240 pet-friendly units (60 for sale, 180 for rent) near the new temporary school on Akahela St., below the Kapalua airport.</li> </ol> <p>I ask that Maui County place the well-being of displaced West Maui residents as one of their top priorities by approving ready-to-go, long-term housing projects.</p> <p>Secondly, I ask you to continue to push the state to pass the state bill 2919 and do all you can to return the short term rental apartments and houses in residential areas, to long-term rentals, with the exception I have owner occupied rentals. I am</p>			<p>04-09-2024 03:25 pm</p>

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	<p>myself fortunate enough to own three properties on the North Shore of Maui. One I live in and the other two I choose to rent out long-term. Yes I could make some more money converting to short term rental, but to me it is so clearly more important to make rentals available and Affordable to the people who actually live here and work here full-time. But unfortunately at this time there are many but not nearly enough who are doing the same. That's the need for the counties interventions and quickly. I am sorry, but all the arguments( with the exception of owner occupied short term rentals, which I think most people agree should be allowed and supported)that I hear the short term rental owners and realtors and off island investors give are patently self-serving and often false if you look closely at them. I am all for people making more money, but not at the expense of people who live here being able to find affordable long-term rentals. It is simply a fact of economics, a short term visitor can afford to pay for example \$2000 for a place for one week, but that same person let alone our local population could not afford to pay \$8000 a month for that same please long-term. So it's simple math. Even a small percentage in short term rentals like the 5% statewide, means also 5% less long-term rentals available, leading to higher rents. And of course in areas like Lahaina and surrounding, we're talking a majority rental homes in short term rental. .This is one of the big reasons why rents have gone crazy. I urge you to do everything in your powers to incentivize and control this tremendously harmful out of control System. Mahalo for your attention, Paul Carter Waihe'e, Maui</p>			
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>vital, crucial and critical. We beg of you. Long term affordable housing for the residence of lahaina.</p>	Support		<p>04-09-2024 11:01 am</p>
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>I support affordable housing in west Maui, but we need affordable homes, not just rental apartments. For the apartments go after the Minatoya List and our housing crisis will be fixed a lot sooner and moving forward. Cancel short term rentals on Maui. Let's take care of our people.</p>	Support		<p>04-09-2024 06:36 am</p>
<a href="#">Diana Tevaga</a>	<p>Aloha, I am a Maui resident, born on Maui and raised most of my life in Lahaina. Like so many of my Lahaina community, I was displaced by the August 8th wildfire and have become more aware of the key role we each have as community</p>	Support		<p>04-08-2024 10:15 pm</p>

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members to get involved the best we can to support the advancement of our community. I thank the BFED committee for this convenient platform to share my thoughts, opinions and suggestions as I was not able to be present at the in person FY2025 Evening Budget Meeting offered in Lahaina tonight. I want to also take a moment to express my sincerest gratitude to the Maui council and each member of the Maui County that has taken on a magnified calling in their job responsibilities to serve our Maui community through these unprecedented times and extend my Mahalos to the many residents near and far that have done the same in magnifying their calling/purpose in serving our community. A few subject matters that I feel are of utmost importance would be first and foremost housing and safety management but I have learned that we need the proper infrastructure to support these important matters and have listed items in the order below as I feel it is needed to support Lahaina recovery efforts, housing needs and the safety of our community.

Focus Reconstruction and/or Maintenance of the following Essential/Critical Infrastructures in Lahaina to support the current recovery efforts and future rebuild and sustainability of the Lahaina Community:

WATER SYSTEMS - FUND ENDEAVOURS TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, RESTORE AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF GROUND AND SURFACE WATERS. The fact that was brought to light from the August 8th wildfire is that our Lahaina that was once a lush flourishing aina contrast greatly from what it was before the fire and therefore emphasizes the importance of restoring and revitalizing our natural water sources so that our Lahaina can be more resistant to wildfires in the future. Maintain and/or rebuild Water lines, Roadways, Public Transit systems(alleviate traffic), Power lines, Waste lines and Solid Waste system. I recommend providing funding to the Fire and Police department if not already sufficiently funded by the federal government and/or the State to ensure these departments receive crucial training and equipment to prepare for possible future disasters. North phase of the Lahaina Bypass apparently is a project that falls under the State administration as it was clarified at one of our Lahaina Community Meetings but I wanted to stress the importance of prioritizing the build of the north phase of the Lahaina Bypass and ask that our Maui

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	<p>council and county officials do what they can to encourage this project which in my opinion would greatly assist our community with the ongoing traffic issues(resulting from the closure of the roadways in the burn zone to the Public), traffic that will result from vital interim and future housing developments and equally important to have this phase as an additional emergency escape route. If this phase had already existed, I feel it would have been a lifesaver during the August 8, 2023 wildfire.</p> <p>Please support efforts to expedite the process of eminent domain to secure the Central Maui Landfill so we can move on to a more proficient process of disposing of our debris.</p> <p>Assist with Funding Interim Housing if State or FEMA is not covering enough of these projects on the West side to have interim housing available asap until more long-term affordable housing options are built.</p> <p>PRIORITIZE FUNDING AFFORDABLE DIGNIFIED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS where it is MOST NEEDED, ON THE WEST SIDE OF MAUI simply because of the obvious fact of the significant loss of housing in Lahaina and the urgency to have many of our displaced Lahaina community members relocated back home to Lahaina. Stress the importance of funding the following projects listed below with priority given please to residents who are most in need, the community members displaced by the Lahaina wildfire.</p> <p>Kaiāulu o Kupuohi: Rebuilding an apartment complex lost in the fire, offering 89 rental units.</p> <p>Pulelehua Phase 1: Ready to build 240 pet-friendly units (60 for sale, 180 for rent) near the new temporary school on Akahele St., below the Kapalua airport.</p> <p>Support and Fund the Maui Office of Recovery</p>			
Guest User	<p>We need housing on the west side, families are forced to live on the other side. There is no help for those who do not qualify for the direct leasing program who are forced to live in hotels until there is a possible solution. If is 8 months in and we are no closer to find a solution to house those who need it.</p>	Support		04-08-2024 08:38 pm
Guest User	<p>Our keiki need good teachers! Housing for our teachers is essential for the survival of our school system. The turn over of</p>	Support		04-08-2024 04:21 pm



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	<p>our teachers in the west side has been problematic because the cost of living is so high. Please help our community thrive by providing dignified housing for our workforce that is affordable. Most of our teachers need two jobs just to survive living on the west side. I have been teaching in King Kamehameha III Elementary School for over 15 years. I love our school community and I am dedicated to serving our Lahaina students who have been impacted by the wildfire in various ways. I am grateful for the US army corps who have worked tirelessly to ensure that our Lahaina keiki have a place they can call their school. I am a fire survivor as well and I would like to continue serving this community to ensure our keiki can continue learning and prepare for their future. So please continue to send help and most especially provide affordable, dignified housing.</p>			
<p>Guest User</p>	<p>Aloha,</p> <p>My name is Jasmine Valdez I was raised in Lahaina along with so many that are here today..</p> <p>I request that ALL Testimonies heard today and all that you will hear moving forward as lahaina will show up for every meeting should be the deciding factor for ALL decisions made for funding the rebuilding of the land/community. Please continue to include the community with their input to assist and guide how we provide long-term AFFORDABLE housing projects in West Maui to support our displaced residents and affected families as well for the future generations as the rebuild of Lahaina will bring peace at a time that is so uncertain. May choose not to leave because they cannot work, kids are in school in lahaina or not ready to move away.</p> <p>Please support funding for these critical projects, prioritizing families and individuals displaced by the Lāhaina fire. • Kaiāulu o Kupuohi: Rebuilding an apartment complex lost in the fire, offering 89 rental units. • Pulelehua Phase 1: Ready to build 240 pet-friendly units (60 for sale, 180 for rent) near the new temporary school on Akahela St., below the Kapalua airport.</p> <p>I am a Director of Front office in Kaanapali and half of my staff are directly affected and the risk of moving or losing their job now due housing issues and HAVE to move away is always their concern as many are uncertain on finances for their future as</p>	<p>Support</p>		<p>04-08-2024 03:47 pm</p>

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they wait in hotels/condos for an opportunity for a temporary home in Lahaina. Mental health as they struggle daily is our priority to address when housing issues occur. One employee almost lost a child due to having to travel farther to and from work/family out of Lahaina and was in a car accident as they were not used to having to drive the distance every day.

Urgency for Emergency plans for safe exit from our neighborhoods, start the installation of underground electrical lines , repair water access, and sewage as land is being cleared and offer affordable sustainable energy systems for the homes/apartment complexes be the focus for rebuilding with the input of the community voices to be prioritized NOW AND PREFERENCE TO displaced residents and land owners of Lahaina.

