

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2023-2025) on 2023-04-03 6:00 PM

Meeting Time: 04-03-23 18:00

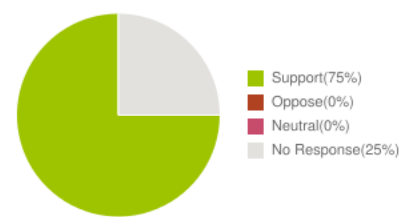
eComments Report

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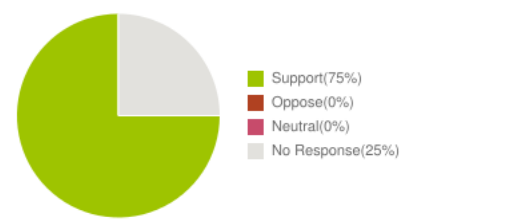


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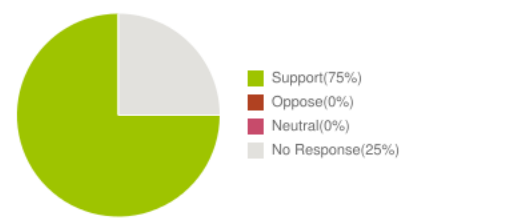
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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BFED Committee

Location:
Submitted At: 7:50am 04-04-23
Written testimony received at 04/03/2023 Paia meeting

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 7:13pm 04-03-23

Aloha,
I am providing some supporting comments for Malama Hamakua Maui and it's work to restore the lands that now comprise the County of Maui Hamakualoa Open Space Preserve. The lands have much cultural significance in a beautiful setting but sadly have been trashed from years of neglect and misuse. Malama Hamakua Maui has been working with the community to remove tons of trash, dumped appliances and dozens of abandoned vehicles. It is also working to remove invasive species and restore native and culturally important plants. It is a

long term project that greatly benefits the environment and the community. I urge you to keep the funding for this effort in place.

Mahalo,
Scott Werden, Board member of Malama Hamakua Maui
Ha'iku

Charla Konohia

Location:

Submitted At: 5:28pm 04-03-23

Mahalo to the council for the support you have given and hope that you continue providing Malama Hamakua Maui support so that we can continue our efforts in taking care of the County's Hamakuloa Open Space Preserve.. The 25K that the county has provided allows us to pay for regular mowing of our first project area on the Preserve. Funds also allowed us to pay for a bookkeeper, insurance, supplies and tools, trash roll offs and porta potty's for our volunteers. This is very helpful as the board finds themselves paying for many of our needs out of pocket. Thankfully we have had support from many community organizations such as Sierra Club, Haiku Community Association, Surfrider Foundation, Maui Green and Beautiful, Waialele Foundation and Waikikena Foundation just to name a few. Not to mention our many volunteers from the community. The board of Malama Hamakua Maui is made up of this community partnership. Our monthly clean ups bring the community together. Our mission is for restoration, cultural preservation, and educational purpose. We have been fortunate enough to have hosted several schools where students and teachers have contributed to these efforts.

The lands are especially special to me as these are the lands where my grandfather was raised. This is where his family planted kalo and uala and had fisheries. It is lands that our ancestors have taken care of for generations, before the days of KAMEHAMEHA. I have bought my daughter and nieces and nephews to work on the aina so that they have that connection to the land of our ancestors. All though we have made huge progress, there is a lot of work to be done and your continued support will insure that we continue to move forward.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:54pm 04-03-23

I write to support funding for Hui No'eau Visual Art Center in their quest for funding for Youth and Family Visual Arts Outreach Programs and also for their Art With Aloha Program. Mahalo for your support for these valuable community art programs.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:03pm 03-29-23

The youth members of Pa'ia Youth & Cultural Center are writing in strong support of increased funding:

When no one is at my house for me I can come here. I can come here and hang out with people who are nice to me. I wouldn't have some of the good friends I have. Julian Mordret 12

When I'm not feeling too well it makes me nice and happy to come here. Logan Ho-Ching 9

My name is Julian and I am an intern in the radio station PYCC. In that time I have grown as a person in ways I cannot put into words. My time from age 14 to 16 has been marked by all the different projects, interviews, and PSAs' I have had the opportunity to work on on the radio. PYCC has helped me change into a person with a better outlook on the world around me. Learning of all the ways that local problems are in my hands has made me a far more responsible community member. I can definitely say that without PYCC I would not have made the steps that I have to becoming a more mature and fitting person for the world I am growing into.

