

Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee (2023-2025) on 2023-04-19 9:00 AM

Meeting Time: 04-19-23 09:00

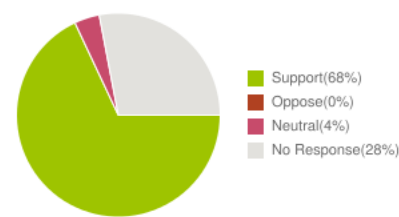
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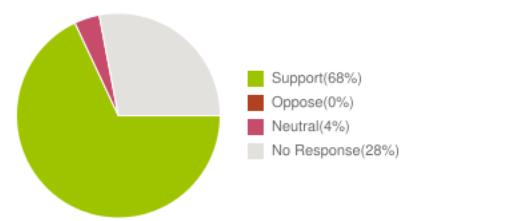


Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
A G E N D A	23	17	0	1
BFED-1 FY 2024 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)	2	0	0	0

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

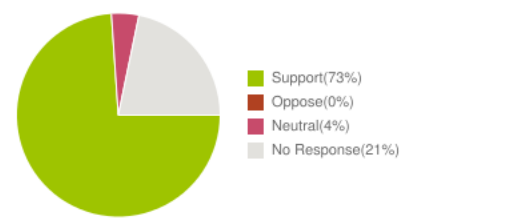
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

Overall Sentiment



BFED Committee

Location:
Submitted At: 8:05am 04-20-23
Written testimony received 04/19/2023

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 12:40pm 04-19-23

Water is life. It is a great responsibility to steward this resource for the health of our island and our community. We need proper management of our most vital resource so that we can all thrive as a community, and not allow the life of the land to be degraded for corporate agendas. As human beings, we deserve the right to vote for how our island watershed systems are being managed.

I support and encourage the following:

-Funding to support 10 full months of Water Authority director salary

-Amend the proposed Administrative Assistant position description to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board, which is currently in the process of formation

-Include funds to hire Professional Services for:

An engineering analysis of the system

A financial plan and business model

Provide an overview of available grants and other municipal funding options

Mahalo nui loa

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46am 04-19-23

I am writing this testimonial in support of the Maui County Water Authority's request for full funding. This funding will help play a crucial role in ensuring that residents and businesses in Maui County have access to clean and reliable water, which is essential for their health and economic well-being.

Mahalo,

Jennifer Stephens

Kihei, Maui, Hawaii

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:18am 04-19-23

The people of Maui have spoken, we care about our water resources and know they are part of the public trust. The people of Maui should finally have say in how they are managed so full funding for the Maui County Water Authority is crucial to the success of that vision, not just 6 months of funding. Water is life, and so the residents of Maui should be in charge of how water on this island is managed. We can not manage our water system properly without the proper funding. I urge you to make the success of this new Maui County Water Authority your highest priority.

Mahalo,

Miranda Camp

Haiku, HI.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:10am 04-19-23

I support funding knowledgeable staff or consultant to optimize the effectiveness of WATER COMMITTEE and Ag. Committee thank you ! I support MAUI TOMORROW AND SIERRA CLUB RECOMMENDATIONS !

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:21pm 04-18-23

I'm writing in support of fully funding the Maui County Water Authority's. For decades water has been mismanaged to the degree that the Citizen's voted to create a Maui County Water Authority's. To manage water effectively, problems must be corrected and then there will be water for all. Fund the Director for the remainder of the fiscal period. Plan for the E Maui Water Authority now being formed...will Director or another person Direct this Authority...fund watershed evaluation and repair. Watersheds are critical for a healthy water system. Maui's Watershed has not been managed...in many areas, the ditches are full of plant material or invasive have choked out indigenous plants...the invasive use much more water and interfere with underground percolation of water (how it moves down the land). Mahalo. Bill Greenleaf Greenleaf Farm Makawao

Amy Fonarow

Location:

Submitted At: 9:58am 04-18-23

Aloha, Maui County Councilmembers!

I am in support of a full 10 months of funding for the salary of the Maui Community Water Authority director for fiscal year 2024.