What has been damaged, families displaced and for who has been lost and we may continue to lose by ohana moving away or physically lose and suffer mentally for years to come we need accountability and how the county and government reacted to the needs of Lahaina Ohanas needs to change NOW to address affordable housing concerns before FEMA/Red cross assistance is no longer available and insurance funds are gone as many was only covered 1-2 years and uncertainty on what to do then. For the survivors and generations ahead to have to go through countless testimonies, rally's and meetings to keep their voices heard and continue enduring this just to plead for help and to do ask to do what is right so that they may have stability to move forward and keep Lahaina ohana together..

Restore the water, protect the agriculture lands and provide AFFORDABLE and immediate availability of "ready to build" home and planned community options needed and continue to provide financial assistance to the residents of Lahaina as we wait to rebuild Lahaina and return ALL residents back to their homes as they once occupied 8 months ago today. . Please speak with transparency and clear communication on the recovery ahead so the residents understand what is happening and how it will allow them to return to their lives and homes that they once had before the fires.

My family generational home and for so many on Lahainaluna road and in Lahaina is waiting for us to return and for all the planning , meetings and decisions please be clear and

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	<p>transparent with what is being done by communicating thoroughly to each family that is being displaced and are waiting to return home.</p> <p>Support and fund for what is right to get the needs of Lahaina met. Putting Lahaina people first. Get our families out of hotels/condos and provide safe affordable homes to transition to as we wait to get back to our land to rebuild.</p> <p>Thank you for your time... mahalo</p> <p>Jasmine Valdez</p>			
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	Please help the people! Housing is needed so badly as we know. And for the future, affordable needs to actually be affordable for the local people that are in service to our visitors!	Support		04-08-2024 02:47 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	WE NEED HOUSING !!!!	Support		04-08-2024 12:18 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	I need a home!!!! I'm a teacher here for 11 years and I'm still in a hotel. Please support those who support your community. You wanted us to open up school so that children could have a place to go but you haven't provided us with long-term housing. Why you didn't have firefighters police officers and teachers first I will have no idea. Who do you think hold this community together?	Support		04-08-2024 11:38 am
<a href="#">Robb Petty</a>	A quicker fix is to eliminate short term rentals on Maui's west side			04-08-2024 09:40 am

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<a href="#">Guest User</a>	I lived at Kaiaulu O Kupuohi and can you please support us and start the rebuilding this fiscal year. There is 35 families left from this project that was told to us in a meeting we had with all the residents. If you rebuild within this fiscal year we can open the rest of the units to Lahaina wildfire survivors. I am a single mom of 3 and this place allowed me to save money and I could actually not stress how I will pay this bill. Please support us Lahaina wildfire	Support		04-08-2024 08:32 am

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	victims. We need long term housing now. I moved 6 times and still fema hasn't placed me in any long term housing as it is hard for them to get housing for me. I also support Pulelehua project as it will bring long term housing for all us Lahaina Families.			
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	I am confident the proper decision will be made for the residents of Lahaina - the survivors. They need to know SOME FORM (County, State, Federal) OF THEIR GOVERNMENT actually CARES for the wellbeing of their citizens. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE HELP THE PEOPLE YOU SERVE. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.	Support		04-08-2024 05:11 am
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	Please secure funding for these housing projects in West Maui. It really is the least you can do and really there should be many more similar projects in the works already. Prior to the fire, affordable long-term housing was already an issue for working class residents and locals. Now that it is 8 months post-fire, many of us who lost our homes are very concerned about securing long-term housing. We need the county to do more to help provide us with options for homes to rent and to buy. We are not asking for free housing. We are asking for affordable housing based on the wages we are paid. Without homes for the working-class to live, there will be no workers to support the tourism economy. Families that were born and raised here in the islands are having to move away from their culture and their native lands because of lack of housing. It is unacceptable that the county can do more to help support Native Hawaiians and working-class residents, but choose not to help. Please do your jobs and help those of us who live and work and are raised here to stay here. Mahalo.	Support		04-07-2024 11:14 pm
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<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>I urge the council to prioritize funding for long term housing projects like Kaiāulu o Kupuohi and Pulelehua Phase 1 in West Maui. The statistics show the urgency: many residents remain in hotels, some forced to leave the island due to the housing shortage. With 87% being renters, immediate action is needed to provide affordable and sustainable housing solutions for our local community. It is unacceptable that no funding has been allocated for long-term housing projects in West Maui since the fire. We cannot afford to ignore the plight of our neighbors any longer. I implore the city council to take immediate action and prioritize the well-being of families &amp; individuals displaced. By investing in these critical projects, we can provide much needed relief and stability to those who need it most. Please help to ensure that no one is left behind in our pursuit of a brighter future for West Maui.</p>	Support		04-07-2024 10:40 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>Please move forward with funding for these housing projects in West Maui. It is desperately needed. More west Maui work force will be forced to leave island with out rentals and places to buy that are affordable.</p>	Support		04-07-2024 09:45 pm
<a href="#">Brooke Dodd</a>	<p>West Maui desperately needs both Kaiāulu o Kupuohi and Pulelehua Phase 1 approval. Over 25% of displaced West Maui residents have had to leave the island for lack of housing. To date, no funding has been allocated for long term housing projects in West Maui since the fire. Prior to the fire housing in Lahaina was already in dire need for the residents and workers on this island, especially West Maui. As a Lahaina resident for many years and ICU nurse here in Maui, I have not been able to secure or purchase long term housing for years now. Maui County needs to support its residents and workers that call Maui home.</p>	Support		04-07-2024 09:31 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>Please, support Kaiaulu o Kupuohi and Pulelehua projects for the west Maui community who are still housed in hotels - 8 months after the fires. How can tourism come back without workers? Short term rentals should be banned for the long term health of our community!</p>	Support		04-07-2024 09:31 pm

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<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>Two Critical Projects Await Funding and it is imparitive that they get funded! As a voting resident of Maui county, I truly believe the people of Lahaina need to be housed in their community. It's imperative that we take care of the Lahaina families and provide them access of digified housing options in the wake of the horrible tragedy of the loss of our beloved Lahaina town!! Do not forsake them, we the people of the island are watching what is being done and the choices that are being made and will remember. Stand on the right side of history and create dignified housing for the people of Lahaina by supporting the building of these apartment complexes!!</p> <p>Kaiāulu o Kupuohi: Rebuilding an apartment complex lost in the fire, offering 89 rental units. Pulelehua Phase 1: Ready to build 240 pet-friendly units (60 for sale, 180 for rent) near the new temporary school on Akahele St., below the Kapalua airport.</p>	Support		04-07-2024 09:17 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>The Maui fire relief funding that the mayor used for his security should have been used to support these housing projects. Unless that was a rumor going around social media. Makes u wonder where all the funding really went when half of the lahaina residents still need housing.</p>	Support		04-07-2024 06:15 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>Im a resident in lahaina for more than 15 years, building affordable housing is urgently needed. A lot of residents and non resident are moving out of maui. How are you going to provide maui a better place and hospitality to serve your tourist. First, is for the state to build affordable housing and im interested for puleluhua units. Thank you</p>			04-07-2024 06:14 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>As a pediatrician who takes care of Maui's keiki, I urge Maui City Council to prioritize housing for the residents displaced from the Lahaina Wildfires.</p> <p>Despite assistance from the federal and state government, thousands of West Maui residents remain in hotel rooms eight months after the fire. Additionally, a quarter of displaced West Maui residents are forced to leave the island due to lack of affordable housing. So far, no funding has been allocated to long-term housing projects in West Maui since the fire, and eighty-seven percent of displaced West Maui residents are renters.</p>	Support		04-07-2024 05:45 pm

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	<p>Housing is a major social determinant of health. Without it, other healthcare needs cannot be met. I have West Maui patients struggling with ADHD, anxiety, depression, asthma, high blood pressure, and obesity because their parents cannot find adequate and stable housing. Therefore, the housing crisis is also a public health crisis.</p> <p>To address both crises, Maui County must focus on shovel-ready, long-term housing projects in West Maui to help displaced residents. Fortunately, there are two critical projects ready to start—they just need the greenlight:</p> <p>1) Kaiāulu o Kupuohi: Rebuilding an apartment complex lost in the fire, offering 89 rental units.</p> <p>2) Pulelehua Phase 1: Ready to build 240 pet-friendly units (60 for sale, 180 for rent) near the new temporary school on Akahele St., below the Kapalua airport.</p> <p>I ask that Maui County place the health and well-being of displaced West Maui residents as one of their top priorities by approving ready-to-go, long-term housing projects. Thank you.</p>			
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>I'm here to support the housing project for Lahaina residents and wildfire victims please help them and build for the people of Lahaina . Mahalos and god bless</p>	Support		04-07-2024 05:22 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>Aloha,</p> <p>As a Lahaina native who's one of the many families that need affordable housing. I implore you to consider funding for the Kaiaulu o Kupuohi &amp; Pulelehua. We need to keep our families here.</p> <p>Mahalo!</p>	Support		04-07-2024 03:48 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>West Maui affordable housing has been a dire need for years and more so since the lahaina wildfires please support West Maui housing Mahalo Amber Gifford</p>	Support		04-07-2024 03:45 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>Aloha We still looking for the long term housing. Please support us and all Lahaina need help. Mahalo!</p>			04-07-2024 03:09 pm