I value PYCC because It's inclusive and you can make many friends but it's also a place where you can learn many new things. Pycc gives kids many opportunities that they might not be able to have otherwise such as being able to use the cameras and going on adventures to places like waterfalls and beaches. PYCC creates a community and that's why I value it. Alina Holland, age 12

I value Pycc because it makes me feel like home. When I'm at Pycc I feel like I don't have parents watching over me I feel not imprisoned it's my choice. I love Pycc and I will love it forever it is my home! Also my family has been going here for a long time that's why I love it. Lily Lojeske my age 12.

I appreciate that there are so many things that I get taught how to do here. I love cooking, skateboarding and the employees here are outstanding. I don't know what I would do with out this place. Elijah Griffin Elvenstar 11

To me PYCC is a home away from home. All the staff are the kindest people ever and encourage us to do our

best. It makes me be the best me that I can be. Bri Timmens 15

Pycc is as fun as a rollercoaster

And as awesome as a million dollars Scarlet Lojeske 9

I value PYCC because of everything, also it makes me feel like home. When my parents are busy or at work I ask to come here and they say yes. I value PYCC very much! Saydee-Lynn, age 12

Hi my name is Neakita redwood I'm 11 and I value pycc very much. It is like a second home to me.

It's my home away from home. I feel happy that I have a whole lot of friends that come here and when I learn new skate tricks it's very satisfying. I like field trips and Brando makes everything fun. Pekelo Amuchastegui 12

I like the youth center because it is very fun place to be.it has a lot of different sports and games that you can play and the staf are very nice to.mayli hack 11

PYCC is a huge part of my life. Every single day after school I come here. It makes me so happy to be here.

Kahlil Popata 13

It's not just a kid playground. I have fun learning stuff here like cooking and going on the radio, and editing in the lab. Kaia Triglia 10

I am homeschooled and I make friends here. I have learned how to make vegetable sushi and how to draw better.

This is the best place I've ever been! Massey Paul 10

I get bored and I like this place because it is fun. I learned how to make leis. Roselyn Upton 11

I can't really cook at my house since I share a house with a lot of family so cooking here at the youth center is very fun. Greenly Upton 9

I think PYCC is very important place to me because it has taught me how to surf skate bodyboard and learn social skills. I love coming here every day that I can because I have so much fun here. Kai Haven 11

Pycc is important to me because it is a place where I can have fun, and hang out but also a place where I can learn ,and make friends. I have learned so much here ,and it is so much fun. This is the best place in the world, and I love it here. Irie 11

Hi I am Skye and I am 10. I have had so many good memories here at the youth center that I will always cherish.

I love the youth center because it gives me so many opportunities to discover my passions, It is amazing that I can be apart of a great community here at PYCC, I found a lot of my passions here like going on the radio station and coking amazing and tasty things I also love the art corickulm and sewing classes, Its an honor to be here.

The youth center is better. I love it! Ezra 14

I am a member of the Paia Youth and Cultural Center and I think that it is an amazing place to be. Not just because we can make friends but also because we can learn new things such as learning photography, cooking or even learning how to manage a radio station. Also you can learn to do something different from all the staffs. I come to the Youth Center because I have fun but most importantly is because I learn educational stuff.

The Youth Center is AMAZING! My name is Leilani Moscovich and I'm 11 years

There are things to do here that aren't anywhere else like people like to go on the radio, people like to bake, and Ben will go get the things we need for it and we like taking pictures with the pictures. I wish there was a lifeguard here. Zada Williams 9

I've gone to other youth centers and they are kind of boring. I really like cooking and eating and I've learned how to make so many more things. My mom is having a baby in 2 weeks and now I can cook more for everyone. .

Pete has taught me photography. Bonnie Higa 11

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:34pm 03-29-23

Aloha,

I am writing in support of increased funding for the Paia Youth and Cultural Center. Funding this organization is an investment in the community. They provide services to a large group of Maui Youth with a limited budget. They need additional funding to help retain their excellent staff who are struggling with increased cost of living, they need additional full time staff to help handle all time high membership and they need to deal with higher operating expenses due to inflation. Your consideration and support is appreciated.

