

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Council of the County of Maui

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CONVENE: 1:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member (in 1:47 p.m.)
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

EXCUSED: Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member

STAFF: Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst
Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst
Richard Mitchell, Legislative Attorney
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

ADMIN.: Michele Yoshimura, Budget Director
Melissa Magonigle, Business Administrator II, Department of Police
(EDB-93(1)), EDB-93(2))
May Anne Alibin, Deputy Director, Department of Finance (EDB-90)
Scott Teruya, Director, Department of Finance (EDB-90, EDB-85)
Sananda K. Baz, Managing Director, Department of Management
(EDB-85)
Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the
Corporation Counsel

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . (gavel). . . Aloha `auinalā kākou. Kanakolukūmākolū `ekahi ma ehā o `Aukake i ka makahiki `elua kaukani iwakālua. E `olu`olu mai, e ho`omalū ke Komike Ho`omohala Waiwai me Mo`ohelu Kālā. `O wai ka po`o o kēia Komike o Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It's 1:33 on August 4th, 2020. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order. I'm your Chair, Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. I kēia lā, me ko kākou, Committee Vice-Chair Kelly King, aloha.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha, Chair. How you doing? Good to be here today.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Great. Mahalo for joining us. We have Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha auinalā kākou mai Maui hikina. Nice to see everyone.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha mai. We have Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Aloha, and good afternoon, Madam Chair. Blessings to you, my colleagues, and everyone else there from beautiful Makawao.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Blessings to you and everyone in Makawao. We have Chair Lee, Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, staying with the Middle East, we'll say salaam. That's a greeting of peace from the Middle East.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Salam. Member Riki Hokama --

AUTOMATED VOICE: Recording has started.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --Member Riki Hokama will be joining us later. Member Tamara Paltin should be joining us in the next 10 to 15 minutes, and we have Member Yuki Lei Sugimura. Aloha.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Aloha. In Kula it's beautiful today, nice and windy, sunny, great day to have a meeting. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Beautiful. Mahalo Member Sugimura. And Pro Temp Tasha Kama is excused. We have from Corporation Counsel Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel, aloha.

MS. TOSHIKIYO: Aloha, Chair and Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. From the Administration Office of the Mayor,

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our Budget Director, Michele Yoshimura, aloha. From Department of --

MS. YOSHIMURA: . . . (inaudible) . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --aloha. Director Scott Teruya.

MR. TERUYA: Good afternoon, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. Deputy Director May Anne Alibin.

MS. ALIBIN: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha. And then later joining us from the Department of Police, Business Administrator Melissa Magonigle. Then we have our Committee Staff, Committee Secretary Yvette Bouthillier, aloha.

MS. BOUTHILLIER: Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Legislative Analyst, Lesley Milner.

MS. MILNER: Aloha, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Legislative Analyst, Shelly Espeleta.

MS. ESPELETA: Good afternoon, Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And our Legislative Attorney, Richard Mitchell. Aloha, Mr. Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: Aloha, Chair and Committee Members.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members, we have four items on today's agenda: EDB-93(1) Amendments to Appendix A, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2021; EDB-93(2) Amendments to Appendix A, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenues by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2021 (Department of Police (State E911 or 911 Wireless Communication)); EDB-90 Fiscal Year 2020 Estimated Revenue Shortfall for General Fund and Solid Waste Management Fund; and EDB-85 Legislation and Discussion on the Effect of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Rules, CARES Act, and Related Issues. We'll begin with public testimony, oral testimony via phone or video conference will be accepted. Testifiers wanting to provide video testimony, please join by going to our BlueJeans meeting link on the agenda. If you want to provide audio testimony, the phone number is also provided on the agenda. The Committee intends to keep the same meeting link,

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and phone number for future EDB meetings for the ease and convenience of the Members and the public. Written testimony is highly encouraged by sending your comments to edb.committee@mauicounty.us. Oral testimony is limited to three minutes per item, if you're still testifying beyond that time, I'll kindly ask you to complete your testimony. I guess I should ask Staff if we have testifiers signed up first. Ms. Milner, do we have testifiers?

MS. MILNER: Hi, Chair. We currently have no one signed up to testify.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I will stop there then. Okay. I will ask if there's anyone on the line wishing to testify; and then if there aren't, then I will ask to close public testimony. If there's any one on the line wishing to testify, please unmute yourself now. Okay. Hearing no one speaking up, are there any objections to closing oral testimony?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members. And Ms. Milner, did we receive any written testimony?

MS. MILNER: No, Chair. There was no written testimony received as of right before this meeting.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. And if we receive any written testimony, are there any objections to receiving that written testimony into the record?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS

**ITEM 93(1): AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX A, GRANTS AND
RESTRICTED USE REVENUES – SCHEDULE OF
GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES BY
DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2021 (DEPARTMENT OF POLICE (MAUI POLICE
FOUNDATION))**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Okay. So, we'll go to our first item on the agenda, EDB-93 Amendments to Appendix A, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenue by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2021 (Department of Police (Maui Police Foundation)). And we have Budget Director Yoshimura and Ms. Magonigle on the line for questions. I will ask Ms. Yoshimura for opening comments on this item.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. This...the amendment...if you recall, at the end

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of Fiscal Year 2020, the Police Department had requested a budget amendment to receive funds from the Maui Police...sorry...from the Maui Police Foundation. And this one was gonna be for drones and for a utility vehicle. So, it was in the amount of \$51,000. The funds were still available, so we decided to put in for Fiscal Year 2021 a budget Amendment so the Department can go ahead and receive the funds and proceed with their purchases. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director Yoshimura. Ms. Magonigle, are you on the line? Aloha. I wanted to check...

MS. MAGONIGLE: Hi, there we go. Yeah. Just a caveat, what Ms. Yoshimura mentioned...yeah, these funds will be to purchase drones for the traffic section. So, this is for them to map fatal or near fatal crash scenes, it'll cut down the time that they can map the scenes so that they can open the road. The software for the drones is being provided with grant money, so this is just for the actual equipment. For the vehicle, this...it's...the vehicle is for the citizens on patrol. So, it's to provide them with a vehicle. They fall under the community relations section, which reports to the Support Services Bureau. So those are the items that we're looking to fund through the Maui Police Foundation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Magonigle.

MS. MAGONIGLE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Members, any questions on this item for Budget Director Yoshimura or Ms. Magonigle? Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here, Ms. Magonigle. So, I just wanted to clarify that this is a...this is a vehicle that will be owned by the Police Department, but used by a volunteer group?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes, that's correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And is that...

MS. MAGONIGLE: And we current...we currently provide them with a vehicle, but it's an old, I think, Crown Vic vehicle that they with magnets on, you know, to...to show that they're citizens on patrol. So it'll be providing them with a new vehicle.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Well, I'm glad to hear about this 'cause...I kind of...someone asked me about it and I didn't really hadn't heard anything about it so I wasn't sure what...is this the...is this the group in South Maui?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes, it is.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Great. All right. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay. Members, any other questions? Member Yoshimura...oh, Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So the drone, from...from what I understand from communications that this will be used, and I like this example...so...if please clarify that if there's an accident, like on the Pali, and by using this drone then it'll cut the number of...the amount of time needed to document the incident. So this will help in many different ways, from what...what I understand. Melissa, can you...can you confirm that?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes, that's correct. There's a software mapping program. So when they...they'll attach that to the drone. So the drone will go up, take an aerial view, and then they can do the overlay with the mapping system if there's a fatal crash scene.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Bless you.

MS. MAGONIGLE: So that'll be done through the traffic section.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: And it'll cut back the number of hours or time in order to document the...

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes. Yeah, they did a test run, and it said it would take about one-tenth of the time to map the crash scene. Which --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Great.

MS. MAGONIGLE: --would open the road a little sooner.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Right. Thank you. Thank you.

MS. MAGONIGLE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay, any other questions? If not I'll just ask one, one question. I did receive an email from Kimo Bailey, so dovetailing off what Member King had asked. So this would be for the South Maui Citizens Patrol Organization, Ms. Magonigle?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes, that's correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. 'Cause I guess the information that they received was that they were only receiving \$25,000 for the grant, but that the amount for the grant is \$51,000.

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ACTION: Recommending **FIRST READING** of bill by C.R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, we'll go to...oh, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So Chair, before you move on, Evan Dust is trying to log in, and he got this message that says the moderator has blocked this BlueJean meeting, so he can't log in. Can you have somebody check on it? He logged in with this number, I gave him that 612388111, which is on the agenda. So if somebody could just check.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Ms. Milner, did you hear what Member Sugimura said?