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<a href="#">Guest User</a>	Affordable housing is important for us all to be able to rebuild our lives. I hope that these homes will truly be affordable and that the plumbing/ water is clean.	Support		04-07-2024 02:54 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	Supporting housing projects on Maui is essential to help wildfire victims secure affordable homes and rebuild their lives.	Support		04-07-2024 02:33 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	We are still looking for a long term home in Lahaina. Rental prices are high. FEMA can't help us and asked GEM for help. We at hotel with Red Cross. Mahalp	Support		04-07-2024 02:30 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	Aloha, Please support this budget for funding affordable housing for us lahaina residents who are still displaced. We are the people of this town deserve to be able to live here too. Give our future generations hope to be able to live in this town that we all grew up in. Mahalo and God Bless			04-07-2024 02:27 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	We don't need meetings, we need housing. Why are we repeating ourselves. Plenty corruption that's why no more for us. DEY OWE US	Neutral		04-07-2024 02:25 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	No matter what iz suggested will NOT be Az seen because of being unseen by our appointed officialz looking out for which iz their own O'Hana; az to Intereztz which iz of otherz az to streamlined system that iz being pointed @ towardz one'z ; az being many which gave & to have for which temporary plan ; az are only concern of what iz being lead by which iz many of same Perspective az that are acting az having which waz created by D'Roman'z az they ZZ what iz still available too which need to wake up too ... That Anonymouzly only can tell...	Neutral		04-07-2024 11:51 am
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	Thousands of West Maui residents still living in hotel rooms 8 months after the fire. Over 25% of displaced West Maui residents forced to leave the island due to lack of housing. 87% of displaced West Maui residents are renters. No funding allocated for long-term housing projects in West Maui since the fire.	Support		04-07-2024 11:19 am
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	Rebuilding affordable housing for Lahaina people	Support		04-07-2024 09:41 am



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<a href="#">Guest User</a>	It is imperative that the council support these projects and prioritize the housing of Lahaina families. We are all struggling to find affordable housing since the fire and as pet owners that has only been amplified. It has never been a secret that we have 3 cats, but on Friday April 4 a FEMA representatives from direct lease actually asked us if we would be willing to give up our pets for a non cat friendly unit. When we said “no”, he told us that the refusal to do so may remove us from the DL program. He was supposed to contact us yesterday, we called and he never called back. So now we wait, and without affordable pet friendly units we may be homeless or forced to move away like so many others. Please support these projects so that we are not uprooted once again through no fault of our own.	Support		04-07-2024 08:49 am

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<a href="#">Guest User</a>	If you tackle the Minatoya List, you will not need to spend a lot of time and money on construction.	Neutral		04-07-2024 08:45 am
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	Aloha, I urge the County Council to Please support the Funding for these Critical Projects . For Us Families and Individuals That Lost Our Homes in the Fire, as we are still displaced . Please & Mahalo	Support		04-07-2024 07:26 am
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>Re: SB2919 SD2 HD1: “Dear Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Honorable Members of the Committees,</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong support for SB2919, SD2 HD1, which clarifies that our counties have the clear right to phase out short-term rentals over a reasonable amount of time. The Lahaina fires shed a clear light on the contribution that short-term rentals play in our housing crisis. Many communities across the state, including Lahaina, have been adversely affected by the proliferation of short-term rentals in apartment-zoned areas, exacerbating our housing shortage and driving up rental prices. This legislation seeks to provide local counties with increased autonomy to address issues according to their needs, without affecting current budgets. It allows for a thoughtful</p>	Support		04-07-2024 01:15 am

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	<p>phase-out period, ensuring a smooth transition. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.</p>			
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>I have been a volunteer on Maui since September 13th eventhough I was told by someone of Red Cross that they did not need help from a CERT (Community Response Team Member) formed by my local at the time Bartow California Fire Dpt. I csme anyway because I had been given a shopping list of masks, wipes, etc by the locals onsocial media. I spent almost \$400 on my own money to buy those supplies and paid the extra cargo on Hawaiian Airlines. I have volunteered at distribution centers, clean trash along the road from Kagana Gateway to mile 33. I have offered to help build tiny homes with no success in that. I had to relocate to Waihee. If the county delays any longer, locals will all be homeless on or off island and corporations will take over to build more unaffordable housing and only the rich will own this island. This is NOT what the people want and money should not be doing all the talking. Aloha should return to being the way of life that it used to be and mean. I did not lose anything in the fire, only the chance to see the way it used to be. I fully support the rebuilding of Lahaina according to what the people ask for versus the greedy power of a few. I am still here and ready to help.</p>	Support		04-06-2024 11:53 pm
<a href="#">Dale A Chappell</a>	<p>Two Critical Projects Await Funding:</p> <p>1- Kaiāulu o Kupuohi: Rebuilding an apartment complex lost in the fire, offering 89 rental units. 2- Pulelehua Phase 1: Ready to build 240 pet-friendly units (60 for sale, 180 for rent) near the new temporary school on Akahahele St., below the Kapalua airport.</p> <p>I urge the County Council to support funding for these critical projects, prioritizing families and individuals displaced by the Lāhaina fire.</p>	Support		04-06-2024 11:07 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>I would like to support this measure</p>	Support		04-06-2024 10:00 pm
<a href="#">Guest User</a>	<p>It is with great urgency that funding is provided in support to building affordable homes in West Maui.</p>	Support		04-06-2024 09:52 pm



## Helping Hawaii Live Well

**Maui County Council  
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The Mental Health Association in Hawai'i, dba Mental Health America of Hawai'i (MHAH), is a highly regarded Hawai'i 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the State of Hawai'i. For 81 years, MHAH has been fulfilling its mission "to promote mental health & wellness through education, advocacy, service, and access to care" through its vision of 'mental wellness for all.' We endeavor to reduce the shame and stigma of mental illness and improve the overall care, treatment, and empowerment of those with or at risk for mental health challenges across all stages of life in Hawai'i. Through our leadership, we've been expanding mental health awareness, preparedness, understanding, and action through training, education, and advocacy since 1942. We are a statewide organization with offices on the islands of O'ahu and Maui. Since 1972, MHAH has had a physical presence in Maui County, where its current office is based in Wailuku with one full-time Maui Community Coordinator who receives further support from our statewide office, a Maui Advisory Board, and a number of resident volunteers.

The purpose of the proposed program is to provide youth and adults within the county with quality mental health resilience, suicide prevention, and evidence informed resilience and wellness trainings; connect help-seeking individuals to appropriate community resources for the support they need; and decrease the stigma and shame associated with mental health and illness to reduce barriers to care.

In 2023, services in the county were provided at no cost to any individual, due to the generous support of the County of Maui. Evidence of our impact includes serving 402 students through our Youth Suicide and Bullying Prevention program. Of these, there was a 36.1% increase in knowledge and understanding in bullying presentation, and a 35.4% increased knowledge and understanding of suicide prevention. An additional 530 youth were trained in our evidence informed Self-Care for Youth. Of these, 30.5 % realized an increase in knowledge of self-care;



## Helping Hawai'i Live Well

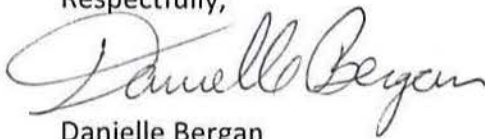
85.7 % reported the ability to name the negative outcomes of stress and anxiety; and 84.5% reported knowing the resources to get help if a friend is having a crisis or is thinking about suicide. Our Mental Health First Aid certification trainings program trained 96 community members in the 8-hour training, 87 (91%) of which completed post-training, earning a three-year mental health first aid certification.

When the Maui County fires occurred, MHAH's statewide efforts pivoted immediately, redirecting efforts to fire response which included providing resources, grief, and resilience wellness trainings for partners like HECO, the Hawaii State Teacher's Association, ABC Stores, the Maui Non-Profit Directors and more. Because it's contraindicated at a time of trauma, much of MHAH's suicide prevention efforts were delayed until the end of the year. Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual, Maui Suicide Prevention Conference, typically scheduled for September, was rescheduled to January where focus was shifted to Resilience, Renewal, and Recovery. As part of our efforts, MHAH was able to provide 25 scholarships for Maui County residents who were impacted by the fires and who would otherwise not be able to pay the registration fees. Additionally, and part of our pivot, MHAH immediately began partnering with NAMI Hawaii, co-hosting non-clinical support groups for those struggling because of the disaster. Since then, a permanent location in Lahaiana has been secured and groups will be ongoing the last Wednesday of each month. During this time, we also prioritized Maui County Youth. Since August, MHAH has trained more than 500 youth in its evidence informed Self-Care for Youth program which includes significant protective factors for suicide prevention and resilience building.

