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April 20, 2023

The Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Mayor Bissen:

SUBJECT: **FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024 BUDGET** (BFED-1) (OM-3)

Thank you for participating in the Committee's discussions on April 18, 2023.

May I please request your written response to the following:

1. How much funding will Molokai S.T.E.M. Robotics receive in FY 2023? (KRF)
2. When is the Salary Commission anticipated to determine the East Maui Water Authority Director's salary? (TC)
3. Page 402 of the Program Budget states one of the duties and functions of the Office of Innovation will be to coordinate actions and policies of County departments to increase community resilience and preparedness dedicating resources to advance equity for disproportionately impacted communities. How do you interpret this statement? (TK)
4. Page 3 of Appendix B-1, County of Maui Concession/Lease/License Schedule – By Departments, shows the base rent of \$4,200 for Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani. Will that rate continue in perpetuity? If not, when will it expire? (TP)
5. The previous Planning Director proposed a 10 percent increase in the Department's rates and fees to be consistent with Section 3.01.020, Maui County Code. Why was this proposed increase not reflected in the FY 2024 Budget? (TP)

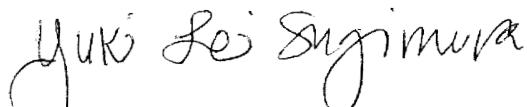
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6. Under the Technology in Business Promotion line item, can a conditional request of \$65,000 for Lānaʻi Entrepreneur Assistance be added without increasing the total funding amount? (YLS)
7. Please explain why Habitat for Humanity Maui did not receive the \$89,000 in funding for Housing and Urban Development certified housing and counseling services. (TP)
8. Would the Administration be willing to allocate funds for a feasibility study for affordable housing on Lānaʻi? (GJ)
9. Please explain the difference in grant funding between the \$2.25 million transferred to the Department of Agriculture and the \$1.31 million under the Economic Development Program – Grants and disbursements for Agricultural Promotion listed in the FY 2023 Budget. (KRF)
10. Please provide a list of new and existing Workforce Development Programs proposed using General Funds. Please confirm that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding would not cover these programs. (YLS)

May I further request you transmit your response to bfed.committee@mauicounty.us by **April 25, 2023**. To ensure efficient processing, please include the relevant Committee item number in the subject line of your response.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me or the Committee staff (Lesley Milner at ext. 7886, Kasie Apo Takayama at ext. 7665, or Yvette Bouthillier at ext. 7758).

Sincerely,



YUKI LEI K. SUGIMURA, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Economic Development
Committee

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cc: Budget Director
Finance Director

BFED Committee

From: BFED Committee
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:01 PM
To: Michelle Santos; Zeke Kalua
Cc: BFED Committee; Maria Zielinski; Desiree Echalas; Janina Agapay; Leo Caires
Subject: PLEASE READ attached letter re: Fiscal Year ("FY") 2024 Budget (BFED-1) (OM-3)
Attachments: (OM-3) Correspondence to Mayor 04-20-2023.pdf

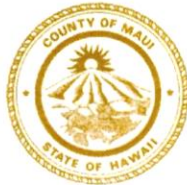
Mayor's Office (Attention: Michelle Santos and Zeke Kalua): Please forward the attached letter from the Budget, Finance, and Economic Development (BFED) Committee Chair, dated 04/20/2023, to Mayor Bissen.

Ms. Zielinski: FYI

Mahalo,
Maria Leon
Ext. 7866

RICHARD T. BISSEN, JR.
Mayor

KEKUHAUPIO R. AKANA
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April 24, 2023

Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr.
Mayor, County of Maui
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R T Bissen", written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature is the date "4.28.23". Below the signature line, the word "Mayor" is printed on the left and "Date" is printed on the right.

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Chair
and Members of the Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

Dear Chair Sugimura:

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR ("FY") 2024 BUDGET (BFED-1) (OM-3)

Pursuant to your correspondence dated April 20, 2023, the following are responses to your questions.

1. How much funding will Molokai S.T.E.M. Robotics receive in FY 2023? (KRF)

See Attachment 1- (4 pages includes response from Leslie Wilkins).

2. When is the Salary Commission anticipated to determine the East Maui Water Authority Director's salary? (TC)

This was discussed by the Salary Commission in March. They are scheduled to continue to discuss this in May and intend to use the Department of Agriculture as a model.