MS. MILNER: I did, I just noticed that the padlock in the top left corner was red, I'm not sure why. It should be unlocked now. I don't know how it got locked.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I was locked out too. I was trying to get on all this time, but they said the meeting was locked by the moderator, and I'm all, like trying to get in.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So everybody's fine now. Good.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Was Evan able to get in? You're muted. Oh, okay. I will take the nod of the head as yes,

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: He says he just got in.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Mahalo, Member Sugimura. And welcome to Member Tamara Paltin. Aloha `auinalā.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha.

ITEM 93(2): AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX A, GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES – SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES BY DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 (DEPARTMENT OF POLICE (STATE E911 WIRELESS COMMISSION))

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We are on our second item, EDB 93(2)

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Amendments to Appendix A, Grants and Restricted Use Revenues - Schedule of Grants and Restricted Use Revenue by Departments and Programs for Fiscal Year 2021 (Department of Police (State E...I think 911 Wireless Communications)). We have Budget Director Yoshimura and Ms. Magonigle here for questions, and I'll ask Budget Director Yoshimura to start us off with some opening comments.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you, Chair. So this is another budget amendment to Appendix A, Part I of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. We did have in the budget already a...an appropriation for the State E911 Wireless Communication, and we budgeted \$2 million. They are receiving an additional \$176,244, and so we are asking that it be recognized and appropriated in the budget so the Department can move forward with the purchase for replacement of the 911 recorder. And that is utilized with the Countywide 911 system to ensure all radio and telephone transmissions are recorded and preserved. Ms. Magonigle can add additional information to that. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director.

MS. MAGONIGLE: Thank you. Yes, again, it's additional funds to cover the overage on top of the \$2 million from the grant funding. The system is about ten years old, and of course, with new technology, there's new capabilities. So the extra additional funding would be able to give us the opportunity to purchase the...the newer 911. That's all I have Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Magonigle.

MS. MAGONIGLE: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, any questions for Budget Director Yoshimura or Ms. Magonigle? Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah. Thank you, Madam Chair, for Ms. Magonigle. This is more a question out of curiosity. What's done with that old, I guess, ten-year-old piece of equipment now? Because, you know, obviously it's very expensive, but much needed upgrade. But just curious, do you guys just send that over to the scrap metal or recycled or auction it off or what?

MS. MAGONIGLE: You know, I'm not sure. Let me say...sorry . . . (inaudible) . . . I know all the data obviously would have to be retained. I'm sure something...maybe something with ITSD regarding the data on there. I'm not...honestly, I'm not sure. I could find out.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Not...not that important, but I was just curious about what happens to the stuff once it gets, you know, outdated and so forth. So I appreciate your response. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Members, any other questions? Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Just real quick, Ms. Magonigle, so this...you had two million, then...and then where does the...where does the money come from for this? This particular grant?

MS. MAGONIGLE: It comes from the State E99...E911 Wireless Communication Board. So it's from State that...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, it's from the State. Okay. I...

MS. MAGONIGLE: Because...yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So I was just curious because you were able to go back when you found out that it was short. So this is...this is just like a pot of money that kind of sits there and funds these things and then it wasn't...it wasn't a limited fund?

MS. MAGONIGLE: Yes, we were able to request additional funds, and they were able to support it.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Great. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Okay, Members, any other questions? Seeing none, the Chair will entertain a motion for recommend...to recommend passage on first reading of the proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO APPENDIX A, PART I, GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES - SCHEDULE OF GRANTS AND RESTRICTED USE REVENUES BY THE DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE (STATE E911 WIRELESS COMMISSION)," incorporating any nonsubstantive revisions and filing of the correspondence.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair King, seconded by Member Sugimura. Any discussion? Seeing none, I'll call for the question. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say aye. Okay, it looks unanimous. Seven ayes, zero noes, and two excused.

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VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXC.: Councilmembers Hokama and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending **FIRST READING** of bill by C.R.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Good job, Members. We're moving right along. Okay. I guess we'll thank Ms. Magonigle for joining us today.

MS. MAGONIGLE: Thank you, everyone.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

**ITEM 90: FISCAL YEAR 2020 ESTIMATED REVENUE
SHORTFALL FOR GENERAL FUND AND SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT FUND (CC 20-321)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll go to our third item, EDB 90 Fiscal Year 2020 Estimated Revenue Shortfall for General Fund and Solid Waste Management Fund. Members, at the June 19, 2020 Council meeting, this matter was referred to the Committee for further discussion. During that meeting, Member Hokama had raised concerns that the County Communication might necessitate mitigation per Charter Section 9-10. We have with us Director of Finance Scott Teruya, as well as Budget Director Michele Yoshimura. Director Teruya, would you like to provide opening comments for the Committee?

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair and Members. I'm gonna defer to Deputy Director Alibin on this, as she's been working with the various departments. So I'll defer to her at this time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Deputy Director Albin?

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MS. ALIBIN: Hi, Chair. Good afternoon again. So when we transmitted...or the notification letter on June 2nd, it was based on, you know, the information that was available at that time. And so we've already pre-closed our books as of June 30th, 2020, and so we do have most of the revenues inputted in our system already, and I just want to provide an update. So specifically for the TAT revenues, following that letter from Governor Ige dated on May 4th, we had received a subsequent letter and...which further reduces our TAT revenues. So we budgeted 23.4 million, but as of June 30th, we've received 19.5. So that was a shortfall of about 3.9 million. But in looking through the overall General Fund revenues as of June 30, 2020, we've actually collected 469.6 million, compared to our budgeted revenues of General Funds of 471.2 million. So the total deficit on the General Fund revenue is at 1.6 million, compared to what we had disclosed in...in that notification letter. As far as the solid waste fund is concerned, we are pretty much on track on what we had stated in June. So based on the June 30th number, overall solid waste fund were anticipated about \$2.7 million shortage in our estimated revenues, as compared to what we collected.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Okay, Members, anyone have questions? Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Either for Ms. Yoshimura or Director Alibin. Can any of the CARES Act funds be used to offset these losses?

MR. TERUYA: Maybe I can take that, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Finance Director Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: Yeah. In review of a lot of the CARES Act monies, revenue loss is not something that is attributable that can be used to cover the revenue shortfall. Oh, the answer to that...the short answer to that is no.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, because...okay. I was just kind of wondering 'cause I figured the shortfall may possibly be attributed to the pandemic, but I guess if those are the parameters, then I guess we cannot, yeah. And one other question. It's noted that part of the shortfall will be covered by, you know, savings from salaries, fringe benefits, and so forth. How much savings are you anticipating from these areas?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. TERUYA: I...I don't have that on me. I'm not sure if the Deputy or the Budget Director would like to fill in on that.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MS. ALIBIN: We are still closing our...a lot of our year-end entries on the expenditure side so I do not have that information at this time. But just in looking at the total deficit of the General Fund revenues of about 1.6 million, Director Yoshimura and I had a discussion, and we know that we have, you know, most of our savings gonna come from our...what we budgeted in the Countywide costs under General Fund for the salary adjustments. We did send out another notification to Council last Friday with regards to accrual of the funding as of 6/30/2020 attributed to the salary adjustments, and we...I don't have it on top of my head as far as the total amount, but it's very insignificant compared to what we budgeted for.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you for that. I just want to make sure that whatever savings we get, that it takes care of the entire shortfall. So I guess what...with your own analysis, I think...I believe we're gonna be okay then. So all right. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Member Sinenci, followed by Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Just a clarification. Ms. Alibin, you mentioned that a shortfall of over 3 million, and so on the TAT funds that we received...we received 19 million, you said, and then there's 21 million that was supposed to be received. So there's...there's a shortage of more than 1.9... 3-point-some million? That correct?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director?

MS. ALIBIN: So for the TAT, we budgeted 23.4 million, and what we've collected was 19.6 million. So that's a shortfall of 3.9 million.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, thank you, Madam Chair. I...I'm just following up on Member Molina's question, which I thought was rather valid because we have been using COVID funds to supplement people's salaries due to the loss of work, time, et cetera, at which, you know, have been a direct cause of the pandemic. And a lot of our shortages with regard to revenue is based on the same thing. The pan...without the pandemic, you know, we...we would have been fine. So can you explain that a little bit further, Mr. Teruya? Is it that kind of expense?

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Or what is it...what makes that different?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. I'm looking for the portion here, it's in the --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Is it another...

MR. TERUYA: --most recent updated Corona Relief Funds FAQ's updated on July 8th. Very specifically to government loss of revenue, it's not supplemental. So when I get the actual language...it's a bunch of pages actually, so I don't have it memorized on me; but I will get you the language, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Is that...that the guidebook that was submitted to EDB Committee for EDB 85?