Mahalo,

Joseph "Pete" Jalbert

Makawao

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:45am 03-28-23

Hi,

I am writing to support increased funding for the P_`ia Youth & Cultural Center and am a board member of the PYCC. We currently receive \$334,527.00 (51%) of our budget comes from Maui County- the lowest percentage of any other youth center on Maui despite P__ia having one of the highest Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander populations and one of the highest poverty rates of Maui island cities. We request \$400,000, an increase of \$65,473. Justifications are:

- Need to hire additional high quality staff (full time) to address the highest membership in PYCC history. This is a safety program quality concern.
- Cost of living increases to retain long term staff.
- Increase in general operating expenses.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha

Andrea

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Andrea Kealoha, PhD

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Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:01pm 03-25-23

I am writing testimony to support increased funding for the Pa'ia Youth and Cultural Center. The PYCC is a sacred miracle of Maui, and improves the quality of life for hundreds of families as well as increasing value for all residents of the North Shore.

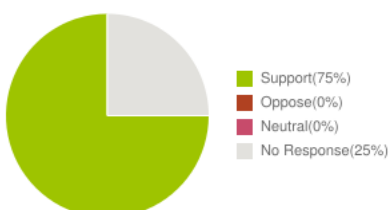
As the costs of living on Maui have significantly increased in recent years, so have the costs of providing such an incredible sanctuary for our youth and their families.

There is no place on earth like the PYCC, and we are so lucky to have it right here in our community! Please increase funding and give priority to the needs of the PYCC in this next years, and all future years, Maui County budgets. FUND THE PYCC!

Mahalo, Swanzy 'ohana

Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-1 FY 2024 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)

Overall Sentiment



BFED Committee

Location:

Submitted At: 7:43am 04-04-23

Aloha council members,

Mahalo for allowing our community to request funding for the different operations that we have in Pa'ia.

My name is Francine Aaron (Aunty Mopsy). I would like to share with you my concerns regarding the Budgeted Amount for the Clean and Safe Program for Pa'ia.

On Behalf of myself and the neighborhood board, Hui Malama Pa'ia, would like to again request \$350k as a budgeted item for the Clean and Safe Program in Pa'ia for fiscal year 2023-2024.

We would like to request that a task force be initiated within the clean and safe program to take care of safety issues. This task force would work with merchants, oversee public parking areas and help contain and provide direction for people who are in need. We are overrun with crime, drugs and transient traffic.

In addition to the budget item, request for additional funds to be appropriated to add a crosswalk at the stoplight on Hana Hwy and to change angle parking to parallel parking on Baldwin Ave.

This additional budget request is to take care of safety issues, to safeguard pedestrians crossing and walking on sidewalks.

The Hui would like to have an itemize print out of the budgeted items spent for security, clean up vendors and other needs to benefit a safe environment. To this date we have not gotten any information on how much was paid out for security and just recently for clean up being contracted out.

Mahalo for your kind attention__

Aunty Mopsy

Hui Malama Pa'ia

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:53pm 04-03-23

My name is William Spence, I am a board member at the Hui Noeau. I would like to offer my strong support for their FY24 budget requests for the Art with Aloha Program, as well as the Youth and Family Visual Arts Education and Outreach Program as they make a tremendous difference in our communities and touch the lives of many of our residents. The Art with Aloha program is pursuing more relationships with Hawaiian practitioners, giving another avenue of expression and exposure of the culture to many.

The Youth and Family Arts program amazes me as reaches out to our very young to 18, to homeless children, and provides opportunity and an open door where I believe the public school system is sorely lacking. The results of this program are truly remarkable when you see the expressions on paper and on the kids faces. Creativity is as important as reading and writing, and some kids are gifted in this area, those gifts should be given every opportunity to flourish. I support the request for and increase in this grant to \$50,000, it means more children can be reached.

Mahalo for your time,

Will Spence

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:47pm 04-03-23

Aloha,

Mahalo nui loa for including Hui No`eau's Art with Aloha programs along with Hui Youth & Family Arts Education Outreach Programs in the Mayors proposed FY24 budget. Thank you for your past support for both of these vital

programs for Maui County.

Art with Aloha programs connect Maui County community members & Visitors along with Hawaiian cultural practitioners to learn Hawaiian arts and crafts and to perpetuate the learning, appreciation and understanding of the Hawaiian culture through the arts. Hui No`eau's Art with Aloha programs are also included in our outreach programs into a number of Maui's Public Elementary Schools and Homeless shelters at no cost to the school or organization.