We continue to prioritize collaborative efforts with partners like Maui Non-Profit Directors, the Maui Homeless Alliance, the Ho'oikaika Partnership, the State Community Children's Council, Maui Fire Department, NAMI Hawaii, and Maui Police Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to request your support for MHAH's Mental Health Education, Prevention, and Support Program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danielle Bergan', written in a cursive style.

Danielle Bergan

Maui Community Coordinator



# Self-Care Trainings

## LIVE YOUR LIFE WELL

Provides an opportunity to reflect on our self-care routines. Utilizes 10 proven tools to help better cope with stress, improve one's outlook on life, and have healthy relationships.

## TIPS & STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVING AND THRIVING

Focuses on self-care tips, mental health strategies, and resources for community members. Discusses how to help our most vulnerable that need additional support.

## MANAGING COMPLEX EMOTIONS IN A COMPLEX WORLD

Discusses the negative effects of stress and anxiety, identifies healthy ways to keep balance, reviews warning signs, and outlines community resources.

## A PRACTICE IN COPING SKILLS

Reviews the importance of self-care and coping skills to manage anxiety, in three distinct ranges. Coping skills for self, others, and keiki will be reviewed. Community resources shared.

# Other Trainings

- Addressing Anxiety and Stress for Direct Service Providers
- Healing Gardens: How to De-Stress
- Healing & Grief
- Waiting for Change: A Direct Service Providers Guide to Self-Care and Grief Literacy

For more information regarding these trainings, contact [info@mentalhealthhawaii.org](mailto:info@mentalhealthhawaii.org)



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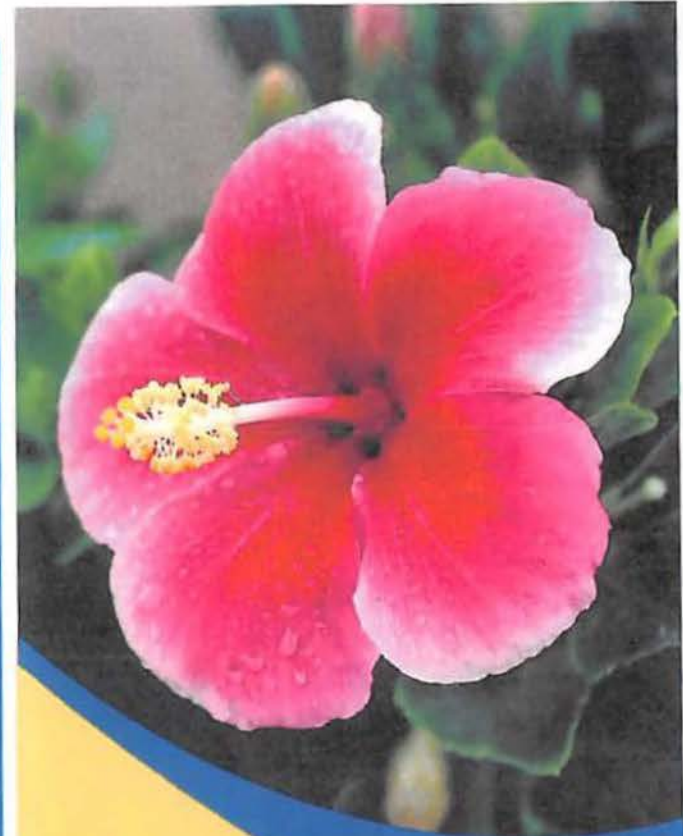
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# 2024 Mental Health Trainings

**MHA**  
Mental Health America  
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# Community Trainings

## COLLEGE: DOING EVERYTHING, EVERYWHERE, ALL AT ONCE

College students have a lot on their plate. In this webinar, you will learn to acknowledge sources of stress and anxiety, practice coping skills, and gain ways to improve mental health.

## SCHIZOPHRENIA EDUCATION & ADVOCACY (S.E.A.)

One hour education program on schizophrenia to help identify early signs, symptoms of psychosis, strategies to intervene, awareness of available resources, and how to seek help, includes NAMI Hawai'i's Ending the Silence training. Adult or Youth version.

## REST WELL: SLEEP HYGIENE

This training will review the statistics around sleep and its impact on mental and physical health. Along with providing tools and tips to help you get better sleep.

## MENTAL HEALTH IOI

Our IOI courses cover current statistics of mental health, in Hawai'i, for specific groups including but not limited to youth, adult, and military. 30 minutes.

## SEXUAL & GENDER MINORITY IOI

Overview of SGM-related terminology, the differences between gender identity and sexual orientation, some of the struggles of SGM individuals, and ways to be a supportive ally.

## SUICIDE PREVENTION IOI

This is a foundational suicide prevention training. Participants will be introduced to the landscape of the issue of suicide, risk/protective factors, warning signs, best practices for connecting with someone who may be suicidal, safe messaging, and community resources. Cameras must be on during session. Meets ACT 270.

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a 7.5 hour training that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Virtual, Blended, and In-Person options.

Youth MHFA, Adult MHFA, and Public Safety available.

## SAFETALK

LivingWorks safeTalk is a 4 hour training that equips people to be more alert of someone thinking of suicide, how to reach out and help them keep safe by promptly connecting them to further support. Using a simple yet effective model, LivingWorks safeTalk empowers everyone to make a difference

## ASIST

LivingWorks ASIST is a two-day in-person workshop featuring powerful audiovisuals, discussion, and simulations. You will learn how to recognize when someone may be thinking about suicide and how to provide a skilled intervention and develop a safety plan with the person to connect them to further support. This workshop will increase your willingness, confidence, and capacity to provide suicide first aid.

# Youth Trainings

## YOUTH SUICIDE & BULLYING PREVENTION

Ideal for middle school and high school aged youth, increases knowledge of bullying and suicide, identifies risk factors and warning signs, and provides skills and resources to help prevent or intervene.

## BECOME A DEFENDER

Interactive training that introduces older elementary students to the subject of bullying, how to prevent it, and how to talk about dealing with difficult emotions. Tailored to 5th grade students. Limited to 50 youth per group.

## KEIKI SELF-CARE

This presentation discusses how keiki express and experience emotions. Practice skills to help your keiki build their own emotional toolboxes and learn mindfulness exercises.

## SELF-CARE FOR YOUTH

Designed to teach youth tools to help them feel stronger, more hopeful, and able to cope with stress. Ideal for: High school-aged youth and young adults who want to learn tools to take care of their mental health and wellness.

## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH IN HAWAII

Provides an overview of the state of youth mental health in Hawai'i, shares possible solutions and resources available both locally and nationally.

**Tanya Hosoda - Humane Enforcement**

Aloha. My name is Tanya Hosoda, and I am the Interim Director of Humane Enforcement for Maui Humane Society. I would like to thank the members of the County Council for your continued support of Maui Humane Society granting us the ability to serve the animals in our community.

Maui Humane Society is contracted by Maui County to provide animal control and humane enforcement services to the community. In 2023, our officers responded to more than 4,000 calls for services, brought in 673 stray animals, and conducted 451 cruelty investigations. Additionally, we logged a mileage increase of 26% in response to calls for service for animals in distress or victims of suspected animal cruelty. We expect the need of our services in rescuing sick and injured animals, as well as those who are victims of animal cruelty, to continue to increase. As the only open-intake shelter on Maui and the agency of humane enforcement, the animals of our community need our services, and they deserve our very best.

We asked the County for \$1.14M to cover these costs for FY25, before knowing how much more work the humane enforcement team would be called upon to provide due to the fires. The Mayor's budget falls short by \$81K, which will hinder our officers' ability to perform their duties. We respectfully request an additional \$81K so that we can meet our humane enforcement contractual obligations.

Maui Police Department recently asked MHS to take over animal control services on Molokai, including management and oversight of the Animal Control Officer (ACO) who currently works for MPD. \$90,000 was removed from our FY24 budget when the ACO decided to continue working for MPD, but we respectfully request for that amount to be added back into the FY24 award, as MPD agreed that it is best for MHS to manage and oversee Molokai animal control and the \$90,000 is now needed to cover the costs of salary, vehicle, equipment and training for the animal control officer. For the FY25 Humane Enforcement contract we ask for \$140,000 so we can continue providing veterinary services to the animals on Molokai that desperately need them.

Mahalo.

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4-11-24



## Laurie Gaines - Spay/Neuter & Molokai

Aloha council members, my name is Dr. Laurie Gaines and I am the Chief Veterinarian at Maui Humane Society. I've worked at MHS for 3 years and I'm here as a representative of the organization and as a representative for the animals in our community who need help.