MR. TERUYA: No, Chair. That's part of it, but there's a FAQ section that's updated, the most recent dated July 8th, 2020. But it's been there since day one of the remarks that revenue loss cannot be supported by...for the government just because of revenue shortage.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So this applies specifically to the government because millions, billions of dollars have been given to airlines, and big companies, and little companies, and people who have lost money. So...okay. So we're...we're in a different classification, I guess. Although, are you saying that all of our expenditures have not been reimbursable?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director?

MR. TERUYA: No, Chair. That's not what I'm saying. I'm saying that anything that is COVID related under the guidelines that we're operating by our...things that I have been approving are things that gonna be reimbursable. I'm using the CARES Act Funds.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I've been kind of following in the NACo meetings about this as well, and there's a...there was a proposal in one of the democratic congress' proposals for a trillion dollars to go to governments for lost revenue. But that's just been languishing so, you know, one house is trying to help us, the local governments, to cover those that lost revenue. Just one quick

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question for...just to follow up on...'cause I'm looking at the...the numbers for the TAT, I'm looking at the letter that says that you budgeted for 23.484 million, and then you expected to receive 21,527. So are you saying that we're not going to receive the 21,527,000, Ms. Alibin?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair? Following that letter from Governor Ige that was...we received in May, we also received another letter from Governor Ige...I believe it's dated in June, which further lowered our TAT collections. So previously, from 21.5 million in that June letter, they revised the...what they said that they were gonna provide to us, which is 19.5.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh okay. So that's...and that was something subsequent...we don't have that letter then? Okay.

MS. ALIBIN: Yes, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay. But it's all covered?

MS. ALIBIN: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's all covered with your carryover savings and other...and salary savings? Okay.

MS. ALIBIN: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: All right. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Members, any other questions? Okay. Seeing none, I'll just...

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Recommendation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Really quickly, before the recommendation, I just wanted to make clear what Member Hokama had asked for during the Council meeting from the Charter Section 9-10, Part 1 where...that anytime during the fiscal year it appears probable to the Mayor revenue is available in sufficient amount, that indicating estimated amount any remedial actions taken by the Mayor recommendation as to further action to be taken. So remedial action has...is not necessary because we have enough carryover savings to cover the shortfall. Deputy Director?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, yes, that is correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that clarification. Okay. Okay, we can file. Okay. Members, the Chair will entertain a motion to recommend filing of County

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Communication 20-321.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Second.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Moved by Member King, seconded by Member Sugimura. All those in...any discussion? Member...oh, okay. Okay. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say aye.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Motion passes unanimously, seven ayes, two excused.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, Vice-Chair King, and Councilmembers Lee, Molina, Paltin, Sinenci, and Sugimura.**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: **None.**

EXC.: Councilmembers Hokama and Kama.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Recommending **FILING** of communication by C.R.

ITEM 85: LEGISLATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE EFFECT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, rules, cares act, AND RELATED ISSUES (CC 20-207 and CC 20-275)

VICE-CHAIR KING: All right. We're on our, the last item of the agenda, EDB 85 Legislation and Discussion on the Effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Rules, CARES Act and Related Issues. We have Budget Director Michele Yoshimura, Finance Director Scott Teruya. And do we have Managing Director on the line? Managing Director Sandy Baz?

MS. MILNER: He's not currently signed in, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Mahalo, Staff. I don't see him either. Okay. So I guess we

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can...Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Are we just gonna ask general questions about the...about the budget, expenditures, et cetera? Or you had a --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So I wanted --

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --specific plan for this...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. So for this item, I was gonna ask for just updates for the Committee, and then I wanted us to go over the item...I don't know if you saw it posted to Granicus, it's the last item that was uploaded, correspondence from Budget Director on July 31st; it has...oh, sorry; the Managing Director on July 22nd; that has all the information on the request by each of the Members. But I wanted to just give the Administration an opportunity to provide us updates first, and then we can go into the programs and projects that the Councilmembers had requested funding for. Okay. So Finance Director Teruya, or Budget Director Yoshimura, whoever would like to start, since Managing Director is not on the line yet.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Budget Director?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So several things with this item, I guess. One, the emergency fund, if you would like an update on that; the other thing is with the CDBG funding, the additional funding that we had, and also the transportation dollars that we had. So I could give you that...those updates and hopefully by then...by the end, Director Baz will be available to join the Committee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Would you also like to give us . . . (audio interference) . . .

MS. YOSHIMURA: I'm sorry, what was that?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For the...so you'll cover...give us the final update on the \$4 million of the emergency fund. I think we've closed out the 2 million in emergency funding and --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --then the CBDG and the DOT 7.8 million?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So...yeah. So we did get...we did ask for \$2 million for the initial HELP Program, that came out of the self-insurance fund. And those dollars

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have been expended through the MEO HELP Program. We are on our HELP 2 Program, and we had put in another, I think, \$3 million into that program. So that program is moving along. I understand this Friday will be the last check that will include the additional \$600 per person for unemployment. And so we are gonna look into expanding that program a little bit more as the...as the HELP 2 runs out. So that...that program is gonna continue as long as we need that...those funds available there. We did put another \$750,000 into the Small Business Loan Program through the Chamber, and so the first one million was expended, the 750,000 is being worked...worked on in getting it to the small businesses. And so the Chamber did have an application period, and so now they're in the process of reviewing all the applications, and will be granting the loans shortly. The other program that we just started is Kōkua Maui County, which is a grant to small businesses. We partnered with six different credit unions, and they are doing grants to small businesses who are...with a million dollars or less in total revenue. So it's a \$7,500 grant, and those are being made available for rent, or rental assistance, mortgage, utility bills, and for COVID-related expenditures for improvement, such as plexiglass if they had to do that, sanitizers, PPE...those types of expenditures. So that's ongoing, it started...actually, yesterday was the first day we took applications. As of this morning at 8:00, we had about 250 applicants. So the initial program was \$3 million. With the 3 million, we intend to...if everybody gets the maximum 7,500, it'll be about 400 businesses. So once those funds are gone, then we'll look at starting...or putting more monies into that program to continue to assist our small businesses. So those are the...those are three programs. The other program that we had was CDBG. CDBG got \$1.1 million, I believe, in additional monies. They are currently working on executing a grant with the Family Life Center and with MEO to do...let's see...to do rental assistance or mortgage assistance. So those two...the subrecipient agreements are being worked on. As soon as that's done, then those two programs will be implemented as well. We did get \$7.9 million for the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation, they...they...so we've had CARES Act monies from different sources of funds; and with each source, there's different rules. So with the big allocation that Director Teruya is administering for 66 million, we couldn't cover revenue loss. In the Department of Transportation allocation, they're allowed to cover revenue loss. So we'll be looking at that. They've also been assisting with administrative costs or administrative leave for all of the drivers or the personnel for Roberts and MEO. We're looking...we had done some...we're doing cleaning, we're doing PPE, and driver protection. So I think they're installing plexiglass in all of the busses to protect the drivers. And their funds actually is good through, I think, December of 2021. So they have a longer period to use their funds. So we're working on spending all of that monies as well. And I think Department of Housing and Human Concerns, they had some smaller grants to assist with different types of programs, so they've been working on their programs as well. We're gonna...I think they've...they've increased their Meals on Wheels Program. We have a lot more clients, and because the congregate meals are closed, they

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have shifted to Meals on Wheels home delivery meals. And so wherever we see that there's supplemental funding that's needed for any of these programs, then that's where we've been supplementing with the CARES Act monies. So Director Teruya can probably give you more of an update on where we stand with the CARES Act monies, and what we've been doing with that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Budget Director Yoshimura. Finance Director Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair and Members. In regards to the CARES Act, the last submission that we were required to give to the State was on July 10th, I believe. And at that point...trying to recall here, but I think when we sent that report to the State, we only had one item that actually was in the...that was paid for very insignificant of \$30,000; but at the time, we had a little...about \$4.1 dollars in encumbrances. From that date till today, our current encumbrances are little north of \$5 million. And as far as receipts, things that were paid outright, we're at about \$2.8 million. But that's all I have to date. There has been a lot more that we've signed recently, I'm not sure if the Budget Director has the running total as far as everything that they have, but I'm just going off of what I can...we printed out in IFAS that I can have in our system. I'm not sure if Budget Director wants to give a running total to date, I don't know. I don't have that number. But in that aspect, we're still going along, there's a lot of things that we need to understand; what is related to CARES Act money, and what is not. I think that's the biggest challenge that we're having. And I see Managing Director on here too now, so maybe I can defer to him at this time. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Finance Director. Managing Director Baz? Aloha. Aloha `auinalā, mahalo for joining us.