3. Page 402 of the Program Budget states one of the duties and

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functions of the Office of Innovation will be to coordinate actions and policies of County departments to increase community resilience and preparedness dedicating resources to advance equity for disproportionately impacted communities. How do you interpret this statement? (TK)

The Office of Innovation and Sustainability's interpretation of the statement, "to coordinate actions and policies of County departments to increase community resilience and preparedness dedicating resources to advance equity for disproportionately impacted communities" means to partner with County departments (e.g. DHHC, DEM, DWS, DPR, etc.) to take collective actions that benefit those that are directly and most negatively affected due to their socio-economic and environmental conditions. There is demographic and location-based data that helps inform which communities are most at risk from the aforementioned.

According to a Dec 8, 2022 Maui News report on poverty in Hawai'i, "52% of Maui County homes live below the ALICE threshold." Of those, "Native Hawaiian and Filipino residents are more likely to be living below the ALICE threshold... the report shows a growing divide in Hawai'i between those living comfortably and those trying to survive financially, especially affecting Hawaiian and Pacific Islander households, female-led households, and households with children."

OIS advocates for better outcomes in areas facing disproportionate environmental and health ills, typically minority and low-income communities. Our Kauhale and bridge housing initiatives strive to provide an alternative housing and community resource for those most at-risk. Likewise, OIS coordinates with the Four County Sustainability Network (4CSN) and is active on the Hawai'i Executive Conference Climate Coalition, as well as engaging in Hawai'i's Voluntary Local Review on Sustainability, and improving on and implementing the CARP. The energy savings measures undertaken through our Johnson Controls contract will reduce the County's overhead expenses and increase resiliency. Also, our focus on integrated water and water conservation systems, eventual electrification of the County fleet, food sovereignty, and supporting numerous conservation programs and projects through our grants all work to build resiliency throughout the many communities across Maui Nui.

The Climate Crisis is already one of the greatest threats facing humanity and, unfortunately it will define and shape our everyday life like no other. This is why it is critical for us to pursue and implement these objectives.

4. Page 3 of Appendix B-1, County of Maui Concession/Lease/License Schedule – By Departments, shows the base rent of \$4,200 for Ke Kula 'O Pi'ilani. Will that rate continue in perpetuity? If not, when will it expire? (TP)

The 5th Amendment to Lease with Hawaii Nature Center dated 7/1/22 extended the lease until 07/31/23. Ke Kula O Pi'ilani is in the process of applying for a Grant of County Property with OED.

5. The previous Planning Director proposed a 10 percent increase in the Department's rates and fees to be consistent with Section 3.01.020, Maui County Code. Why was this proposed increase not reflected in the FY 2024 Budget? (TP)

The proposed 10 percent increase submitted by the previous director was inadvertently left out of the FY 2024 budget and was an unintentional oversight.

6. Under the Technology in Business Promotion line item, can a conditional request of \$65,000 for Lana'i Entrepreneur Assistance be added without increasing the total funding amount?? (YLS)

Yes.

7. Please explain why Habitat for Humanity Maui did not receive the \$89,000 in funding for Housing and Urban Development certified housing and counseling services. (TP)

Habitat for Humanity's request for this funding was received well after the Department's budget proposal was completed in the Fall of 2022. The agency was informed of this timing issue and that the Mayor would ultimately make the decision to add this request to the budget or not.

8. Would the Administration be willing to allocate funds for a feasibility study for affordable housing on Lana'i? (GJ)

The administration needs more time to discuss allocating funds for this request.

9. Please explain the difference in grant funding between the \$2.25 million transferred to the Department of Agriculture and the \$1.31 million under the Economic Development Program - Grants and disbursements for Agricultural Promotion listed in the FY 2023 Budget. (KRF)

Per Councilmember Rawlins-Fernandez, on the April 22, 2022 BFED meeting, it was noted that for the \$2,250,000 Agriculture Promotion/Technology (Index code 923012B-Sub Object Index Code 6317), \$1,310,000 of this fund is for the following agricultural groups:

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Hawai'i Taro Farm, Farm Bureau, CTAHR, and Moloka'i and Lāna'i Ag Promotion.


No information of how much money for each group was noted. It will be up to Department of Agriculture to determine grant funding allotted to each group.

10. Please provide a list of new and existing Workforce Development Programs proposed using General Funds. Please confirm that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding would not cover these programs. (YLS)

WIOA funds are only used for WIOA WFD salaries and WFD project partners like Goodwill Industries and American Job Center. See attached spreadsheet "Attachment 2" which shows how our OED grants funded several workforce development projects from other organizations.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 8275.

