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Meeting Time: 04-20-23 09:00

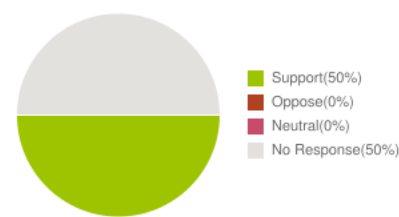
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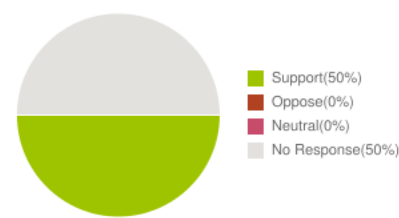


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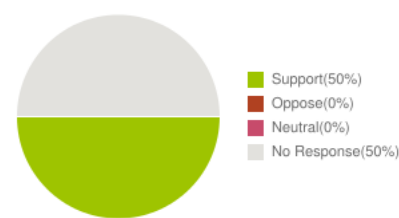
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Agenda Item: eComments for BFED-1 FY 2024 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (BFED-1)

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BFED Committee

Location:
Submitted At: 5:13pm 04-20-23
Written testimony received 04-20-2023

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 11:01am 04-20-23
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RE: FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET: county.clerk@mauicounty.us

Chair Sugimura, Member Johnson, Council Members, Aloha welcome to Lana'i. Mahalo for providing this in-person opportunity to present our community needs and vision.

I am Pat Reilly, a forty-five-year resident of Lana'i and a retiree from Lanai High and Elementary School after thirty-one years of service.

My "theme" is building a resident community."

- Affordable housing permitting long-term commitment to all aspects of services and businesses.
- Agriculture Park: Farm to School; Agriculture support to students P-20; Farm to Table for the community to build a core agricultural economic sector.
- Support for "essential workers" including federal, state, county, non-profit, for-profit employees who provide the fundamental "organs" of our island.
- Support for the programs that maintain our viability through our life span from families' through the end of life.

Lana'i offers unique challenges as does each island within the county. While our recent figures indicate a 2% unemployment rate in a labor force of 1800 (DEBDT, Feb 2023) a high inflationary spiral leaves many on the margins of meeting their families' needs. We need your assistance.

Let's make some lemonade out of lemons.

Affordable housing for sale and rent to encourage residents to remain on Lana'i to raise families.

- County Affordable Housing Project.
- SB1596 places Teacher Housing both on campus and off.
 - o Recruitment and retention of teachers are critical.
 - o Non-profit-preschool
 - o Highly qualified teachers, P-20 are essential to our community.

Strong health care and financial support throughout the lifespan systems through non-profit and for-profit agencies.

- MEO services: needs some refrigeration/office space
- Office of Aging
- Health Services
- Kina'ole
- Lana'i Community Health Center
- Straub Clinic
- Kaiser Hospital services.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:06am 04-20-23

Good Morning, Councilmembers

My name is Alberta de Jetley. My family has been a part of the Lanai community since 1951 and I personally returned to Lanai to live in 1996. We have a great community to live in and I am hoping you can help it become even better. I am testifying in favor of creating a dog park on Fraser Avenue.

In September 2022, I noticed we had a lot of new residents in our community with dogs. I started a Facebook group titled "Dogs of Lanai" and since its inception, we have 210 members today. Dogs are a great way to meet your neighbors and to share your common interest, our dogs!

There is a 1.02 acre county-owned park which is under-utilized on Fraser Avenue. It is located near the Iwiole and Kanepuu apartment complexes, has ample space for roadside parking, nearby existing waterlines, and would be a wonderful place for a dog park.

You may ask, why do Lanai residents need a dog park when we are surrounded by acres of open space? Our island is noted for its deer population. Deer and dogs don't mix well and a dog off-leash can easily be injured or lost.

The main elements of turning this open park into a dog park is to fence it into two sections, for large and small dogs, with a central gated foyer where we can unleash our dogs before they enter their section. A child's wading pool makes a great pond for them to sit in or a watering hole too!