MR. BAZ: Aloha. Aloha everyone. I apologize, I had been scheduled to be on 2:30, so I was on another...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we went really quick. The first three items went super-fast, a lot faster than I expected. Sorry about that. I was gonna take a quick recess, but Director Yoshimura and Director Teruya was helping.

MR. BAZ: Okay. So yeah. So aloha, everybody. I don't know what you guys were discussing.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, I can give you...so we...Director Yoshimura gave us an update on the 4 million emergency fund, the 2 million self-insurance for the HELP, and let us know that an additional 3 million was allocated for the HELP Program. She gave us an update on the 7.9 DOT money, and the CDBG money, as well as DHHC. And so Director Teruya was giving us an update on the 66 million, and he was just about to ask Director Yoshimura for an update on the

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amount that has been encumbered and expended to date.

MR. BAZ: Oh, okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then the...and then I was going to add in the plan for disbursements. So we've received from the State the 33 million, and then when we can expect the second half of this for the 66 million, and the plan for spending that funds by December.

MR. BAZ: Okay. All right. So actually, Ms. Yoshimura does have more accurate and up to date information than I do as far as the encumbrances for the funds as... yeah. So stuff that it's been...we're moving forward with, but haven't maybe not have a contract yet, and so the Finance...IFAS wouldn't have it in their system. So Ms. Yoshimura, I don't know if you want to go over that list quickly, and then we'll go over the responses to probably the Council questions, and the plan going there forward.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Thank you. So Chair, we have...or Director Teruya has approved \$16,167,000 for COVID-related purchases or services. So that number will differ from the actual number that was expended or encumbered. So as we...as the departments propose their projects, they submit a CAFA form, which gets approved to make sure that it'll be covered via the CARES Act funding. Once they get their approved form, then they go ahead and they do their encumbrances, their purchase order, or contract. So that's why you got differing numbers between what was reported to the State, what's, you know, actually been approved, and what...what actually been expended. So to date, out of the 33 million, 16 million has been approved. And we do have other projects, we just didn't get the paperwork or the application for the CARES Act monies yet. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Yoshimura. Managing Director, did you want to add additional information to that, or speak to the further disbursement of the 66 million?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. BAZ: So what I'm gonna do...thank you, Chair, Members. So what I'm gonna go over the...trying to pull it up right now...my response --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: To the Members with questions.

MR. BAZ: --to the Members...yeah.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. BAZ: Trying to find that here on...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Members, do you all have that document? I believe it's the...it's the correspondence from Managing Director on July 22nd, it's posted to Granicus. Everyone received that information?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. We got it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Does anyone not have it?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: I'm looking for it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Do you want to take a quick break so you can locate that?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: That's okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I see some heads nodding. Okay.

MR. BAZ: Oh, actually, I probably should have just gone to Legistar.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll just take a quick five-minute break so that everyone can...

MR. BAZ: Okay. Yeah. It's item 25 on EDB 85 Item.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I have it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Member Paltin. So we'll just...I want all the Members to have it because Members requested items. So we'll just take a quick recess. It's 2:23 and we'll just...a five-minute break so that everyone can get the document. Okay. So I guess at the call of the Chair. Okay. EDB Committee is now in recess. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 2:23 p.m.
RECONVENE: 2:30 p.m.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(audio interference)*. . . And we will pick up where we left off on EDB 85 Legislation and Discussion on the Effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Rules, CARES Act and Related Issues. I believe everyone now will have the document transmitted on July 22nd from the Managing Director. And this contains all of the Councilmember's requests for funding using the CARES Act money. So we'll go over that item. Managing Director Baz?

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MR. BAZ: Okay. Thank you, Chair. So per your request, we did go through the...and thank you again for putting it in a nice easy to respond to format.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're very welcome.

MR. BAZ: So we'll go through this. So the first item was more funding made available for families in need through Hawai'i Emergency Laulima Partnership, the HELP Program, from multiple Members. That...yes, it definitely was included, and it is included in the Governor's proposal priority. Maybe I need to describe too because I got a question about this, to what is the...why is this the Governor's priority, and not the Mayor's priority or the County's priority? And really, what that is...I'm sorry, go ahead

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh did you want me to . . . (audio interference) . . . why I put it that way?

MR. BAZ: Oh, yeah. Sure. I can or you can, up to you...no, no, I just...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

MR. BAZ: It made sense of why you did it that way, but people don't understand why it's says Governor's at the top over there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. . . . (inaudible) . . .

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Basically, when the Governor presented his notification to us of the funding, he wanted us to split it out into four different priority areas. And so those were different than what...what the Mayor had originally submitted to the State Legislature, and so that's why we ended up calling them the Governor's priority areas as compared to what the Mayor's priority areas were. But we have that here, so those priority areas are: number one, payroll and other current expenses for public safety, police, fire, emergency medical services, public health, or similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19 public health emergency; number two is the expenses to address community needs and priorities in response to economic impact to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as food banks, homelessness, child care et cetera; priority area number three is expenditures to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures; and priority area number four is the economic support for individuals, nonprofits, families, and small business to alleviate financial adversities as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. So as you're aware, all of our COVID-19 expenditures of the CARES Act have to not only fall in the criteria of...it has to be COVID-19 related under the Federal guidelines, the Governor required us to have it fall into one of those four areas as well. And so those are the one, two, three, four that you see on

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there. So the first one, more funding available for families through the HELP Program; and of course, yes, that is a big priority for the Mayor, and we already did provide \$3 million for the HELP Program for HELP 2, as we're calling it, and we're actually planning on HELP 3 now. It is basically that...that direct financial assistance to families similar to what Honolulu is doing. So, you know, that stimulus, if you want to call it that. And really, what it goes to pay for is, you know, housing-related costs; so rent, mortgage, those kind...utilities, and it can pay for food, any insurance, you know, those kind of general costs of maintaining your household while they're unemployed. And really, that's the assistance that's provided to that program. So yes, so that was...that was...(inaudible)...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair? Sorry, point I just wondered can we ask questions after these while he's on these items? Or do you want us to wait till he goes through all of them?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I guess there are a lot of items.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I just had a quick question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. BAZ: Chair, if you want we could --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Maybe after each item...go ahead, Managing Director.

MR. BAZ: --we could go...I'm sorry, I was gonna say just to break it up, maybe each page...we could have one page on the screen and go through that one page and then move on to the next page.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Any objections to doing it that way?

COUNCILMEMBERS VOICED NO OBJECTIONS.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Great.

MR. BAZ: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member --

MR. BAZ: So...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --King, for asking. I'm sorry . . . (inaudible) . . . in the beginning.

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MR. BAZ: Yeah...No, that's good. So item two is additional program for those who qualify for the HELP Program and are interested in training for alternative careers, where those individuals are given stipends for career training. For those who do not qualify for the HELP Program, we suggest starting interest-free loan. So this one is kind of...we've put pieces of this together, and there was an announcement yesterday about the virtual job fair and working with the University of Hawai'i Maui Campus on the possibility of having job training for those that need to, yeah, transition to a different industry or in alternative careers. And then we're also working...we do expect to get some Federal monies that would work on that as well, and usually that comes with, you know, stipends and different capabilities and support for people who are working on that. So the Federal money that we get is Workforce Investment Opportunity Act, and that is...works through OED, and that monies does provide for...in general, they talk about dislocated workers, right. So when a large number of employees are laid off from a certain industry or a certain business, then that's what's called dislocated workers. And those get a specific...we work with the State on providing direct response and working with them...HC&S was the last dislocated worker program that we had to deal with. The level of layoffs from Hawaiian Airlines that was just announced is probably gonna be a secondary dislocated worker type program that we're gonna be dealing with. And we're expecting more CARES Act money to come in to support that outside of the 66 million. But yeah, this...so this is a...definitely a yes, you know, and maybe the interest-free loan piece of it, we can't provide loans with the CARES Act money. When we get into the business side of it, we'll describe that some more, but we can't provide loans. If we're gonna do it, it's gonna be the grants or the support that we provide through...like the HELP Program kind of situation. Paid internships for residents who'd like to leave the tourism industry and train in another section...sector, excuse me, in order to diversity the County's economy and sets a same very related topic and discussion. And we are working with the college, and our Work Force Investment American Job Center is a part of the OED envelope that will be addressing that. Emergency limited term employment to assist with government projects, maintenance and clerical work; so this isn't allowed by State law, it's not one of the State laws that the Governor waived. We are already being sued by UPW for contractors that provide services like Ka Lima, provide services where a County employee generally does it. We do have the capability of hiring contractors on a limited term basis for certain things, and there may be certain instances that we do this, but most likely what we'll be doing, and it's a further question down, would be working with a partner in providing the job program. You know, something related to, you know, if it's gonna be agriculture as additional jobs or invasive species control, you know, those are some different things that could come about. Hiring people to do government work, it has...again...we've already been sued by UPW and . . . (audio interference) . . . create more lawsuits, I'm sure, so we will be avoiding that one. Hiring local contractors and subcontractors and laborers for Maui County projects. So while we do have some procurement