Sincerely,



LEO CAIRES
Chief of Staff

Attachments

Tina Silva - FW: URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED for County Council - Molokai Proviso

From: Leslie Wilkins <leslie@medb.org>
To: "Tina.Silva@co.maui.hi.us" <tina.silva@co.maui.hi.us>, Luana Mahi <Luana...
Date: 4/21/2023 12:26 PM
Subject: FW: URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED for County Council - Molokai Proviso
Cc: Michelle Cocca <michelle@medb.org>, Leslie Wilkins <leslie@medb.org>

Aloha Council Members,

We received an urgent request from Office of Economic Development to respond to your question on the expenditures for the Molokai Proviso. Please note that MEDB does not take any administrative fees of charge any staff salary to the \$75,000 Proviso, nor is any penny of it spent on any other island students. All of it goes to direct services for Molokai public schools' students, teachers, and programs. Also, not all of the funding is used for robotics, the proviso is for Molokai STEM Education and we try to distribute the funding broadly and responsively to the requests from Molokai teaches. We are currently spending FY23 money, which MEDB's grant does not end until September 30, 2023, so some of the proviso funds will be spent for Molokai summer interns' stipends at \$1,800 each.

Maui Economic Development Board Current Expenditures and Obligations for FY23 Molokai Proviso:

Robotics: \$ 3,000 to Molokai Middle
 \$ 3,000 to Molokai High School
 \$18,000 to Kaunakakai Elementary (includes support for travel to Worlds)

Ag teacher Professional Development, including travel:

\$ 1,689

Teacher Classroom Supplies:

\$ 177

Hawaii STEM Conference in Honolulu - 45 Molokai students and 8 teachers (2 nights), includes airfare, 2 nights hotel, \$100 for conference food, \$40 per diem

\$30,170

Internship Stipends:

Current Spring Semester \$9,600

Summer Interns \$18,000

Other Internship Support: \$ 586

Total to date is \$84,222, exceeding Proviso by \$9,222, which MEDB is pleased to pay from other competitive grants. Molokai teachers and students also participate in MEDB's STEMworks professional development and sponsored programs in GIS, Computer Science, the Engineering Design Process, Clean Energy, 3-D printing, AI, Virtual Reality, Healthcare career exploration, Creative Media, Minecraft, and project-based learning throughout the year, paid for by MEDB's other competitive federal, state, and private sector grants, which significantly leverages the County's investment. The MEDB team members were deeply concerned when there was a misperception expressed that MEDB spent a portion of the Proviso on other islands. We are honored to be the stewards of the proviso and work to ensure it goes directly to the Molokai public school students benefit! Please call if we can answer any further questions at 808-280-0376.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Wilkins
MEDB President & CEO

Tina Silva - URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED for County Council

From: Tina Silva
To: Leslie Wilkins <leslie@medb.org>; Michelle Cocca <michelle@medb.org>
Date: 4/21/2023 10:15 AM
Subject: URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED for County Council
Cc: Luana Mahi

Aloha Leslie,

County Council is asking how much funding will Molokai S.T.E.M robotics receive in FY2023. I took a look in the grant agreement and there's no breakdown.
Please advise,

Tina Silva
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County of Maui
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>>> Leslie Wilkins <leslie@medb.org> 4/14/2023 5:16 PM >>>

Aloha again Tina on the STEMworks AFTERSchool, I am offering a correction to numbers served below. The program also presents STEM interactive nights, which increases its participant count to 3,000+
Thank you,
Leslie

From: Leslie Wilkins
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2023 11:35 AM
To: Michelle Cocca <michelle@medb.org>; Tina.Silva@co.maui.hi.us
Cc: Luana Mahi <Luana.I.Mahi@co.maui.hi.us>
Subject: FW: ACTION NEEDED FY2024 NARRATIVE STEMworks AFTERSchool \$225,000

Again our apologies, here is the next one:
Call if you have any questions on cell [808-280-0376](tel:808-280-0376).
Mahalo,
Leslie

Aloha,

Your organization, **MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD** for your **Stemworks Afterschool program** has been included in the FY2024 Mayor's Proposed Budget to the County Council in the amount of \$225,000.00.