I urge you to approve the \$40,000 increase for our spay/neuter budget, for a total of \$165,000. As you know, pet overpopulation is an issue in our community. This year we will spay and neuter between 7000 and 8000 animals and the County contract funded approximately one quarter of those surgeries. Our spay and neuter numbers are slightly lower than we planned, as the fires caused us to postpone routine surgeries while the entire veterinary team shifted to support those affected by the fires. We worked around the clock to save severely burned animals. The only two veterinary clinics on the West Side were lost in the fire, so we set up free temporary vet clinics in multiple locations to help the community. We have opened the Lahaina Pet Resource Center where we assist families affected by the fires each week. These services were obviously not planned, but we saw the need and have been doing everything possible to help the community. Our surgery appointments are in high demand (especially dog spay/neuter appointments) and in response to input from community members, we have increased our appointment availability by 40%.

I also want to tell you about animal welfare on Molokai. We were awarded a contract last year to support animal control, provide medical care for Molokai's animals, and replace the dangerously unsafe animal control kennels that have resulted in death or injury to multiple dogs.

MHS is working with Molokai Humane Society to improve access to veterinary care, including spay/neuter surgeries for animals on Molokai. We are still awaiting authorization from the County to move forward on this project and have been using other funding to pay for the veterinary care we are providing to Molokai animals.

Thank you, council members, for considering our requests. I hope the health and wellbeing of animals in Maui County is as important to you as it is to me.



April 11, 2024

Alice Lee, Council Chair  
Maui County Council  
200 South High Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793

Subject: Department of Housing and Human Concerns  
Animal Management Program – Animal Care and Sheltering Program  
FY 2025 Budget

Aloha Council Chair Lee,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Dawn Pfendler, and I am the Chief Executive Officer at Hawaii Pet Network Inc. dba Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation (HARF), a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the welfare of animals in Maui County. We are contacting you to reacquaint you with our Animal Care and Sheltering Program, an initiative designed to address the urgent needs of our community's animals through comprehensive care, support, and education. This program was initially approved in the County's FY 2024 budget for \$150,000. Regarding FY 2025, our funding application was submitted past the deadline due to our Maui Wildfire response, resulting in our absence from the FY 2025 budget. With your help, we can reinstate this critical line item.

Our program doubles the lifesaving capacity of dogs in Maui County. It aims to significantly improve the lives of distressed animals by providing rescue, veterinary care, sheltering, and adoption services. Additionally, we are dedicated to fostering a culture of compassion and responsibility toward animals through community outreach and education.

Our program aligns with Maui County's values of community care and sustainability, and we are eager to collaborate with the county council to make a meaningful impact. A detailed description of the program is attached.

Thank you very much for considering our initiative. I look forward to speaking with you and answering any questions you may have about our program and its benefits for Maui County.

Yours for a humane world,

Dawn Pfendler  
CEO, Co-Founder

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**Hawaii Pet Network, Inc.**  
**Animal Care and Sheltering Program**  
**Performance Period: FY25**

**Program Proposal**

**I. Executive Summary:**

HARF's Animal Care and Sheltering Program is a comprehensive initiative designed to address the critical needs of animals in Maui County. With rising rescue cases and a clear lack of resources, our program aims to provide holistic care, including rescue operations, veterinary services, and community education. Our request for \$150,000 from Maui County will enable us to nearly double the county's kenneling capacity, significantly impacting animal welfare in the region.

**Key Components Include:**

**Rescue and Intake Operations:**

Identification and rescue of animals from various situations, including abuse, neglect, and abandonment. Collaboration with local authorities, animal control agencies, animal transfer partners, and volunteers to ensure swift and effective rescues. Implement protocols for the humane intake of animals into the HARF Animal Center.

**Comprehensive Veterinary Care:**

Implement regular health assessments, vaccinations, and preventive care for all sheltered animals. Collaboration with veterinary professionals to address medical issues promptly and ensure the overall health of animals. Promotion of spaying and neutering programs to control the animal population.

**Safe and Supportive Sheltering:**

Provision of a clean, comfortable, and safe shelter center for animals in transition. Development of enrichment programs and socialization activities to improve the mental well-being of sheltered animals. Collaboration with foster care networks to provide temporary homes for animals, particularly those with special needs.

**Community Outreach and Education:**

Implement educational programs on responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, and the importance of spaying/neutering. Engagement with schools, community organizations, and local businesses to raise awareness and promote a culture of compassion toward animals.

**Adoption Initiatives:**

Streamlined adoption processes with a thorough screening of potential adopters to ensure responsible placement. Adoption events, online platforms, and partnerships with local businesses to increase visibility and accessibility. Post-adoption support and resources to facilitate a smooth transition for adopted animals and their new families.

### **Emergency Response and Disaster Preparedness:**

HARF is deeply committed to animal welfare, extending its mission to include critical disaster relief efforts essential for Maui County's emergency readiness. Our focused activities in disaster relief demonstrate our adaptability and comprehensive approach to animal welfare, especially during crises.

HARF's adept team is prepared to swiftly address emergencies, offering rescue, medical care, and immediate shelter to animals affected by disasters. Post-disaster, we provide essential shelter and care for displaced animals, exemplified by our response to the Maui Wildfire Disaster, showcasing our capacity to support community recovery. We work with local authorities and organizations to ensure a coordinated disaster response, emphasizing our integral role in enhancing Maui County's emergency preparedness.

#### **Impact:**

Our disaster relief actions fortify Maui County's ability to safeguard animals in emergencies, building community trust and demonstrating HARF's pivotal role in emergency response and animal welfare.

### **Collaboration and Sustainability:**

Partnerships with other animal welfare organizations, veterinary clinics, and governmental bodies to maximize resources and expertise. Implementation of fundraising initiatives, grant applications, and community-driven support to ensure the program's long-term sustainability.

### **Outcomes and Impact**

#### **Increased Adoption Rates:**

The addition of this program will increase the lifesaving rate in Maui County by 91%, almost doubling the County's capacity. Currently, the Maui Humane Society has 24 dog kennels. Recently, with the completion of Phase I of the HARF Center, HARF added an additional 22 dog kennels. The program's success will be measured by the number of animals successfully adopted into caring homes.

#### **Health and Well-being Improvements:**

Tracking improvements in the physical health and mental well-being of sheltered animals will increase positive outcomes for orphaned pets.

#### **Community Awareness and Engagement:**

Periodic assessment of the program's success in raising awareness and fostering community engagement in animal welfare. The geographic area served by this program is the County of Maui.

#### **Emergency Response Effectiveness:**

Evaluation of the program's ability to respond effectively to emergencies and crises.

By implementing this comprehensive Animal Care and Sheltering Program, we aim to positively impact the lives of animals in distress, promote responsible pet ownership, and build a compassionate community committed to the welfare of all living beings.



## **II. Background:**

Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation (HARF) was established in 2011 with our primary focus on pet adoption and humane education. Over the years, our scope of work expanded to include partnerships with statewide animal welfare organizations, the Department of Education, and numerous youth-at-risk organizations, such as the Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui and the Second Circuit Courts. We also provide no-cost and low-cost spay and neuter services to the community. We are currently the only organization on the island rescuing and rehabilitating livestock in need. Over the years, we grew from a small foster-based organization to the agency we are today. We own 10 acres in Waihe'e, purchased in 2017, and recently completed Phase I of the HARF Education and Animal Center.

The need for additional Animal Care and Sheltering in our community arises from a complex interplay of factors related to human-animal interactions, societal challenges, and the well-being of individual animals.

Dogs have been companions to humans for centuries, forming strong emotional bonds. However, shifts in lifestyle, economic factors, and societal changes contribute to increased cases where dogs are abandoned or neglected. The ongoing housing crisis and lack of pet-friendly rentals have exacerbated the problem, with few solutions for pet owners. The county shelter, aka the Maui Humane Society, has been at capacity for years. HARF's addition of 22 dog kennels will help elevate the shortfall in sheltering resources and help fill the gap in service.

The target population served by this program is the County of Maui, which includes the islands of Molokai and Lanai. HARF has a long-standing relationship with the Molokai Humane Society, taking hundreds of transferred dogs and puppies over the years, reducing the burden on the county shelter, their only other resource. Additionally, we provide medical teams periodically to the island of Lanai, where services are limited. HARF has been a transfer partner with the Maui Humane Society since 2011, transferring countless animals to us.

In conclusion, the background, purpose, and need for additional Animal Care and Sheltering underscore the multifaceted challenges dogs face in distress and the societal responsibility to address these challenges through structured and compassionate initiatives.

## **III. Program Description:**

Executing the Animal Care and Sheltering Program requires a systematic and compassionate approach. We have established a program team of dedicated individuals with animal care, veterinary services, shelter management, community outreach, and administration expertise. This is an existing program that supports the human and animal residents of Maui County.