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flexibility, this is another one where we can't...we can't specifically restrict people from putting in bids who are local contractors, subcontractors, those kind of things, for our County CIP projects. We do...there are certain criteria in the procurement law that allow for certain benefits for, you know, people who are going to be hiring, like, local apprentices and things like that. And, you know, so that is something that we're trying to address. We have discussed this with the union as well, with the construction industry unions, and see where we can beef this up a little bit. But it's not necessarily a use of CARES Act money that would be doing this, it would be more of a policy base change. Considering employing Maui County residents as temporary hires for County projects. This is a possibility, but kind of a logistical nightmare. And to be able to get people on board, and hired, and trained, and equipped to be able to do the job, and then have them actually work would only be till December. The CARES Act money has to be spent before December 30th, and so, you know, it may mean a month or two of employment. But we feel like hopefully, the other things that we're doing in kickstarting the economy in other areas may be working again with partners can address that situation versus working...hiring them as County employees. Entry level job training program for temporary work in lieu of overtime for County workers; again, the CARES Act money will pay for overtime. So if we do have requirement of overtime related to COVID it will be...cover overtime. Entry level job training programs are always good, and we hope that maybe we can work with the college, as we do with some of the other programs that we have on interns. We do pay for internships with the college and, you know, in getting people into...posing them to County jobs and opportunities. I've have some interns working for me in the past, and it usually works out really well. Not all of them...in fact, most of them don't work for the County after that, but at least it provides them with some exposure and a little bit of employment. Increased temporary workers for COVID-19 response security. That's an interesting one. Again, we wouldn't hire temporary workers. If we do have security issues, we might hire a contractor, which is what we've done in certain areas. We've got bids for contracted security services because we don't provide that as a typical County service, it's something that we can contract for. So that's the first page, Chair, and I hope that we can...ask any questions, and hopefully I can get responses. I see hands up.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Managing Director Baz. Okay. So I'll put two minutes on the clock, we have like...I think like, maybe seven pages or something. So I'll put two minutes, and then at the end you can have more time. So I'll start with Member King, and then I saw Member Molina and Chair Lee.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Okay, thanks for being here, Director Baz. So number seven and number eight were kind of related, and I think you related it back to number three, which is...was kind of the intent of getting more training for a diversified economy. And the reason why I put that in lieu of overtime because even though the CARES Act money will pay for overtime, it's really hard

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for our people out there to see us paying overtime to people who already have jobs when there's so many people out there that are not employed. So the intent of these two is to, you know, let's get some money out there to people who are...who want to do something temporarily even, and don't have a job before we, you know, pay overtime.

MR. BAZ: Okay. Real quick response, real quick response to that. Actually, our recruitments, we do have positions that are open for people who want to get government jobs. Our recruitment and actual application counts are lower than before...than before COVID.

VICE-CHAIR KING: The applications are not...

MR. BAZ: There are not a lot of people looking for jobs.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Wow. That's weird. Okay. Well, that's interesting. And the other question I was going to ask...

MR. BAZ: It may change next month, but yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: The other question I was gonna ask about the HELP Program is, you know, it's ongoing, right? So if you're helping people with rent and electricity bills, these are monthly bills. So how many times can they apply? Is there, like, a maximum per person? You know, when they get into HELP 2 and HELP 3?

MR. BAZ: Right. I think it's currently three months' worth of support, and maybe Director Yoshimura can confirm that.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And then can you reapply? Or you're done...if you get it once, you're done?

MR. BAZ: Lower...when...in the next version of HELP, we're gonna have that discussion. We're gonna meet with a provider and figure out how that situation is, you know. 'Cause we have people who have applied, you know, every month for three months and may be ending capabilities, but we also have people who haven't applied yet. So we want to make sure that...there are people who, you know, haven't...they haven't really tapped that . . . (*timer bell rings*) . . . So we'll, you know, make sure that they're...we're providing it for those that haven't tapped the pool yet too.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Molina and then Chair Lee.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good afternoon. I hope you reconsider, you know, that hiring employees on a temporary basis because we put in these requests...I believe Member Lee, Chairman Lee and also Member King put in somewhat similar requests back in April and May. And if the Administration had considered it earlier, then you would have had some people working already. Because benefits are running out and, you know, even if...my proposal had anywhere from 30 to 90 days; at least get some money in people's pockets, get people working, and you can get some...a little bit of tax revenue from that out of their paychecks. In the meantime, they can go and spend these monies on goods and services, pay off their rental bills, mortgages, et cetera. So...and I know you said we gotta spend this money by December, but time is of the essence, so I really hope you guys consider this. Because we have the highest employment (sic) rate in the country right now; so how is this Administration gonna reduce that employment rate is my question in lieu of that? Because I think the request made by Chair Lee, myself, and Member King, I think are valid requests that if it had been acted upon sooner, we could have had people working for the County. And in occupations that don't require a lot of formal education; you know, groundskeepers, maintenance, clerical, which I don't think would require that much time and training for. So that's my statement here, Mr. Baz. Any comments to that?

MR. BAZ: Sure. Yeah, so in general, the positions that we've tried to do that with historically...we...'cause the County has tried...I know the County, when I was at MEO, they tried to do a program as well. And in discussion with the 911 was that, you know, that wasn't one of the possibilities. But it...it's really is challenging. For one thing, we didn't get the money for this CARES Act until the very end of June. And so, you know, to try to address that; yeah, we could have tried some other ways to get around that . . . *(timer bell rings)* . . . but we do have...I mean, our attorneys, our risk management group, the unions all balk at that. So what we have done is tried to recruit for County positions. And as I've mentioned, a lot of County positions haven't had...they've had less applicants than in the past. And some basic ones, like clerical...so, you know, that's something that you'd think that people would be, you know, trying to apply for, but we haven't got it. Just my own personal opinion of that is that the \$600 extra for the unemployment insurance, which ended the end of July, was a big factor to that. So even if we had started a program back in April, May, when we didn't know how long this was going to be, what the direct impact would be, you know, I think would have been premature and nobody would have wanted to work. Now, as we are trying to recruit, trying to get people back to work they're having some challenges other ways. And so one of the factors that we're working on is if the...like the program that we're doing with YMCA with childcare because childcare is a major issue; and with what's happening at the DOE, we're . . . *(timer bell rings)* . . . gonna have a hard time getting people back to actually working. But...and with the financial problem, but people who have childcare issues, it's a large problem. So sorry, Chair.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Managing Director Baz. Mahalo, Member Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: All right. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee . . . (audio interference) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah. Mr. Baz. Mr. Baz. Okay. So I'm supportive of my...the previous speakers because I think all of us anticipated, you know, huge challenges with employment. Unfortunately, like you said, the first traunch of money sort of discouraged people for looking for...you know, looking for jobs. And so that was...that was a challenge. But now we know better, and I'm hoping that you have a group of people who are strategically analyzing all of these goods and services, and funding, you know, that we're giving to people. You know, what should we actually be doing in terms of priority, in terms of...instead of giving 600, how about 400, or something like that? And I don't understand why we're following the Governor's priorities because every County is different. And as Mr. Molina said, we have the highest unemployment probably in the nation. So, you know, we have our own set of unique challenges, and we really have to focus on them. And we too are talking to the unions to encourage them to up their apprenticeship and internship programs. Not so much using COVID funds; in fact, not even using COVID funds. But the fact that we have about 140 million coming in jobs, in CIP for the County of Maui, plus the 530 million in State funds for CIP projects. We have to...we have to make...educate people that construction is a viable alternative, you know. Instead of serving people at the hotel, you can be doing construction related jobs, like, you know, delivery, actual trades work. There are hundreds of different types of jobs that could be available in the construction arena. So...but people need . . . *(timer bell rings)* . . . to be encouraged and educated. Thank you. You can answer my --

MR. BAZ: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --question on somebody else.

MR. BAZ: Okay. All right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. I kind of can understand, you know, I'm navigating the unemployment website and, you know, you don't want to do anything that's gonna mess up your...what you're getting. So you don't want to take a less paying job then what your unemployment is giving you. But I was wondering, you know, the folks that aren't getting their unemployment and folks that are still having trouble with PUA, they're, like, contacting us, and they're,

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like, can you do anything with my unemployment? And then I usually try to forward them on to the HELP or the MEO and like that. Does MEO have those type of resources to say, hey, you know what? The County is hiring, here's a list of jobs. You know, we don't know when we can...we, the County, can't fix the State's PUA, we can't fix the State's Unemployment, but the County is hiring. And is there an expedited hiring process so that they don't have to go through like, you know, a month or so to go through the civil service to get hired?