STEMworks AFTERSchool, has adapted the project-based learning and design-thinking processes used in MEDB's in-school STEMworks labs into the after-school space, intercession breaks, and summer for Middle School and Elementary students. Most of this funding is used to pay the teachers, using Department of Education set hourly rates, for their time outside school hours. Students learn coding, robotics, game-design, 3-D printing, how to work in teams, the engineering-design process, access to industry professionals to learn about career pathways, and entrepreneurship. This is a critical age to keep students engaged in meaningful activities, to help avert challenges in the future. We propose to serve 700 students.

Attachment 2 - 1 page - question # 10

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (Youth, Adult and Dislocated)

| Grant # | Organization Name | Project Title | Award Amount | Balance as of 3/22/2023 | Project Description: One sentence that describes your project. (May be used in OED promotion such as press release) | Date(s): List specific date(s) for project. | Perf Period | % of Adv Adv Install | Date start grant processing | Date of execution |
|---------|---|---|--------------|-------------------------|--|--|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| G5756 | MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC. | Maui County High Schools Automotive Program | \$60,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | The program serves high schools within Maui County and will increase student's interests in automotive technology, including more green environmental transportation. | 1/1/23-12/31/23 | Jan-Dec 23 | 25% | 7/18/2022 | 9/12/2022 |
| G5769 | CLIMBHI | ClimbHI Bridge | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | ClimbHI Bridge, a necessary tool to connect students, educators, and businesses safely and efficiently online with the goal of inspiring our keiki to achieve economic self-sufficiency through the exploration of diverse income sources such as jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities here at home. | Ongoing | 12 months | 25% | 9/13/2022 | 12/15/2022 |
| G5780 | MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC. | Maui County Healthcare Partnership and Career Mentoring | \$60,000.00 | \$60,000.00 | As coordinating partner of the Maui County Healthcare Partnership, MEDB leads a mentoring and Career Awareness Building program. | 1/1/23-12/31/23 | Jan-Dec 23 | 25% | 7/18/2022 | 9/12/2022 |
| G5783 | CLIMBHI | Leadership Exploration Inspiration (LEI) | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 | Leadership Exploration Inspiration (LEI) is a workforce development project that seeks to lead, expose and inspire Hawai'i's youth to select careers in the Hawai'i visitor industry. | April 2023; exact date TBD | Jan-Dec 23 | 25% | 9/13/2022 | 12/15/2022 |
| G5870 | UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII | UH Maui College Cooperative Education Program | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | UHMC and the County of Maui continue to build capacity by educating students to learn about County/Government jobs by providing paid internships funding approximately 45-60 student opportunities to explore County of Maui careers to invest in Maui's future. | January 1 - December 31, 2023 | Feb 10, 23 - Feb 9, 24 | 25% | 11/14/2022 | 2/10/2023 |
| G5869 | COUNCIL FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN ADVANCEMENT | CNHA's Hawaiian Trades Academy-Maui CDL | \$75,232.30 | \$75,232.30 | CNHA's Hawaiian Trades Academy is seeking to offer Maui County an accelerated, Commercial Driver License (CDL) Program, designed to help students prepare for the driver's skills test with the intent to earn their CDL-A license | Jan-June 20 | 12 months | 25% | 11/14/2022 | 1/30/2023 |
| G5761 | MA KA HANA KA IKE | Malama I Na Hulu Kupuna | \$345,000.00 | | Malama I Na Hulu Kupuna project serves a majority of underserved and Native Hawaiian youth (ages 9-24) in work based learning environments who reciprocate by meeting the real life needs of families in crisis and low income residents especially our kupuna (elders). | Ongoing | 12 months | 25% | | 9/12/2022 |
| G5882 | HALE MAKUA HEALTH SERVICES WITH UHMC | County of Maui Workforce & Education Survey | \$13,000.00 | \$13,000.00 | County wide digital survey to better understand obstacles, opportunities and hopes for young adults in Maui County to access the required training and education to pursue careers to continue living and working on Maui, Molokai or Lanai | 1st and 2nd qtr of 2023 | 12 months | 25% | 12/22/2022 | 2/13/2023 |

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\$652,232.30

BFED Committee

From: Shirley Blackburn <Shirley.Blackburn@co.maui.hi.us>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 10:29 AM
To: BFED Committee
Cc: Desiree Echalas; Kristina Cabbat; Maria Zielinski
Subject: FY24 (BFED-1) (OM-3)
Attachments: Shirley Blackburn.vcf; FY24 (BFED-1) (OM-3).pdf

Good morning,

Please see attached FY24 response (BFED-1) (OM-3).

Mahalo,

Shirley L. Blackburn

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