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March 7, 2022

Ms. Lori Tsuhako, Director Department of Housing and Human Concerns County of Maui Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Ms. Tsuhako:

SUBJECT: COMPREHENSIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN: EXPANDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING (AH-14(7))

May I please request the Department's response to the following:

- 1. As it relates to the Affordable Housing Fund ("AHF"):
 - (a) Please provide a breakdown showing how much has been allocated to the AHF each fiscal year since its inception.
 - (b) Please provide a breakdown showing how much in grants or loans have been disbursed from the AHF each fiscal year and for which projects.
 - (c) How many affordable housing units in total have been developed using grants or loans from the AHF each fiscal year?
 - (d) Please provide an estimate of additional funding needed to accommodate the expanded uses of the AHF outlined in the attached proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, MAUI COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO USE OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND."

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2. As it relates to the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers program, how many units are available in the County?

May I further request your written response by **March 16, 2022**. To ensure efficient processing, please transmit your response to ah.committee@mauicounty.us and include the relevant Committee number in the subject line of your response.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Committee staff (Paige Greco at ext. 7660, or Stacey Vinoray at ext. 7147).

Sincerely,

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GABE JOHNSON, Chair Affordable Housing Committee

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cc: Mayor Michael P. Victorino

Attachment

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</u>, including the rehabilitation of existing structures, land purchase or other acquisition of land or property entitlements, planning, design, and construction, for residents whose income is between very low income, as defined in section 2.86.140(A), and gap income, as defined in section 3.35.025(B), in addition to 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 priority affordable housing projects.</u>

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

Section 2 which 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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