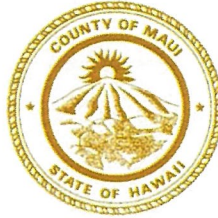


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January 31, 2020

Honorable Michael P. Victorino
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200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Michael P. Victorino

Mayor

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Date

For Transmittal to:

Honorable Michael J. Molina
Chair, Governance, Ethics, and Transparency Committee
Maui County Council
200 South High Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Dear Chair Molina:

**SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDING THE
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR LIFEGUARD SERVICES
BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE COUNTY OF MAUI FOR
MAKENA BEACH PARK (GET-39)**

The Department of Fire & Public Safety is in receipt of your letter dated January 23, 2020. As requested, we are providing the following responses to your request:

1. What are the County's total operating costs, including labor and equipment expenses, per fiscal year, to provide lifeguard services at Makena Beach Park?

The total operating costs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 was \$1,103,285.86. The spreadsheet (attachment # 1) provides a breakdown of total operating costs over the last three (3) fiscal years.

- a. How have total operating costs changed over the years since the County entered into the Memorandum of Agreement for Lifeguard Services with the State Department of Land and Natural Resources on July 3, 2008?

When the County of Maui initially entered into the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the Ocean Safety Bureau operated under the Department of Parks and Recreation. We are unable to provide any information prior to 2017 when the Department of Fire & Public Safety took over the Ocean Safety Bureau.

While costs vary depending on the Bargaining Unit (BU) 14 increases and equipment/facility repair and replacement, the State of Hawaii has never provided funding to cover all expenses incurred by Makena Beach Park operations.

- b. Has State funding kept up with the increases in operational costs the County has had to bear?

No, the State has not kept up with the operational costs. The “County Funds Used” column on the spreadsheet (attachment # 1) provides the actual costs the County has incurred in order to keep Makena Beach Park operational.

In FY 2018, the State provided additional funding to cover payroll fringes which were not previously covered. The additional funding could not be used towards operating expenses.

2. Considering Makena Beach Park is owned by the State, how does the State funding received compare to the amount needed by the County to provide much-needed services at the Park?

The lifeguard services provided at Makena Beach Park is a great benefit to our residence and tourist alike. The current funding provided by the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources covers over 90% of the actual costs. This leaves the County of Maui responsible for less than 10% of the actual costs.

If you have any further questions or require clarification, please contact my office at (808) 270-7561.

Sincerely,



DAVID C. THYNE
Fire Chief

Department of Fire & Public Safety
Makena Beach

ATTACHMENT # 1

	Salaries (A)	Fringe (B)	Operating Expenses (B)	Equipment (C)	TOTAL	Grant Funding	County Funds Used
FY 2017	555,672.78	10,129.87	22,616.97	18,049.38	606,469.00	606,469.00	0.00
FY 2018	660,669.63	395,389.01	19,914.51		1,075,973.15	1,056,058.64	19,914.51
FY 2019	585,580.87	470,477.77	47,227.22		1,103,285.86	1,056,058.64	47,227.22

FY 2017 - no limitations on spending
FY 2018 & FY 2019 - only for salaries & fringe