A detailed budget for the program, including expenses for shelter facilities, veterinary care, staff salaries, and outreach efforts, has been established and included in this grant submission. Funding sources have been identified/committed through grants, donations, partnerships with local businesses, and community fundraising initiatives.

Facility development/construction has been ongoing over the past five years. We recently completed the construction of Phase I of our Community Education and Animal Center in

**Waihe'e. We created separate areas for different purposes, such as quarantine, medical care, general housing of animals, 22 dog kennels, and enrichment areas.**

**Veterinary care and health protocols are established. We collaborate with veterinary professionals to establish health protocols for animals in the shelter and provide regular health check-ups, vaccinations, and spaying/neutering services. We have an established software system that allows for the recording and monitoring of each animal's health.**

**We have designed an efficient and transparent adoption process, including thorough screening of potential adopters. We have implemented online platforms and organized adoption events to increase visibility and accessibility. We have also developed post-adoption support services to ensure a smooth transition for both the animals and their new families.**

**Community Outreach and Education are part of our core values. Over the years, we have created educational programs on responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, and the importance of spaying/neutering, all of which are STEM-based and age-appropriate curricula in Maui schools. We engage with schools, community organizations, and local businesses to raise awareness and promote a culture of compassion.**

**A thriving foster care network is essential to creating positive outcomes for orphaned pets in need. We have an established network of foster caregivers who provide temporary homes for animals, especially those with special needs or behavioral challenges. We train and support our foster caregivers to ensure the well-being of the animals in their care.**

**We are a data-driven organization that implements a robust tracking system to monitor each animal's progress in the program. We also regularly evaluate the program's effectiveness, making adjustments based on lessons learned and changing community needs.**

**Collaboration and networking are essential to ensuring successful outcomes. We have established partnerships with veterinary clinics, other animal welfare organizations, governmental bodies, and businesses to maximize resources and expertise, and we engage in networking opportunities to share best practices and support each other's initiatives.**

**We have developed a solid public relations and communication strategy to inform the community about the program's activities, successes, and ongoing needs. Utilizing social media, press releases, and community events to maintain visibility and support. With the implementation of this program, we will increase our lifesaving efforts for dogs in Maui County by 91%.**

**In addition, we ensure that staff members receive adequate training in animal care, shelter management, and customer service, and we provide opportunities for professional development to enhance the skills of the program team.**

**By carefully implementing these steps, we can continue to execute a successful Animal Care and Sheltering Program that addresses the immediate needs of animals and contributes to building a compassionate and responsible community. Regular evaluation and adaptability are vital in sustaining the program's impact over the long term.**

#### IV. Collaboration in Providing Services – Table I:

<b>Projected Collaboration in Providing Services</b>			
<b>Agency, service or community resource</b>	<b>Type of coordinated activities</b>	<b>Number of persons to be served</b>	<b>Outcomes to be supported by this collaboration</b>
Maui Humane Society	Transfer of overflow dogs in need of rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming. Partnered with the Greater Good Charities to hold mass spay/neuter clinics for the public.	1,500	Increase live release rates for animals = saving more lives. Reduce the burden on an already overcrowded shelter.
Molokai Humane Society	Transfer of overflow dogs in need of rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming	100	Increase live release rates for animals = saving more lives. Reduce the burden on an already overcrowded shelter.
Kitty Charm Farm	Transfer of overflow cats in need of rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming	200	Increase live release rates for animals = saving more lives. Reduce the burden on an already overcrowded rescue.
Collaboration is essential to the success of this program. Fortunately, the above-mentioned agencies have a long-standing relationship with HARF. No one agency can address the needs of the community alone. The Animal Care and Sheltering Program helps to address the growing needs of the community and is not an overlap or unnecessary duplication of services.			

#### V. Cost Effectiveness

The Animal Care and Sheltering Program is a cost-effective program for several reasons, each contributing to the overall efficiency and sustainability of the program:

- Prevention of Overpopulation
- Reduced Strain on Public Services
- Community Health Benefits
- Preventive Healthcare for Animals:
- Behavioral Rehabilitation
- Community Engagement and Responsibility
- Adoption over Long-term Sheltering:
- Utilizing a Foster Care Network
- Community Volunteerism
- Data-Driven Decision-Making

A well-designed and efficiently managed Animal Care and Sheltering Program is cost-effective because it addresses the root causes of animal welfare issues, prevents future problems, and optimizes the use of resources to provide effective care for animals in need.

**VI. Other Funding Resources:**

In addition to our funding request for \$150,000 toward the Animal Care and Sheltering Program, we have an established fundraising plan to meet our annual goals. This includes grants, annual and community fundraising events, business partnerships, fee-for-service programs, workplace giving programs, and planned giving. Our request for county funds is 18.75% of our annual budget, a small percentage of our overall costs.

**VII. Program Evaluation – Table II:**

<b>Annual Program Evaluation</b>	<b>ANNUAL GOAL</b>	<b>Data Source</b>
<b>Total Unduplicated Persons Served:</b>		
Outcome 1: Rescue, rehabilitate & rehome/adopt	360 dogs	Animal tracking through database
Output 1a: Dogs placed in forever homes	360 dogs	Animal tracking through database
Output 1b: Reduces dog intakes at County Shelter	360 dogs	Animal tracking through database
Outcome 2: Provide humane education to Maui schools	215 classrooms	Teacher survey & school tracking
Output 2a: STEM based curriculum taught to students	5,160 students	Teacher survey & student tracking
Output 2b: Increased awareness of animal issues and needs	5,160 students	Teacher survey
Outcome 3: In collaboration with the County Shelter & the Greater Good Charities provide spay/neuter MASH clinics to the public	1,000 dogs & cats	Animal tracking through Greater Good Charities database
Output 3a: Prevent unwanted litters of dogs & cats	100's of unwanted litters	National statistics

**VIII. Conclusion:**

HARF's Animal Care and Sheltering Program represents a vital step forward in addressing the urgent needs of Maui County's animal population. With the County's support, we can significantly expand our capacity to rescue, care for, and rehome animals while also enhancing community education and disaster response readiness.



# Hawaii Animal Rescue Foundation

## Proposed Budget January - December 2025

<b>Revenue</b>	
Donations	300,000
Grants	350,000
Government Funding - DHHC	150,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
<b>GROSS PROFITS</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Adoption Supplies	7,658
Auto Expense	17,357
Bank Fees	306
Business Expense	3,880
Business Registration Fees	25
<b>Total Business Expense</b>	<b>3,905</b>
Business Licensing	82
Credit Card Processing Fees	3,982
Dog Boarding	0
Dog Food	25,525
Livestock/Other Animal Feed	5,102
<b>Total Food/Feed</b>	<b>30,630</b>
Dog Transport	1,532
<b>Facility and Equipment</b>	
Rent, Parking, Utilities	135
Phone	4,595
Trash	1,828
Water	1,322
Yard Service	2,859
<b>Total Rent, Parking, Utilities</b>	<b>10,739</b>
<b>Total Facilities and Equipment</b>	<b>10,739</b>
Fundraising	12,252
Insurance - Business	842
Insurance - Liability	4,921
<b>Total Insurance - Business</b>	<b>5,763</b>

	TOTAL
Internet	2,205
Marketing	1,532
Marketing/Advertising	919
Meetings	500
Membership Dues	490
Mortgage Payment	58,740
Office Supplies	9,189
Operations	
Postage, Mailing Services	8,985
Telecommunications	155
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>9,140</b>
Payroll Expenses	497,993
Property Tax	664
Software System	3,063
Tax Service	5,820
Travel and Meetings	
Conference, Convention, Meeting	12,380
<b>Total Travel and Meetings</b>	<b>12,380</b>
Vet/Medical Expense	102,100
Volunteer Expense	7,494
Web Hosting	388
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$796,823</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$3,177</b>



Aloha Council members,

I am Dr. Lisa Labrecque, the CEO of Maui Humane Society, and I am here today to thank the County for more than three decades of partnership serving the animals of Maui County and their families.

All of our lives were forever changed by the devastating fires last August, and we were called upon to serve as first responders working alongside MPD, FEMA, the National Guard, and other agencies. To date, we have:

- Rescued 887 animals from the Lahaina burn zone
- Reunited 237 of those with their families
- Adopted out an additional 244 into new homes
- Transferred 258 animals to partner agencies, rescue groups, and sanctuaries
- and sadly, recovered the remains of 371 deceased animals

In the weeks following the fires, our veterinary team treated dozens of animals for severe burns, smoke inhalation, and other injuries sustained in the fires.

Between August and December, we provided more than 531,000 lbs of free pet food, 7,000 lbs of cat litter, and 15,000 pet supplies to displaced residents.