MR. BAZ: So first, the place to send people is the American Job Center. That is in the Business Resource Center at the Maui Mall. So if you go send people...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, if...if I can clarify. I'm not sending people to get jobs, but like, you know, the people who are desperate, they're saying, like, I'm gonna kicked out at the end of the month because I haven't got unemployment, I haven't gotten PUA. Like as they're applying for the MEO money, they...just to let you know, the County has a lot of openings, go to this. Like not...not me sending --

MR. BAZ: Oh. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --people to get jobs, but.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, okay. Well, yeah. Well, you...yeah. So to reply to them as one of the options, the American Job Center would be a location, 'cause there are a lot of people hiring, not just the County; but yeah, the American Job Center. And then also, they can work on retraining them too. One of the things that Mayor...the Mayor has gotten a lot of criticism about was...is telling publicly that you may not have the tourism-related job that you were used to, and that you may have to go find another job in a different industry. . . . *(timer bell rings)* . . . We've gotten a lot...a lot of criticism for that, so. And there has been people who are hanging out waiting for their job again 'cause they think they want to go back to what they know. You know, when you have to go retrain and do something, that's scary. And so that's another big factor, it's not just a financial thing. But yeah. So send people to the American Job Center, send the people to MEO, you can have them call our office. And we can't...we have no impact on unemployment unfortunately, but we can give them subsidies and things like that. They shouldn't be evicted. The Governor has extended the eviction moratorium, so the people shouldn't be saying...telling you that they're gonna be evicted at the end of the month.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. So I have a couple questions and then you can respond to Chair Lee's question during mine. Okay. For the HELP Part 3, do you know how much has been allocated for that, or do you not know?

MR. BAZ: We haven't...we haven't defined an amount. It's gonna be larger than the

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first two, but we haven't defined an actual amount yet. Looking at timing of it, but yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And then for...you know, the State is offering a rental assistance program for up to 50 percent of rent. Will the HELP Program...will it be duplicating efforts? So if the State is covering half, will HELP...is HELP supposed...is it allowable to cover the other half?

MR. BAZ: So HELP Program pays the landlord directly, so the...and both...and all of the rental assistance programs pay the landlords directly. All of the ones that operated by County contractors like MEO, Family Life Center and all of them, there's different funding sources. We have the regular RAP (phonetic) funds that you guys provided out of the General Fund or the...or maybe...whatever, the County money, and then we have three different Federally funded rental assistance programs. And so those...they actually communicate with each other to try to prevent duplication of that. And the money, again, goes to the landlord, so the landlord would...you know, it wouldn't be cash in the people's pocket, put it that way.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And then I have 30 seconds that you can respond to Chair Lee's question.

MR. BAZ: Oh, okay. Okay, which one was Chair Lee's question? Sorry, it's gonna take a few seconds to...Chair Lee, if you...hiring people...County employees or hiring local people? I'm sorry, I'm burning your 30 seconds there. . . . *(timer bell rings)* . . . Chair Lee, if you could remind me what your question was.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, yes, we were talking about both...about hiring local because I'm sure there's a way to word your contracts that you...you would hire local first. And because with all these contracts coming in, it'll be a shame to give it to people who don't need jobs, that come from California or someplace else, yeah. And then...and hiring County people is important too, but I think a lot of education has to take place. You know, you have to explain to people that this is the new norm, and here's new opportunities, and this is...you know, this is how we should look at things from now on. Thank you.

MR. BAZ: Yeah. No. Okay, yeah. So...so...so yes, we've had that discussion many times with the State procurement office and our own procurement office, as far as how can we...if we can provide some kind of way to hire local contractors first. But understand that even...and I'll just use this example. Goodfellow Brothers, their base is in the Northwest, it's not in Hawai'i. And we think of them as a local contractor. They do hire . . . *(timer bell rings)* . . . a lot of local guys, and a lot of contractors are hiring local. What we've done also is to expedite our permit process. The Mayor has provided a directive that if you're renovating, not expanding, then you can get a permit within 15 days, basically. And so that's

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something to help people get back to work. I've been working directly with the construction district trade on permits that have...may have been lagging, and so we've been in communication with them on trying to figure out how we can make sure to get construction jobs that are private and public construction jobs ready to go.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Baz. Okay, so we'll go...

MR. BAZ: That was page one.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We'll go to the next page. And then when you give the update, if it's something that is being funded, would you mind also providing the amount that is being funded? If you have that information.

MR. BAZ: Okay. I'll have to probably try to provide that off of memory, but we'll...okay. So tree planting initiative reforestation providing jobs. So initially, this wasn't something that we were considering, the...it may be something that we start talking about as we move down the line. I do know, or I've heard, that MISC got some funding for Federal monies to do some work as well, so we want to see...we gotta talk to them about what they're doing and how maybe the County can coordinate with them. And we're working with them on other things, but it's a...I think it's a good idea, something that we...but we have to find a partner to do that with and be able to...again it has to align to COVID Act, so these have to be people that are unemployed because of COVID, but we can work on that. In cases where Department of Education is not allowing students to return to school, childcare will become a challenge...yes. This will lead to need for additional personnel, expansion of facilities, purchase of equipment, supplies, financial assistance to parents. Expand grants to help with these costs and additional health and security measures. So this is a combination...yes, you know, we're providing financial support to families through HELP Program that have needs...if they need school supplies, you know, they can actually apply for the funds, you know, to do that kind of stuff as well. We're...and now that the DOE is looking towards reopening and the way that they have proposed to reopen is gonna be a major challenge, and so we don't have a silver bullet to answer this, but it's definitely something on our radar screen. Provide a support...provide or support development of affordable homes for families earning 60 percent or less of the median income. Wonderful...not CARES Act related. We cannot do any real estate type of purchases or construction, that kind of stuff. Provide or support development of housing and housing programs for the homeless. We have temporary shelters that we have purchased and are being deployed, and we're gonna be purchasing a second round of those as well. So definitely, that's something we're doing. I don't remember what the dollar amount is for that, but we are working on purchasing more units. Create supervised overnight parking location for shelterless to sleep in their cars, which would include hygiene stations, porta potties, and electric charging stations. We much prefer the

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previous item of housing people in those little pallet shelters or other type of thing where they can actually have a bedroom. They'd leave their car to...to their car; I mean, they can have their stuff in their car, but to actually sleep. And we still have availability of space. So if you hear of people who need to be referred to that; and then again, we're purchasing more to be able to do more work on that. Additional mobile communication vans to provide referral services, current information access, just charging stations, Internet assistance, ability to print, coordination with other providers at surveys, et cetera. So we started our mobile broadband bus, went to Hāna, and we're planning on deploying that into other rural locations. And the other thing that we're working on with Internet is to provide free Wi-Fi access throughout our communities at government locations. So I talked to you before about the Spectrum project that we had; those were internally to the community centers, and we had actually wanted to kind of avoid putting the antennas spreading out to the parking lot to prevent vagrancy and loitering and all that, but we're actually talking about doing that with probably our own product and maybe with theirs as well. Our own product because then they wouldn't have just a two-hour limitation, but if we can get out there into those areas to provide, you know, people who have...the DOE did a survey on the needs of people, the kids who were gonna be distance learning. And computers weren't the first issue, the first issue was Internet access, not, you know, and so if we can help to that...to work with that. I know there's some other private providers doing certain things too; but if we can assist, then they can go there. And we might be able to work out, like, charging...you know, charging stations for them to be able to plug in and things like that. And of course, they have to maintain the physical distancing. But...so yeah, that's something definitely part of the considerations. So that was page two, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo Director Baz. Members, questions? Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. Thank you for the explanation, Sandy, that was really good. I just want to go back over 'cause a lot of these are related 13, 14, 15, the homeless issues. And so I was a little concerned about number 13 when you circled "not included" because there are services that were taken away from South Maui in that mobile hygiene unit that we never go to use here that were sent to Central. So that must be part of that...you know, that is part of the COVID response, right? So.

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So I think it's . . . (inaudible) . . .

MR. BAZ: We're planning on purchasing a couple more of those too.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So what I'm looking for is, you know, this widespread care

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across the island because I think you're seeing that not everybody wants to move into the little huts that you built, those little shelters. I mean, you've got...I don't know, 28 or something like that, and only 10 that are lived in right now. So you need to...I think you just need to consider that there are colonies of homeless around the island, and we're not gonna be able to move everybody into Central Maui to that...you know, the structures that you've built... because for various reasons, you know. I mean, I think it's a great project, but it's not for everybody and it's not for all the different houseless populations that we have. So that's what...this is kind of the intent, is just let's...let's try to get those services out to the communities. And, you know, if we're going to rob Peter to pay Paul, you gotta pay Peter back, you know. So we've got these communities that are just not...are not being serviced, and we can't harness them all into Central Maui. So that was my big concern, and I think you guys are hearing that, and I know you're trying. So I...you know, don't...don't need a huge explanation, but I wanted you to know why that's in there. And it doesn't make sense to me --

MR. BAZ: Understand.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --that who would say that's not included.

