

EDB Committee

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The attached written testimony relates to proposed revisions to the County ordinance regarding grants to non-profits and community organizations. The Council's Budget Committee is holding a hearing on this proposal tomorrow morning (June 4, 2020) at 9:00am. Please submit this letter to the Committee for the hearing.

Mahalo!

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To: The Budget Committee, Maui County Council
Re: A Bill for an Ordinance Amending Title 3, Maui County Code, Relating to the Maui County Grant Program
Date: June 3, 2020

This letter is written in support of a proposed ordinance that would simplify the grant application for non-profits and community organizations that request less than \$50,000 in support for their projects.

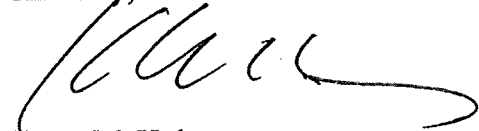
The Moloka'i Community Service Council receives grant funding for a number of its programs, and we are familiar with the regular application process, quarterly reporting requirements, and reimbursement procedures for drawing down grant funds.

In some previous years, we have waited for up to six months for payments. Because we are a relatively larger organization with some savings, we can afford to provide services while awaiting County payments. But this is not always the case for many worthwhile smaller programs.

Easing the application process for smaller grants and providing up-front payment would ensure that beneficial programs can secure County support with less "red tape" and minimal delays in receipt of necessary funding. And requiring annual reports for these smaller grants, rather than quarterly reports, will also relieve smaller grantees from an additional administrative burden that can sometimes detract from the provision of services.

Thank you for considering this testimony. We support this proposal.

Sincerely,



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