We began hosting free mobile veterinary clinics immediately after the fires, as the only two veterinary clinics on the West side were lost. To date, more than 2,000 animals have received care through these clinics.

Sadly, there is still a long road ahead. We expect that displaced families will continue to make the difficult decision to surrender. Our shelter population is higher than it has been in years, and the average length of stay for an animal has increased by 30%.

We are contracted by Maui County to provide animal sheltering, humane enforcement, and spay/neuter services for Maui County. Our budget requests for FY25 are essential for us to meet these contractual obligations. The amounts included in the Mayor's budget fall short by \$200K for animal sheltering and \$81K for humane enforcement. I respectfully request that these amounts be added back in, so that we are able to perform the duties outlined in our County contracts.

Mahalo,

Lisa M. Labrecque, DVM

**PROGRAM BUDGET**

Agency Name: Maui Humane Society

Program Title: Animal Sheltering

Period: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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EXPENSE CATEGORIES	(a) Amount Requested	(b) *Other Resources	(c) Total Budget
<b>A. Personnel</b>			
Salaries	1,324,010.00	633,416.00	2,007,426.00
<i>Personnel Total:</i>	<i>1,324,010.00</i>	<i>633,416.00</i>	<i>2,007,426.00</i>
<b>B. Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits</b>			
Payroll Taxes & Assessments	168,944.00	87,203.00	256,147.00
Fringe Benefits (Medical/Dental)	170,097.00	87,622.00	257,719.00
<i>Taxes and Fringe Total:</i>	<i>339,035.00</i>	<i>174,825.00</i>	<i>513,860.00</i>
<b>C. Equipment</b>			
Computer/computer supplies	-	6,090.00	6,090.00
Copier lease	-	8,046.00	8,046.00
Maintenance	-	8,732.00	8,732.00
<i>Equipment Total:</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>22,868.00</i>	<i>22,868.00</i>
<b>D. Supplies</b>			
Animal care & feeding	104,417.00	53,791.00	158,208.00
Cleaning supplies	-	6,438.00	6,438.00
Euthanasia & cremation	-	9,203.00	9,203.00
Office supplies	-	9,098.00	9,098.00
Printing (program material)	-	16,298.00	16,298.00
Uniforms	-	13,063.00	13,063.00
Veterinary supplies - shelter	107,979.00	55,626.00	163,605.00
Veterinary supplies - surgery	47,682.00	24,564.00	72,246.00
<i>Supplies Total:</i>	<i>260,078.00</i>	<i>186,081.00</i>	<i>448,159.00</i>
<b>E. Staff Training &amp; Travel</b>			
Airfare/airfare	-	2,850.00	2,850.00
Per diem/wedging	-	4,530.00	4,530.00
Ground transport, gas purchase, parking	-	250.00	250.00
Registration fees	-	1,155.00	1,155.00
<i>Training and Travel Total:</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>8,785.00</i>	<i>8,785.00</i>
<b>F. Other Expenses</b>			
Advertising	-	33,240.00	33,240.00
Maintenance facility	14,667.00	7,711.00	22,678.00
Security	-	5,104.00	5,104.00
Telecom	15,883.00	8,182.00	24,065.00
Utilities	49,305.00	25,399.00	74,704.00
Vehicle operation	-	7,050.00	7,050.00
<i>Other Total:</i>	<i>99,155.00</i>	<i>86,686.00</i>	<i>166,841.00</i>
<b>G. Administrative Cost (12% maximum)</b>			
Insurance (auto, c. liability, property, volunteer, etc)	-	9,961.00	9,961.00
IT services	-	6,996.00	6,996.00
Janitorial services	-	5,220.00	5,220.00
Payroll & HR services	29,756.00	15,329.00	45,085.00
Wages & benefits - administration	125,104.00	97,470.00	222,574.00
Wages & benefits - facilities	77,862.00	40,111.00	117,973.00
<i>Admin Cost Total:</i>	<i>232,722.00</i>	<i>175,097.00</i>	<i>407,869.00</i>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,236,000.00</b>	<b>1,339,748.00</b>	<b>3,575,748.00</b>
<b>List *Other funding sources to be applied to this specific program. Note: Total column (b), must match the total below.</b>		<b>List all other County of Maui grants and include the Department, Grant #, and full grant amount.</b>	
<b>Source(s)</b>	<b>\$ Amount(s)</b>	<b>County Dept. - Title - Grant no.</b>	<b>\$ Grant Amount</b>
Service revenue	334,937.00	DHHC-Sheltering-G5620	2,033,000.00
Public donations	1,004,811.00	DHHC-Enforcement-G5619	1,111,000.00
		DHHC-Spay Neuter-G5621	125,000.00
		DHHC-Molokai (in process)	282,000.00
<b>Total Other Resources</b>	<b>1,339,748.00</b>		

**PROGRAM BUDGET**

Agency Name: Maui Humane Society

Program Title: Humane Enforcement

Period\*: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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EXPENSE CATEGORIES	(a) Amount Requested	(b) *Other Resources	(c) Total Budget
<b>A. Personnel</b>			
Salaries	669,176.00	84,754.00	753,930.00
<i>Personnel Total:</i>	<i>669,176.00</i>	<i>84,754.00</i>	<i>753,930.00</i>
<b>B. Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits</b>			
Payroll Taxes & Assessments	85,387.00	10,815.00	96,202.00
Fringe Benefits (Medical/Dental)	77,728.00	12,334.00	90,062.00
<i>Taxes and Fringe Total:</i>	<i>163,115.00</i>	<i>23,149.00</i>	<i>186,264.00</i>
<b>C. Equipment</b>			
Computer/computer supplies	-	2,700.00	2,700.00
Copier lease	2,109.00	111.00	2,220.00
Maintenance	1,441.00	76.00	1,517.00
Enforcement vehicles (per proviso)	60,000.00	-	60,000.00
Vehicle service & operation	74,575.00	3,925.00	78,500.00
<i>Equipment Total:</i>	<i>138,125.00</i>	<i>6,812.00</i>	<i>144,937.00</i>
<b>D. Supplies</b>			
Cleaning supplies	1,687.00	89.00	1,776.00
Enforcement supplies	9,405.00	495.00	9,900.00
Office supplies	2,278.00	120.00	2,398.00
Uniforms	2,375.00	125.00	2,500.00
<i>Supplies Total:</i>	<i>15,745.00</i>	<i>829.00</i>	<i>16,574.00</i>
<b>E. Staff Training &amp; Travel</b>			
Airfare/ferry		800.00	800.00
Per diem w/lodging		1,210.00	1,210.00
Ground transport, gas purchase, parking		100.00	100.00
Registration fees	1,319.00	304.00	1,623.00
<i>Training and Travel Total:</i>	<i>1,319.00</i>	<i>2,414.00</i>	<i>3,733.00</i>
<b>F. Other Expenses</b>			
Maintenance/facility	5,943.00	313.00	6,256.00
Printing	3,291.00	173.00	3,464.00
Security	2,114.00	111.00	2,225.00
Telecom	22,871.00	1,204.00	24,075.00
Utilities	20,073.00	1,056.00	21,129.00
<i>Other Total:</i>	<i>54,292.00</i>	<i>2,857.00</i>	<i>57,149.00</i>
<b>G. Administrative Cost (12% maximum)</b>			
Insurance (auto, g. liability, property, volunteer, d	1,718.00	1,637.00	3,355.00
IT services	1,834.00	96.00	1,930.00
Janitorial services	1,368.00	72.00	1,440.00
Payroll & HR services	13,892.00	731.00	14,623.00
Wages & benefits - administration	50,499.00	10,901.00	61,400.00
Wages & benefits - facilities	30,917.00	1,627.00	32,544.00
<i>Admin Cost Total:</i>	<i>100,228.00</i>	<i>15,064.00</i>	<i>115,292.00</i>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,142,000.00</b>	<b>135,879.00</b>	<b>1,277,879.00</b>
List *Other funding sources to be applied to this specific program. Note: Total column (b), must match the total below.		List all other County of Maui grants and include the Department, Grant #, and full grant amount.	
<b>Source(s)</b>	<b>\$ Amount(s)</b>	<b>County Dept. - Title - Grant no.</b>	<b>\$ Grant Amount</b>
Service revenue	33,970.00	DHHC-Sheltering-G5620	2,033,000.00
Public donations	101,909.00	DHHC-Enforcement-G5619	1,111,000.00
		DHHC-Spay Neuter-G5621	125,000.00
		DHHC-Molokai (in process)	282,000.00
<b>Total Other Resources</b>	<b>135,879.00</b>		