Proper funding will a) give the community a chance to weigh in on the sustainable use of the water that sustains all who live on Maui, and b) give the new Maui Water Community Authorities the time and security they need to take root and flourish.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this important new endeavor!

M_lama pono,
Amy Fonarow, former Maui resident

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:33am 04-18-23

Funding for water authority

I am in support of, and requesting to

Include funding to support 10 full months or more of Water Authority director salary

Amend the proposed Administrative Assistant position description to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board, which is currently in the process of formation

Include funds to hire Professional Services for:

An engineering analysis of the system

A financial plan and business model

Provide an overview of available grants and other municipal funding options

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49am 04-18-23

Aloha,

With respect to the sustaining environment of Maui Hikina, please revisit the part of the Mayor's Budget to adequately fund the Community Water Authority. Our new Community Water Authority needs proper funding to succeed in bringing public water resources under public management. This issue is important to our community as indicated within the last election and Charter Amendment 12 passed by a two thirds majority!

Budget Recommendations:

- Include a full 10 months of the Director's salary for the year.
- Amend the Administrative Assistant position to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board.
- Include Professional Services for:
 - > An engineering analysis of the system
 - > A financial plan and business model
 - > An overview of available grants and other municipal funding options

My name is Heidi Lea and I am the Executive Director of the H_na Business Council and a community leader who facilitates monthly strategy meetings for East Maui Ready emergency preparedness. We rely on our representatives to implement good policy and will see to it that engagement with the Community Water Authority is maximized - so please empower this position!

Mahalo nui, Heidi

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:30am 04-18-23

I urge adequate funding for the new Maui Community Water Authority in Fiscal Year 2024 be set aside to be firmly established and succeed.

-- Michael Reed Gach, Ph.D.
Kihei, Maui Resident

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:27pm 04-17-23

Budget Finance and Economic Development Committee
9 am. Bluejeans Meeting
April 18, 2023

Aloha Chair, and Council Members,

My name is Jessie Kekiwi-Aweau and I am a lineal descendant of Ke_anae and Wailuanui Moku. I am concerned that the budget only provides for 6 months' salary for the Director and Deputy Director for the voter-approved East Maui Water Authority Committee. I strongly support funding this position for a total of 10 months for the year. Also, amend the Administrative Assistant position to serve both the Director and East Maui Regional Board which is in the process of formation. Please include Professional Services for:

An engineering analysis system, a financial plan, and business model, and an overview of available grants and other municipal funding options.

Mahalo for your time,
Jessie Kekiwi-Aweau

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:28pm 04-17-23

Aloha my name is Jerome Kekiwi Jr President of our non-profit organization Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau. Our members are Lineal Descendant's and current residents of the Ke'anae-Wailuanui Ahupua'a located in the Ko'olau Moku of East Maui. We grow taro, fish hunt and gather to feed our families as a way of life. We are also the lead plaintiffs of the East Maui Water Case including the June 2018 decision that restored East Maui waters.

I am here today to testify in support of the East Maui Community Water Authority. This is our chance to finally have a seat at the table to implement Community knowledge and experience and partner with government officials for the betterment of our community and future generations. Our community's voices were heard when charter amendment 12 was passed by 2/3 majority vote in this past election.

I humbly ask that you please support the implementation of the following:

1. Please include four additional months of Director salary to bring the positions funding to a total of 10 months for the year.
2. Amend the Administrative Assistant position to serve both the Director and East Maui Regional board, which is currently in the process of formation.
3. Include Professional Services for:
An engineering analysis of the system, a financial plan and business model, and a overview of available grants and other municipal funding options.

I believe with theses implementations made we would be able to move forward with our Water issues in a more Pono fashion. Thank you for your time and this opportunity to testify on this matter.

Mahalo,

Jerome Kekiwi Jr
President:
Na Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui
Ke'anae-Wailuanui Ahupua'a

Scott Crawford

Location:

Submitted At: 5:56pm 04-17-23

Aloha,

I would like to urge the Committee to appropriately fund the Community Water Authority. The votes of Maui County overwhelmingly voted to create this body. It is broadly supported, and very important to the future of our County. To make it effective at guiding the future of a fair and efficient water system that serves all of our needs, I urge the Committee to adopt these budget recommendations:

- 1 Include 4 additional months of Director salary to bring the position_s funding to a total of 10 months for the year
- 2 Amend the Administrative Assistant position to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board, which is currently in the process of formation
- 3 Include Professional Services for:
 - _ An engineering analysis of the system
 - _ A financial plan and business model
 - _ An overview of available grants and other municipal funding options

Mahalo!