I've taken my dog to the Central Maui and Makawao dog parks and both do not have bathrooms nearby. Parking will not be a problem as most of the park's users will walk to it from the adjacent apartment complexes.

Dog parks allow our pets to run and play in a safe environment. It is also an excellent way for new residents to meet other dog families and become a part of our community. I hope you will consider making this unused park a place we can use and enjoy.

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Lee Chamberlain

Location:
Submitted At: 7:55am 04-20-23

Council Member Paltins Submission of \$200,000 match for TIP MC28 for West Maui Greenway

Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 2:33pm 04-19-23

Aloha Chair Sugimura and members of the committee,
Thank you for allowing _Iken_kea Development LLC to submit testimony in STRONG SUPPORT FOR the proposed fiscal year 2024 budget for the County of Maui. _Iken_kea Development is a local family owned and operated affordable housing development company headquartered in Honolulu that builds affordable residential projects of all types across the state. Our residential communities serve individuals, families, and kupuna with income levels ranging from 30% area median income (AMI) and up to 120% AMI. The extremely low- to the very-low income (30-60% AMI) housing units are built using a combination of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, Rental Housing Revolving Funds, and the use of Hula Mae Multi-family bonds issued through the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

The Hale O Piikea Affordable Housing Development is set to transform the housing situation for residents in Kihei, providing 223 affordable rental units for families and kupuna with an income at or below 60% AMI. To ensure successful financing of this vital project, it has been broken down into three phases. These phases will be funded through a combination of low-income housing tax credits, hula mae multifamily bonds, and rental housing revolving funds.

The community's needs have been considered throughout the project's development, ensuring that the final result will be consistent with the community's wishes. For many families and kupuna on Maui, this project will provide a truly affordable home.

Construction for Phase 1, which includes 90 family units, is set to begin in July 2023. Phase 2, which will offer 97 units for kupuna, is scheduled to start construction in September 2023. While we are still waiting on an allocation of tax credits from HHFDC for Phase 3, which will have 36 units for families.

The current economic climate has presented several challenges for all three phases our project, including a sudden surge in interest rates, inflation, and rising construction costs. As a result, we have encountered a financial shortfall, and securing grant funds from the County's Affordable Housing Program has become essential for the successful completion of our projects.

The grant funds will serve as a critical bridge in our financing stack, ensuring that we can continue construction without delay and ultimately provide affordable homes for those in need. We are deeply grateful for the support of the Affordable Housing Program, which recognizes the critical importance of affordable housing in our community.

Together, we can work towards a brighter future where everyone has access to safe, secure, and affordable housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.
Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,
_Iken_kea Development

Christopher Flaherty, Managing General Partner
_Iken_kea Development LLC

Daryl Fujiwara

Location:

Submitted At: 11:22am 04-19-23

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 m_lama our growing community needs this year.

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

BFED Committee

From: County Clerk
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:11 AM
To: BFED Committee
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Subject: 4/20 Maui County Budget hearing testimony

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Aloha!

Please accept my testimony for 04/20/23 budget hearing.

Mahalo for your efforts in helping to create a Bicycle-Friendly community on Maui.



Mahalo!
Saman Dias
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April 20th, 2023

Aloha Council Chair and council members,

I am Saman Dias Lahaina Resident and MBL Chair

I am here today to ask council members to approve 200,000 20% match that has been requested by our west Maui Council member Tamara Paltin to move West maui Greenway project forward.

West Maui Greenway is a legacy project and should be implemented to serve the West maui community.

West maui Greenway Project has been highlighted as a priority project on 5 different plans.

- Hawaii Bike plan Hawaii
- *Hele Mai Maui* Long Range Transportation Plan 2040
- West Maui Community Plan
- Vision Zero
- West Maui Community transportation corridor plan.

Why West Maui Green way is important?