Hui Youth & Family Arts Education Outreach Programs, as mentioned above, are at no cost to the school, organizations and non-profits that the Hui partner with. Hui Outreach Programs provide a safe place for students to learn and express themselves. With many art programs being cut within schools, few children have the opportunity to experience a hands-on art experience. Today more than ever, the arts have shown to be a huge improvement to one's self-esteem, creative and critical thinking, mental health and sense of community.

Due to the increase in demand for Hui outreach programs from Maui County public schools, partner organizations and non-profits, I respectfully ask for your consideration in increasing funding for Hui Youth & Family Arts Outreach Programs from \$25,000 to \$50,000. This increase will allow Hui No`eau to further expand our arts education reach to additional public schools and offer more free community art events for youth and for Maui County.

Mahalo nui loa,
Anne-Marie Forsythe
Executive Director, Hui No`eau Visual Arts Center

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:08pm 04-03-23

I support the funding for Hui No'eau Arts Center

-\$25,000 for Youth & Family Visual Arts Educational and Outreach Programs

- \$50,000 for Art with Aloha Programs

I humbly ask the you consider raising the funding for the Youth and Family programs to \$50,000 for FY 2024. We have not seen an increase in sometime, and we we have seen increased demand for the programs and our operational cost have risen considerably.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rob Stoner

Co President

Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center

4/3/2023

Testifier: Marcy Martin, resident 23 Hoe Place, Paia

Budget testimony:

I am an avid park user. I would like a majority of growth tax dollars to be used to improve park access for residents.

I would like beach parks to open just prior to sunrise to accommodate "dawn patrol" users. In the past, gates were open around 5:15 am daily. After COVID, beach parks were locked until 7:00 am. As of April 1, the COM has agreed to open Hookipa at 5:30 am. We are very grateful to this administration for accommodating us dawn patrollers. However, there are other beach parks that need to open at that time (or earlier). These parks include Baldwin, Lower Paia Beach, Kuau Cove (AKA Tavares Bay), Kanaha and the Launiupoko mauka lot.

In addition, the Launiupoko parking lot needs nightly monitoring as people living in the parking lot leave no parking for beach users.

The playground at the Lahaina Civic center needs to be repaired and updated. My grandsons live nearby. The matting is falling apart.

Hookipa needs additional parking. The upper parking lot can be expanded into the unused curbed area.

Lower Paia Beach lost over 1,000 linear feet of parking in 2020 when no parking signs were put up along Hana Highway. Please expand parking into the adjacent county lot.

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PA'IA

testimony

1 message

Alan Lloyd <alanlloydac@gmail.com>
To: Alan Lloyd <alanlloydac@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 2:00 PM

Aloha. My name is __Alan LLoyd_____, I'm a resident of __Makawao____. You are my Council member. I am the Maui organizer for the Hawai'i Workers Center.

I am concerned about numerous things, and would like to see the Maui County 2024 Budget address these issues concerning our Long term residents, Kapuna, families with children, and those being squeezed by high rents.

I'd like to see in the 2024 general fund budget:

*That all non union employees of agencies that contract with the County be paid a liveable wage, like \$20 hour. That the county include in its 2024 budget funding so these agencies can pay their employees that liveable wage.

*Rent vouchers for Long Term residents, Kapuna, families with children, those on fixed income (Like they have in the State of Alaska)

Increase the Housing fund to \$100 million .

Property tax exemptions for pet friendly rentals.

Higher taxes for vacant and abandoned homes, ie 336 Naniloa Drive, Wailuku

Tax at a higher rate 2nd and 3rd homes.

Relocation Assistance, for those evicted from their homes.

Down payment and monthly mortgage assistance for those long term residents who want to purchase a home.

Rental Assistance , that is only qualified by, proportion of income, capped at \$100,000 income.

Mahalo for your time,

__Alan LLoyd_____
4/3/23

Aloha county council chair and council members,

Thank you for coming to Paia and holding your budget meetings. Unfortunately I could not attend tonights meeting.

I would appreciate updating our basket ball court at Baby park, It looks run down and unattractive.

It is a first impression as you enter Paia Town, It needs to be repaved and striped at minimum, also would ask if we could fund playground equipment for our parks, Baby Park, Baldwin Park, and Skill village. The hope with the refresh look and playground equipment for our youth so our kids would come out and play once again.

Also the possibility of lights, it would be a good safety measure.

With Aloha
Bruce U'u