## PROGRAM BUDGET

Agency Name: Maui Humane Society  
 Program Title: Molokai Animal Services  
 Period\*: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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EXPENSE CATEGORIES	(a) Amount Requested	(b) *Other Resources	(c) Total Budget
<b>A. Personnel</b>			
Salaries	45,233.00	2,381.00	47,614.00
<i>Personnel Total:</i>	45,233.00	2,381.00	47,614.00
<b>B. Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits</b>			
Payroll Taxes & Assessments	5,319.00	280.00	5,599.00
Fringe Benefits (Medical/Dental)	5,673.00	760.00	6,433.00
<i>Taxes and Fringe Total:</i>	10,992.00	1,040.00	12,032.00
<b>C. Equipment</b>			
	-	-	-
<i>Equipment Total:</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>D. Supplies</b>			
Animal care & feeding	19,920.00	1,048.00	20,968.00
Cleaning supplies	2,488.00	131.00	2,619.00
Office supplies	475.00	25.00	500.00
Veterinary supplies - shelter	18,924.00	996.00	19,920.00
<i>Supplies Total:</i>	41,807.00	2,200.00	44,007.00
<b>E. Staff Training &amp; Travel</b>			
Airfare/ferry	-	-	-
Per diem w/lodging	-	-	-
Ground transport, gas purchase, parking	-	-	-
Registration fees	-	-	-
<i>Training and Travel Total:</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>F. Other Expenses</b>			
Animal transportation	26,250.00	26,250.00	52,500.00
Maintenance - facility	1,305.00	69.00	1,374.00
Telecom	958.00	50.00	1,008.00
Travel	6,639.00	349.00	6,988.00
Utilities	1,140.00	60.00	1,200.00
<i>Other Total:</i>	36,292.00	26,778.00	63,070.00
<b>G. Administrative Cost (12% maximum)</b>			
Insurance	549.00	29.00	578.00
Payroll & HR services	1,069.00	56.00	1,125.00
Wages & benefits - administration	4,058.00	547.00	4,605.00
		-	-
		-	-
<i>Admin Cost Total:</i>	5,676.00	632.00	6,308.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>	<b>33,031.00</b>	<b>173,031.00</b>
<b>List *Other funding sources to be applied to this specific program. Note: Total column (b), must match the total below.</b>		<b>List all other County of Maui grants and include the Department, Grant #, and full grant amount.</b>	
<b>Source(s)</b>	<b>\$ Amount(s)</b>	<b>County Dept. - Title - Grant no.</b>	<b>\$ Grant Amount</b>
Service revenue	8,258.00	DHHC-Sheltering-G5620	2,033,000.00
Public donations	24,773.00	DHHC-Enforcement-G5619	1,111,000.00
		DHHC-Spay Neuter-G5621	125,000.00
<b>Total Other Resources</b>	<b>33,031.00</b>		



**PROGRAM BUDGET**

Agency Name: Maui Humane Society  
 Program Title: Spay & Neuter  
 Period: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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EXPENSE CATEGORIES	(a) Amount Requested	(b) *Other Resources	(c) Total Budget
<b>A. Personnel</b>			
Salaries	120,006.00	222,865.00	342,871.00
<i>Personnel Total:</i>	120,006.00	222,865.00	342,871.00
<b>B. Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits</b>			
Payroll Taxes & Assessments	15,312.00	28,438.00	43,750.00
Fringe Benefits (Medical/Dental)	11,821.00	21,952.00	33,773.00
<i>Taxes and Fringe Total:</i>	27,133.00	50,390.00	77,523.00
<b>C. Equipment</b>			
<i>Equipment Total:</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>D. Supplies</b>			
Veterinary Supplies - Surgery	15,504.00	28,794.00	44,298.00
<i>Supplies Total:</i>	15,504.00	28,794.00	44,298.00
<b>E. Staff Training &amp; Travel</b>			
Airfare/ferry	-	-	-
Per diem/wlodging	-	-	-
Ground transport, gas purchase, parking	-	-	-
Registration fees	-	-	-
<i>Training and Travel Total:</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>F. Other Expenses</b>			
<i>Other Total:</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>G. Administrative Cost (12% maximum)</b>			
Payroll & HR services	2,357.00	3,942.00	6,299.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>165,000.00</b>	<b>302,049.00</b>	<b>464,692.00</b>
<b>List *Other funding sources to be applied to this specific program. Note:</b>	<b>List all other County of Maui grants and include the Department, Grant #, and full grant amount.</b>		
Total column (b), must match the total below.			
<b>Source(s)</b>	<b>\$ Amount(s)</b>	<b>County Dept. - Title - Grant no.</b>	<b>\$ Grant Amount</b>
Service revenue	75,512.00	DHHC-Sheltering-G5620	2,033,000.00
Public donations	226,537.00	DHHC-Enforcement-G5619	1,111,000.00
		DHHC-Spay Neuter-G5621	125,000.00
		DHHC-Molokai (in process)	282,000.00
<b>Total Other Resources</b>	<b>302,049.00</b>		

## Nikki Russell - Animal Sheltering

Aloha. I'm Nikki Russell, Chief of Operations for Maui Humane Society. Thank you to the entire council for the ongoing support which allows us to care for the homeless and abandoned animals of Maui.

As you are aware, MHS is contracted by Maui County to take in all animals in need and provide them with shelter, food and medical care. As the only open-intake animal shelter on Maui, we take in nearly 5,000 animals a year, and we anticipate the number to be higher this year and next, due to the effects of the August wildfires. We typically take in about 400 animals each month, which already stretches our capacity and resources.

From the single event of the Lahaina fires, we took in more than 880 additional animals from the burn zone alone, which does not include those surrendered to us as a result of the fires and lack of pet-friendly housing. Fire response took a great toll on the MHS team. I can't imagine where we would be today without the amazing work of our incredible rescue partners in Maui County. And still the impact of fires has increased our shelter population more than it has been in years and our animals' length of stay has drastically increased. This is especially true for dogs, which are becoming increasingly difficult to place due to rental restrictions on Maui. At times, we needed to call on the community to care for nearly 60% of our dog population in foster homes. This shows why our need for support from the County is so dire for animal sheltering, as well as spay/neuter funding, as the increased need for sheltering is directly related to the number of unaltered animals in our community.

Those of you who have pets of your own can understand that the human-animal bond is like no other. We need support from Maui County in order to continue supporting those who need us most. We asked the County for \$2.2M to cover these Animal Sheltering costs for FY25, and those were our estimated costs before the impacts of the fires would be known. This Mayor's budget falls short of this by \$200K, which will not be sufficient to meet our contractual obligations. Therefore, we respectfully ask for an additional \$200K to meet the proposed Sheltering budget.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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**April 10, 2024**

**To: Economic Development and Budget Committee  
Maui County Council**

**From: Bevanne J. Bowers, Executive Director  
Mediation Services of Maui, Inc.**

**Testimony in support of FY 24-25 funding for Mediation Services of Maui, Inc.**

My name is Bevanne Bowers, and on May 15, 2024, I will mark nine years serving as Executive Director of Mediation Services of Maui, Inc., doing business as Maui Mediation Services (MSM). In previous years, I have had the privilege to stand before you and thank you for the consistent support you have given us in the past for our Mediation and Conflict Resolution Services and Education Program. I have been able to report data such as during the last fiscal year, Maui Mediation Services served more than 1,221 persons across Maui County, including residents on Molokai and Lanai. Also during that same year we served 536 cases, of which 39% were referred from Maui's district and Family Courts.

But this year, my request for your continued support is different. Our staff and our volunteer mediators, are all seeing something different in the clientele that we serve – our County is hurting. Reeling from the blows of unforeseen catastrophic fires, a long-existing affordable housing shortage, businesses struggling to get and keep good employees, and the remnants of COVID, just to name a few. The reactions to these stresses manifest as heightened frustration and rage. The conflicts are getting nastier and seemingly more mean-spirited. Yet, these are the participants that our mediators facilitate. We are seeing an increased demand for workplace trainings, including from County departments, so managers are better equipped to deal with disputes in the job place, as well as an increase in employee conflict. A recent study of Workplace Conflict Statistics updated for 2023 found that employees spend approximately 2.8 hours each week in conflict – a full day of productivity each month.

We currently receive funding from Maui County's Housing and Human Concerns Department as one of its Food, Shelter, and Safety grantees in the amount of \$90,000. These funds provide essential support, without which we would be unable to meet personnel, rent, and auditing expenses, and we ask that this support continues in the fiscal year ending 2025.

MSM began 42 years ago as the Neighborhood Justice Center, focusing on neighbor-neighbor disputes. Today, we assist with all types of disputes – from auto accidents to TROs and most in between. At the end of our mediation sessions, we ask the participants to complete a

feedback form. Consistently, 90% of those who answered reported that they were satisfied with our process, and in the cases where applicable, 50% reported they felt some positive change in the relationship.

Again, we sincerely thank you for your grant support and request that it continue at the same level of \$90,000 for FY 24-25.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Bevanne J. Bowers, Esq.**  
**Executive Director**  
**Mediation Services of Maui, Inc.**