Scott Crawford

Hana

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:08pm 04-17-23

Aloha Budget, Finance, and Economic Development Committee,

I would like to take a moment to share some mana'o on the current meeting. In reference to the Maui Community Water Authorities: I would recommend and support the Inclusion of funding to support 10 full months of Water Authority director salary . To amend the proposed Administrative Assistant position description to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board. We support the East Maui Regional Board creation.

Also to Include funds to hire Professional Services for: An engineering analysis of the system, A financial plan and business model, Provide an overview of available grants and other municipal funding options.

Thank you for your time and wishing the best.

Aloha,

Jason Medieros

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:42pm 04-17-23

Aloha Chair and Council Members!

Please provide our new Community Water Authority with the resources it needs to succeed!! Please make this happen now so that we can finally realize a managed and healthy water department that recognizes our precious water resources, including watershed's, water delivery systems and community input into decisions being made on our behalf. Provide a generous salary for the position's available, so that we can attract and retain the best and brightest to work for a better, stronger and more resilient Maui.

I also support the idea of creating a compost facility in the Kula Ag Park ~ fantastic idea! Now that Kihei Compost is closing and there are no other compost facilities, we must act quickly to support our essential and growing farm community.

Mahalo!

Colleen DeLima

Ulupalakua

Bobbie Best

Location:

Submitted At: 12:34pm 04-17-23

Suggested Budget Recommendations for the Maui Community Water Authorities:

Include funding to support 10 full months of Water Authority director salary

Amend the proposed Administrative Assistant position description to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board, which is currently in the process of formation

Include funds to hire Professional Services for:

An engineering analysis of the system

A financial plan and business model

Provide an overview of available grants and other municipal funding options

Mahalo for allowing this input and considering it.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:05pm 04-17-23

I would firmly request that sufficient funding be given to The Maui Community Water Authorities. It would be a violation of the public trust to have an initiative passed by voters and choked by lack of funding. Water Authority director salary should be taken care of as well as funds for engineering analysis of the system, municipal funding options and grants.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:37am 04-17-23

Please finally fully support our water for Maui people; You need to remember that the Director needs a decent salary 10 months each year and that you should amend the Admin. Asst position to also serve the E. Maui Board now forming. The whole system needs to be professionally analyzed by a prof. engineer. Water should be your top priority.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:32am 04-17-23

„Water is Life“- I urge you to please support the implementation of the following.

Include 4 additional months of Director salary to bring the position's funding to a total of 10 months for the year
Amend the Administrative Assistant position to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board, which is currently in the process of formation

Include Professional Services for:

An engineering analysis of the system

A financial plan and business model

An overview of available grants and other municipal funding options.

Include 4 additional months of Director salary to bring the position's funding to a total of 10 months for the year
Amend the Administrative Assistant position to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board, which is currently in the process of formation

Include Professional Services for:

An engineering analysis of the system

A financial plan and business model

An overview of available grants and other municipal funding options.

Include 4 additional months of Director salary to bring the position_s funding to a total of 10 months for the year
Amend the Administrative Assistant position to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board, which is currently in the process of formation
Include Professional Services for:
An engineering analysis of the system
A financial plan and business model
An overview of available grants and other municipal funding options.
Thank you and Aloha,
Bernard Lassalle

Joseph Kohn

Location:

Submitted At: 5:15pm 04-16-23

Our new Community Water Authority needs proper funding to succeed in bringing public water resources under public management. The Mayor_s office has submitted a draft budget proposal that only includes 6 months of salary for a Director and a Secretary to the Director. We made our voices heard in the last election and Charter Amendment 12 passed by a two thirds majority. We ask the County Council to recommend the following budget allocations to the Mayor in order to operationalize our Water Authority as soon as possible.