MR. BAZ: Uh-huh. Yeah, understood. I mean, our Department, in a larger philosophy outside of COVID really discourages enabling homelessness, right. We want to . . . gotta get people into safe, secure housing versus just giving them the basic needs they need . . . (*timer bell rings*) . . . on the beach or in a car. And so...

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I understand that. I understand that, but we are going into a situation where people are going to be losing their homes. So, you know, we have to be aware.

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

MR. BAZ: Yeah. So we are working on a Homeless Prevention Program as well; not just the HELP program, but a Homeless Prevention Program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Mahalo, Director Baz, for being here today. Yeah, my question was, it looks like we're restricted to the use of the CARES Act funding; however, like on 11 or providing the housing for homeless, we can do that. But then also, on the Emergency Funds, looks like on the April 30th report, we had tiny homes...that was more for quarantine sites. So if we

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can't use some of the CARES fund, then we can use the Emergency Funds for other things that we're not restricted for?

MR. BAZ: All right. So the emergency . . . yeah, the Emergency Fund use, of course, expired already. Yeah, but that was County funds, right, and that was directed towards...so there wasn't the Federal restrictions on. And the tiny homes and these pallet shelters are actually more considered equipment than real estate, right? So they're...they're mobile, right? They have wheels and...or can be collapsed and relocated or repurposed very easily versus the...actually buying a building or anything like that. Because one of the proposals we wanted to do was to buy...was to buy a building for affordable housing out of the CARES Act money, and we were told specifically, no, that that wasn't allowed.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: All right. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. I have two quick questions. For Question 12, the pallet units, those . . . (audio interference) . . . units, are you...is the Administration planning to construct them at the same location in Waiale?

MR. BAZ: No. We're looking for alternate locations. So privately, if you want to send me a suggested location, I'd be happy to take those. But yeah, we're looking for other locations to . . . (inaudible) . . . throughout the community. And we're doing RFP, it may be pallet homes that we have now, it may be a different vendor, a different situation.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MR. BAZ: I mean, we were thinking about also doing some of the construction ones that they did like in Big Island through...HPM provided the materials, and a lot of labor was donated, but if we have money maybe that's another way to get local contracture, local people --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Jobs.

MR. BAZ: --jobs in construction, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Awesome. And the second question, for the Wi-Fi bus, will there...is there...are there plans for there to be a bus on Moloka'i and Lāna'i?

MR. BAZ: I don't know. I'll ask. Yeah, I haven't heard of that, but yeah. Definitely at the fixed locations, we're going to...we talked about Moloka'i and Lāna'i already. We have, as you know, challenges with internet access for sure, so.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. BAZ: Yeah. And I'll talk to you more about the bus too, but yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, great, Managing Director Baz. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes. Mr. Baz, since you brought up Internet capability, we are...another project of the Council is to try and help those who have just...or plan to go back to school, the students, so that they can distant...distance learn.

MR. BAZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: We've been checking with all of the schools and they are find...they're having problems with not only those who can't afford a computer or a similar device at home, but they have Wi-Fi problems. And then they have problems not having enough equipment in the schools. So as we gather this information, can we work together? That's what I was wondering, if there is any money left that you folks have to use for these kinds of, you know, very important purchases?

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Did you folks submit a list of expenses that you've already, you know, spent on or...and then future expenses you plan to spend on?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, what...that's was...is what was submitted to you and to the Governor. So, same information. The next report on when...of the CARES Act money that's going to be...it's either encumbered or expended already, I think is due next week, so you'll get another report next week. But definitely, that's something that's been discussed in our Administration as far as dealing with, you know, computers, Internet access, things like that. We're very concerned to make sure that the kids have the capabilities of learning and the resources that they need to get it done. We haven't really talked too much about direct assistance to the Department of Education, but...because they did get a significant chunk of CARES Act money, but not . . . (*timer bell rings*) . . . I . . . (inaudible) . . . So yeah . . . (inaudible) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: They're 2,000 short...2,000 short.

MR. BAZ: In the County or on . . . (inaudible) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: County of Maui.

MR. BAZ: Just County of Maui. Okay. You know what, Chair, I'll talk to you about that.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Good. Thank you.

MR. BAZ: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Baz, this relates to number 10 and the need for childcare. Has the usage of community centers been under consideration much like how the County uses it for Summer Pals, for activities for young people, and I guess A-Plus After School, has that been discussed at this point as a site for childcare?

MR. BAZ: Yes. So we have three centers right now, in-County community centers that are operated by YMCA. And if anybody is looking for childcare capabilities, the current program is extended, of course, until the Department of Education opening, which is...so August 14th, I think, is the last day of this current summer program. But we are in discussions with them and other providers for after school programs or, you know, those days where they're distance learning, things like that. 'Cause again, it's going to be a challenge getting people back to work of having childcare issues. So that's definitely something we're going to be addressing.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, we'll go to page 3 if there are no more questions?

MR. BAZ: Hygiene facilities for unsheltered, especially in Central, South, and West Maui...yes, we are looking to procure a couple more stations. We have to go through...you know, create specifications and doing RFP, all that kind of stuff. But we have a base model of the one that's being utilized at the Wai'ale Park for . . . (inaudible) . . . So there's some lessons learned from that as we develop that. I don't have a current status update of that though. Purchase of substantial supply of testing, tracing, monitoring equipment, PPE, and other...yes. Definitely a yes, and lots of money. And in fact, we're having a problem with storage right now, so we're going to have to go rent a storage location because all of the County storages being filled up. We want to make sure that we have good capacity for not just our current needs, but should we have supply change challenges in the future. Increased testing and contact tracing...yes, we are working with local providers. Right now, especially, they have stepped up to the plate to do more testing, you know, the drives as well as the testing that's going on just at the local clinics. So any outpatient...mostly outpatient clinics are doing testing, and the criteria is a lot less stringent now, so that's going. Expand and improve emergency shelters...again, we talked about the capabilities of not just...mostly

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we talked about just the little pieces of individual shelters, it provides good social distancing or physical distancing requirements as well. Purchasing emergency generators...yes, we have had requests from Departments to purchase emergency generators, so we will be funding some of those. Upgrade community centers/outfitting for Resiliency Hubs, add air conditioning where needed to provide respite from heat waves, and add storage and equipment for disaster response. So this is something, you know, we can't spend a lot of money on real estate improvements, but there are certain things that we're doing. We are having a challenge with the Resiliency Hubs...not the Resiliency Hubs, the food hubs, that was . . . (inaudible) . . . All right. But yeah, so, you know, we'd like to do that. It's going to be hard for COVID-related lining that. Initiate pilot projects to create a sustainable food supply, including the use of aquaponics and hydroponics. And yes, we're look...working with the farmers, Farm Bureau, the Farmers Union United, and anybody else that wants to work with us, come talk to our Office of Economic Development, we'd be happy to talk to you about that. Fund the Maui Nui Food Alliance to support and maintain a healthy food system of our islands. So I wrote "not included" on this, but just because the Maui Nui Food Alliance didn't apply for funds from OED related to agriculture, and that's something that we'd encourage them to do. I don't know them personally, but if somebody does know of...Kelly, Chair, excuse me, Member King, if you can let them know to call OED. Create a professional Economic Recovery Task Force to develop a blueprint for our diversified economic future, which includes economic experts and other professionals. And that has been created, and the Mayor did ask them their permission to utilize their names, and their names were announced a couple of weeks ago, I think. So that, I think, was addressed. He mentioned on the press conference yesterday that he expects their preliminary report, it may...to be an internal report, but their preliminary report to be available, you know, next week at the earliest or within...hopefully soon so we can get moving on those activities. We had...have informal conversations with the task force about things that we can do immediately, that's going. So anyway, Chair, that's page whatever page we're...number we're on; four, I guess...three, four. Hopefully, we're on six already, but yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Baz. I see Member King, and Member Sinenci, and Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, very wishful thinking, but no, actually I think we're going okay, Director Baz. Thank you so much. I will let Maui Nui Food Alliance know. What I wanted to say about number 22 is, upgrading the community centers and outfitting for Resiliency Hubs because we're trying to do these Resiliency Hubs for disaster response, which...this is a disaster. And to me, we need...there's certain things that we're gonna need to do to those Resiliency Hubs in the facilities in order to make them appropriate for the COVID response, you know, if you have...like, we just had this storm. We had these facilities open up and we had to do social distancing; so that's, I think, directly

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COVID-related. If there's anything we can do to make those more appropriate for disaster response in...you know, with the social distancing and the mask and the PPE, and all that. So that's kind of what I...where I was going with that.