1. Growing need for local community members commuting to work use bike as a transportation option.
Our children do not have a safe way to get school by walking or biking.
Our handicap and aging population have no safe paths to ride their bike.
Our bike /Ped path on west side is hwy shoulder
Hawaii is ranked #81 out of 84 for bike friendly cities.
2. Traffic on Maui is getting worst – most of us drive avg radius of 5-7 miles and do not need a car.
3. We are faced with Climate challenges and large part come from gas emission b/c of pollution from moto vehicles.
Hawaii is working towards becoming energy independent by 2040.
4. We are also challenged with obesity issues –Hawaii ranked # 49 – Healthy activity, be healthy and stay healthy.

MBL has been responsible for advocating to complete Northshore greenway, also to establish Maui MPO.

We are 100% volunteers. We workday and night weekends whether we are sick or not sick to advocate for safe bike/ped paths on Maui for all people.

We are asking our county department heads and leaders to think outside the box, for solutions and not the obstacles we hear about every day.

We also want to let you know if you need staff to help, we have very knowledgeable community members that are willing to work for no compensation and we ask you to take up on these offers.

MBL has worked hard and received a pro bono technical assistance grant from National Park services, and we ask the county to make use of these resources to move the project forward.

There has been no Bike/ped path improvement or new implementations for the last 23 years. West Maui generates more revenue than any other region on Maui and we are asking please invest in West Maui infrastructure.

There is no better time to move a project like this there is funding opportunities around Complete streets, Vision Zero and climate change. Let's work together to make this legacy project happen not just for us but for our future generations to come. And a project that we all can be proud of.

Mahalo!!!

Saman Dias

Chair Maui Bicycling League

My name is Lee Chamberlain and I am the advocacy Chair for the Maui Bicycling League

1. Under the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* also known as the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* federal funds are available through various Grants.
2. The State of Hawaii has been authorized 2.8 billion dollars under *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*.
3. Maui is authorized 2.4% of that equating to approximately \$67,200,000.
4. One of the federally funded programs set aside for community priorities Is the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG).
 - a. Currently under MC28 in the TIP, the West Maui Greenway has Fiscally Constrained Monies to be administered by DPW for Preliminary Engineering and Construction from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program for FFY24 and 26.
 - b. The Surface transportation Block Grant is a Formula Grant which is a program set aside for community priorities.
 - c. This programs require a 20% match by the applicant and are to focus on muti-modal transportation for the purpose of reducing vehicle miles traveled through alternative modes of transportation such as biking and walking.
5. The purpose of the WMG is to create a safe, comfortable, and joyful greenway path through West Maui that serves as both a recreational and a new transportation facility, connecting people's destinations while highlighting the diverse history, landscape, and culture of the region.
6. A \$200,000 match for FFY24 is needed which Council Member Paltin has submitted for as one of her priority funding opportunities which will include design and permitting for the WMG.

The West Maui Greenway has long been established as a community priority and we have a plan to move forward as defined in the West Maui Greenway Master Plan Final including.

1. **Implementation** - Chapter 6 page 108
2. **Prioritization** - page 110
3. **Next Steps** - Page 117
7. Please accept Council Member Paltin's Submission of the \$200,000 match for the Tip MC28 for the West Maui Greenway for FY24.
8. **MC28 West Maui Greenway STBG**
FFY 24 PE2 1,000 800 200 FFY 26 CON 10,607 8,486 2,121Estimated
Total Project Cost - \$13,000,000 -- The West Maui Greenway is a 25-mile multi-use trail that will one day connect Ukumehame to Lipoa Point.

When complete, the greenway will provide safe and welcoming recreation and transportation opportunities for the community, separated from traffic along Honoapiʻilani Highway. Design guidelines from the West Maui Greenway Master Plan identify different trail typologies based on land use context. At a minimum, the greenway will include a 12-foot wide path with adjacent 2-foot buffers. Amenities such as plantings, benches, shade and wayfinding signs may be included. Phase 1 will include design and permitting for Napili to Olowalu, and construction for Lahaina Recreation Center to Olowalu.