Budget Recommendations

Include 4 additional months of Director salary to bring the position_s funding to a total of 10 months for the year
Amend the Administrative Assistant position to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board, which is currently in the process of formation
Include Professional Services for:
An engineering analysis of the system
A financial plan and business model
An overview of available grants and other municipal funding options.

M_lama Pono

www.WeAreOne.cc

Barbara Barry

Location:

Submitted At: 9:28am 04-15-23

Aloha Chair and Council Members,

I'm concerned that the budget only provides for 6 months of salary for the Director and Deputy Director for the Voter approved E Maui Water Authority.

Not sure if this is an error in your budget but I strongly support funding this position for a full year.

Whoever gets appointed for these important jobs needs to know that they are fully funded by our County. The taxpayers understand that these positions are vital to the protection of the E. Maui watershed and voted in this Department with strong support. Please do not underfund it. It's a waste of time and money if it's not supported properly.

Budget Recommendations for you to consider and support.

Include 6 additional months of Director salary to bring the position_s funding to a total of 12 months for the year.

Amend the Administrative Assistant position to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board, which is currently in the process of formation.

Include Professional Services for:

An engineering analysis of the system.

A financial plan and business model.

An overview of available grants and other municipal funding options.

I also support the County tot invest in a compost facility since we are currently without one.

I suggest using a portion of the New Kula Ag park for this facility since it has large portions of the property that are poor choices for farming.

The park will also be needing large amounts of compost to amend the terrible soil left dead after decades of monocropping sugar cane.

It's a great location for a county compost facility.

Mahalo,

Barbara Barry

Ha'ik_

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:21am 04-15-23

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Tia Pearson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:38pm 04-14-23

We now have a chance to help improve the plan (WUDP) and work to incorporate more accurate data about Ha'ik_, west Maui and N_ Wai 'Eh_, as it evolves. We ask the County Council to recommend the following budget allocations to the Mayor in order to operationalize our Water Authority as soon as possible:

Budget Recommendations:

Include 4 additional months of Director's salary to bring the position funding for a total of 10 months for the year
Amend the Administrative Assistant position to serve both the Director as well as the East Maui Regional Board, which is currently in the process of formation

Include Professional Services for:

An engineering analysis of the system

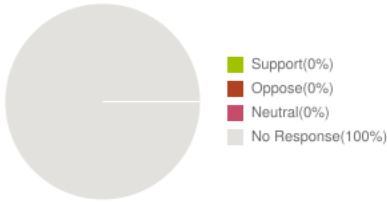
A financial plan and business model

An overview of available grants and other municipal funding options

Thanks for your consideration

Tia Pearson

Overall Sentiment



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Location:

Submitted At: 7:59am 04-20-23

Aloha,

My name is Sanna Ka_uhane, and i_m writing on behalf of Na Mamo Aloha Aina O Honokohau. We are a 501 (C)3 non-profit based in Honokohau, West Maui. Our main focus is our educational partnerships with Maui county Hawaiian language immersion schools to provide regularly scheduled, hands-on oppurtunities to students, preschool through grade 12, to practice Hawaiian culture and language outside of the classroom. Our Hui also strives to care for and preserve the natural resources of Honokohau through lo_i restoration, regular monitoring of streamflow and community outreach programs.

Our Hui was approved to receive \$775,000 in open space funds for the current fiscal year to preserve an ocean front parcel of land in Honokohau and put it into conservation. Honokohau bay and the surrounding valley are amongst the last coastal communities in West Maui not exploited by commercial fishing or tourism. Honok_hau Bay is also an important fishing, educational, and recreational area for _ohana in the area. Fishermen with generational ties to our ahupua_a depend on this access to feed their families. This parcel would also provide us with an oceanfront space to run future makai management and educational programs.

The landowners have been extremely patient with us while we navigated our way through the open funds process. Our little hui of kalo farmers has been desperately trying to meet all the county requirements by the June 30 deadline. While we have already been promised the funds for the current fiscal year we would like to ask the county to either consider a slight extension if deemed necessary or be taken into consideration for open funds budget for the following year, again, if deemed necessary. We are doing everything we can to meet the June 30th deadline and receive the funds on schedule. Mahalo for all your support thus far!

