# **REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

D a t e:February 16, 2022F r o m:Gabe Johnson, Chair

Affordable Housing Committee

TRANSMITTALMemo to:DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL<br/>Attention:Mimi DesJardins, Esq.

## Subject: <u>COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN: EXPANDING AFFORDABLE</u> <u>HOUSING FUNDING (AH 14(7))</u>

**Background Data:** <u>Please see the two attached bills.</u> <u>Please submit the response to</u> <u>ah.committee@mauicounty.us</u> with a reference to AH-14(7).

Work Requested: [X] FOR APPROVAL AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

[] OTHER:

Requestor's signature	Contact Person
Gabe Johnson	Paige Greco or Richard E. Mitchell (Telephone Extension: <u>7660 or 7662, respectively</u> )

[] ROUTINE (WITHIN 15 WORKING DAYS)[] PRIORITY (WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS)

[] RUSH (WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS)[x] URGENT (WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS)

[x] SPECIFY DUE DATE (IF IMPOSED BY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES): <u>Feb. 17, 2022.</u>
REASON: For posting on Feb. 18 for the Council's Feb. 25 meeting agenda.

#### FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL'S RESPONSE

ASSIGNED TO:	ASSIGNMENT NO.	BY:

TO REQUESTOR: [] APPROVED [] DISAPPROVED [] OTHER (SEE COMMENTS BELOW) [] RETURNING--PLEASE EXPAND AND PROVIDE DETAILS REGARDING ITEMS AS NOTED

COMMENTS (NOTE - THIS SECTION NOT TO BE USED FOR LEGAL ADVICE): \_\_\_\_\_

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL

Date

By \_\_\_\_\_

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Attachments

(Rev. 7/03)

ORDINANCE NO.

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2022)

## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO USE OF THE HOME ACQUISITION AND OWNERSHIP PROGRAMS REVOLVING FUND

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to clarify and expand

allowable uses of the Home Acquisition and Ownership Programs Revolving

Fund.

SECTION 2. Section 3.34.040, Maui County Code, is amended to read as

follows:

**"3.34.040 Use of fund.** Council appropriations from the home acquisition and ownership programs revolving fund [shall] <u>must</u> be for the public purposes [set forth] in section 3.34.020[.], <u>including the following:</u>

<u>A.</u> To assist low-income renters and homebuyers with upfront costs of obtaining rentals and mortgage financing, including providing housing subsidies, grants, and loans to individuals, individual development accounts, and first-time homebuyers' downpayment assistance.

B. To provide deferred payment mortgages.

C. To provide rental housing gap financing.

D. To fund and provide financing for accessory dwelling unit development.

<u>E.</u> To fund and provide financing for septic tank and wastewater system development, as defined in section 14.19A.040, including composting toilets and future technologies.

F. To provide long-term financing for housing projects.

<u>G.</u> To provide housing counseling services and the development of a prequalified list of eligible buyers and renters."

SECTION 3. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance takes effect on November 1, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Department of the Corporation Counsel County of Maui

ah:misc:014(7)abill03:rem

INTRODUCED BY:

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ (2022)

## A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO USE OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to clarify and expand

allowable uses of the Affordable Housing Fund.

SECTION 2. Section 3.35.010, Maui County Code, is amended by

amending Subsection B to read as follows:

"B. In adopting fiscal [years 2008 through 2021] <u>year</u> annual operating budgets and capital improvement programs, the council [shall] <u>must</u> appropriate a minimum of [two] <u>three</u> percent of the certified real property tax revenues to the affordable housing fund. Any appropriations to this fund [shall] <u>must</u> not substitute, but [shall] <u>must</u> be in addition to, those appropriations historically made for the purposes stated in this chapter."

SECTION 3. Section 3.35.040, Maui County Code, is amended to

read as follows:

**"3.35.040 Use of fund.** The council may make appropriations from the affordable housing fund for <u>the provision</u>, <u>protection</u>, <u>and</u> <u>expansion of affordable housing and suitable living environments for</u> residents of very low to gap income, including the rehabilitation of existing structures, land purchase or other acquisition of land or property entitlements, planning, design, and construction, including the following:

A. To increase the supply of affordable, rental, and owneroccupied housing[;].

B. To acquire interests in real property [for purposes set forth in this chapter;].

C. For planning, design, or construction of affordable rental or owner-occupied housing for residents within income-qualified groups[;].

D. To provide housing for elderly, disabled, and homeless residents lacking a permanent home[;].

E. To provide grants or loans to an entity building 100 percent affordable projects or to any nonprofit or community land trust that complies with Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code and any other requirement under federal, state, and county law regulating the conduct of charitable or nonprofit organizations, provided that the purpose of any grant or loan [shall] <u>must</u> be for the purposes [set forth] in section 3.35.010 [of this chapter;].

F. To leverage funds provided by federal, state, nonprofit, or for-profit organizations and other non-County entities to further expand affordable housing opportunities[;].

G. To acquire existing housing or cooperative units for rehabilitation as affordable rental or owner-occupied housing, or both[; or].

H. To increase investment in public infrastructure in connection with related affordable housing projects.

<u>I. To provide comprehensive infrastructure assessments for</u> priority affordable housing project areas.

J. To provide long-term planning for affordable housing and houselessness solutions.

<u>K. To provide funds for payment of principal and interest on</u> <u>bonds issued.</u>"

SECTION 4. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is

underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the

brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance takes effect on November 1, 2022, except that

Section 2 takes effect on this Ordinance's approval.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Department of the Corporation Counsel County of Maui ah:misc:014(7)abill04:rem

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