Sanna Ka_uhane
(808) 866-3840
huinamamo.org

BFED Committee

Location:

Submitted At: 4:20pm 04-19-23

Written testimony received 04-19-2023

BFED Committee

From: Lee Imada <lee.imada@meoinc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:20 PM
To: BFED Committee
Subject: Budget Testimony
Attachments: Budget Transportation Pontanilla.pdf

I am submitting this letter regarding the County Budget.

Please confirm receipt.

Thank you.

Lee

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Lee Imada, Executive Assistant

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Fiscal Year 2024 Community Budget Testimony

Agency: Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

Program: MPD Crisis Intervention Team Training & Kula Maka'i No Na 'Opio O Lana'i Program

Name: Sergeant Jan Pontanilla

Email Address: jan.pontanilla@mpd.net

Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. has graciously assisted us with transportation for both our Crisis Intervention Team Training and Kula Maka'i No Na 'Opio O Lana'i Programs.

The transportation for CIT is needed to allow the department the ability to conduct their site visits to some of our community partner resources. This is one of the essential components to the curriculum needed to complete all participants certifications.

As for the Kula Maka'i No Na 'Opio O Lana'i Program, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. provides transportation to and from the harbor and any other stops needed for our Keiki that comes from Lana'i for their day visit, when participating in this program, which is our youth academy we conduct every summer on Lana'i.

None of this would be possible without the assistance and support from Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

8.12.2023

Budget Finance & Economic
Development Committee
200 S. High St. 7th Floor
Honolulu, HI 96782

SUBJECT: The Homeless

Please there are Homeless people who
need a place to live, some of them hang
out or sleep outside of Safeway in Honolulu.

Please kindly provide a place for
them to live & receive assistance
to acquire employment.

Thank you,

Res P. O'Sa

BFED Committee

From: Daryl Fujiwara <sfdhawaii@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 11:11 AM
To: BFED Committee; County Clerk
Subject: Festivals of Aloha
Attachments: FOAFY24.pdf

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Aloha! See attached my FY24 Budget testimony for Festivals of Aloha. Mahalo!

Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair
And Members of the Economic Development & Budget Committee
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April 19, 2023

BUDGET FY 23-34 - FESTIVALS OF ALOHA

Aloha Chair Sugimura and committee members,

In addition to its intrinsic value, culture provides important social and economic benefits. With improved learning and health, increased tolerance, and opportunities to come together with others, culture enhances our quality of life and increases overall well-being for both individuals and communities. Hawaiian culture is the very fabric of our livelihood.

As of now, Festivals of Aloha is the only festival planned for Hana. There will be no Limu or Taro festival planned for this year. On Lanai, there are only two major festival events, FOA along with Pineapple. On Molokai I, along with an amazing committee of community members, coordinate the only two Hawaiian community parade events, Kamehameha and Festivals of Aloha. The third is their Christmas parade. We are the longest running tri-isle festival.

Last year we went back to in person in full force with events on Maui, Lanai, Molokai, Hana and added Wailea - the 3 day event was hosted by the Four Seasons Maui at Wailea. We celebrated 20 years of the Richard Ho'opi'i Leo Ki'eki'e Falsetto Contest and started the first wahine falsetto contest in the name of Carmen Hulu Lindsey. Our festival is two months long with events happening on almost every weekend.

As coordinators, safety always comes first but it has also become one of our newest financial challenges in addition to increased shipping cost and delays. Last year we paid exponential amounts of funds for police and security that are being required by Parks for permitting. This expense used to be taken care of by volunteers but the bill is significantly higher than other program expenses. It's also a challenge to budget for as Police rates vary depending on who is taking the assignment and their rank. In addition Parks fees to utilize County facilities like community centers, have gone up as well.

Due to COVID our proviso was decreased from \$100K to \$60K with matching from HTA of \$40K. This year we are uncertain of the Hawaii Tourism Authorities focus as they are delayed in sending out an RFP. With the addition of Wailea to our hui of towns and the increased expenses for safety, we are asking for \$120,000 to mālama our growing community needs this year.

Thank you all for your hard work and consideration.
Me ka ha'aha'a, Daryl Fujiwara, Festival Director