MR. BAZ: Okay. All right.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And I really want to thank you for making the Economic Recovery Task Force public because I know I was pushing for that, and the people on there are some very good people. You know, there's some really impressive names on it, so I want to congratulate you on that. I also want to encourage you to also put somebody from the Committee on the Status of Women, you know, per our resolution because we resolved, we all...the Council all got behind the feminist recovery, and one of the things in that resolution was requesting that a member of the...from the Committee on the Status of Women be put on that committee so that women's issues are front and center as well, so. But I just want to thank you for, you know, letting the public know who the people that are deciding our economic future, and I think you had some really good folks on there, so.

MR. BAZ: Okay. All right. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: I think, Member...Chair, Member Paltin had her hand up first.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Member Sinenci and Chair Rawlins-Fernandez. I was just about to send a transmittal, but our office just was wondering, you know, if some of the public would be able to weigh in, if the COVID Task Force is meeting in person or via Zoom, like us. And just, you know, also like how the hazard mitigation is open for public review and open for public comment. Would the Task Force recommendations also go through a similar process where, you know, a lot of people feel like they want to be involved in our recovery, in addition to the wonderful members that you have chosen, or whoever, like the Mayor?

MR. BAZ: Thank you. Yeah, so I'll check on that, but they really spend a lot of their time, you know, in discussion and evaluation and things. I'll tell you that the...perhaps people provide written comments. You know, I don't know about having a Zoom, or a BlueJeans meeting, or something like that where we would spend...

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, no, I was asking if they're meeting in person, the Task Force is meeting in person, or they're meeting like how we're meeting right now?

MR. BAZ: I haven't attended meetings. I attended...well, the one was in person, the kick-off meeting that was here in the office. I believe they are having some kind of subcommittee meetings via Zoom, but I'm not sure about that. I haven't...our Chief of Staff is the one that's managing that group along with the volunteer coordinator, Karey Kapoi. So...but yeah, definitely I'd say that, okay, we can give them written comments. So if you're...you have anybody who wants to provide written comments...and they can send it to probably the Mayor's Office, so mayors.office@mauicounty.gov . . . *(timer bell rings)*. . . and provide written comments, and probably be appreciated.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And so it's not a Sunshine Law thing then?

MR. BAZ: No, no, it's not a Sunshine Law committee.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I guess my question would be about your assessment too. So, for number 25, creating a Task Force, but it's circled four. Could that be then number one . . .

MR. BAZ: Well, it's...okay. So again...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . . *(inaudible)* . . . Your ranking.

MR. BAZ: Right. Yeah, these one through four are not high...one is not the highest priority, right. These are the category that I probably should have titled this Governor's Categories, not Governor's Priorities because one isn't the highest priority.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Got it.

MR. BAZ: It was just a listing on the letter. Yeah, no, it's...in fact, this is one of the highest priorities that we have going on. The direct assistance that we're providing, the PPEs and economic recovery are probably the top items out of all of these that we're working on.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you, Baz. And then, I guess my second question was, I know we're part of this process, but is there the representation? I guess we had some questions about maybe some representation for the outlying areas within the Task Force.

MR. BAZ: I don't know. Let me address that. I haven't really looked at the location of

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where the individuals who are participating are from, but yeah...no, I'll address that. I'll discuss that with the Mayor and see if that's the situation or not. The Task Force is already fairly large. I think we have over 20 people on it already, so...but, you know, we want to make sure that the districts are represented.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Then about the food hubs or food sustainable supply. And this is...this wasn't on there, but we had heard from the OED that the 2.5 million in the micro grants for farmers was being delayed; is that correct?

MR. BAZ: I . . . (*timer bell rings*) . . . I don't know. I haven't...I haven't discussed that. I...last I heard, there was some...Corporation Counsel had some issues, but you'd have to get a, yeah, OED would definitely be the best ones to respond to that. So whatever they provided you, I'm sure, is way more accurate than mine.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. And...okay. I have a couple questions. So dovetailing off of what Member Sinenci mentioned, there isn't anyone on Molokai in the Task Force.

MR. BAZ: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And the list, or the press release, did say that the Mayor's Office has reached out to the Ag industry leaders who will also be joining the Task Force. So I'm not sure if that's somewhere to expand, but for Molokai, it would be great if the Mayor would consider our CTAHR Outreach Specialist, Glenn Teves; or for Sustainable Molokai, Harmonee Williams. So both could represent Molokai and are part of that Ag industry if that's something that the Mayor is looking at expanding. So if either of those two can sit on the Task Force to represent Molokai, that would be really helpful.

MR. BAZ: Okay. Yeah, sure. I'll talk to him and our Chief of Staff about that. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And for number 25, I know it says, create a Task Force. So there wasn't really anywhere to circle that indicated that there wouldn't be funding, but you are doing it. So...

MR. BAZ: Oh...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Does that mean that it is --

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --getting funding or that is just it is being...

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MR. BAZ: Well, the group and members themselves are not getting funded. But the functionality of what they're doing is gonna get --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Right.

MR. BAZ: --funded by this economic recovery piece of it. Yeah, yeah. No, they're all volunteers and...well, you know, some of them are working 30, 40, 50 hours a week volunteering this, and we really, really appreciate it. As Member King mentioned, this is a really stellar group that was...volunteered to participate in this. Yeah, and --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo.

MR. BAZ: --we appreciate the input. Yeah, thank you. . . . *(timer bell rings)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Absolutely. And our...the Council's gratitude for all of the Task Force members for working. Seeing no more questions, we'll move on to page 4.

MR. BAZ: So 26 is extensive education on the use of telecommunication platforms, beginning with seniors and extending to our young children. Again, good idea. COVID...getting that pigeon-holed into the COVID response is challenging, but I understand, especially in talking with you, Chair Lee, and hearing what your concerns were on some of the other items, I can understand your request, and we can see if that's going to be a piece of it. Definitely, you know, we're...we are doing it. We're moving some classes with...we did a PALS type program online and so...and Big Brothers Big Sisters...not Big Brothers, Boys and Girls Club has moved to a virtual center. We're also...Kaunoa is looking at, you know, some of those teaching, you know, elderly people who would want to participate in our Kaunoa programs moving those to online as well. So it's definitely something we're addressing. One million to five million to expand Lāna'i Agricultural Park purchase; again, we can't do real assets, otherwise, you know, it's a good idea. Same thing with 28, 29, 30...definitely. And so 31; maybe, Mr. Sinenci, if I could talk to you more about that individually to get an idea. If there's an organization that wanted to apply for a grant from the Housing and Human Concerns for it, then that's a possibility. Same thing with 32, would be OED. Four mobile trailers for homeless shelters; you know, we are going to be purchasing...assuming you meant...oh, I don't know what you meant. Maybe you could respond. I was assuming you meant, like, the hygiene stuff, but it could be that you want trailers as housing shelters. So you...maybe be a part of your questioning. And then bags for food distribution; yeah, we're...we have bags that we're working with to provide that and then helping...you know, we have food distribution from the County a little bit, but majority of it is working with the Food Bank, we gave them a grant to do food boxes, and they're working with the other regular food distribution agencies. And plexiglass for public stores and services. So this, I

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was thinking, you know, that we have a grant program with the credit union, and this is one of the applicable expenditures. So they can apply for up to \$7,500 of funding as it relates to a response to COVID or things like that. So yeah, definitely. Okay, so that was the next page, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Baz. Member Sinenci, did you want to ask a question regarding Question 33? Did you want to explain or was that response from...

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: . . . (inaudible) . . . Yeah, I believe it was more for shelter versus the hygiene units.

MR. BAZ: Okay. Got it. I'll talk to our sheltering committee and see if that's a possibility then. 'Cause, yeah, it would have been equipment then at that point.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, thank you, Director. And then I'll reach out about Item Number 31. Thank you, Chair.

MR. BAZ: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Seeing no other questions, we'll move on to page 5.

MR. BAZ: So a hundred laptops for students...we didn't necessarily include that in the original thought process, but as we've had discussions, and similar to what Chair Lee had mentioned earlier; yeah, we are figuring out what the possibilities are. Our IT Services Division has kind of been looking at what possibilities. They've talked to the DOE about what type of equipment would be best, you know. 'Cause if we buy them a full, you know, \$2,000 to \$3,000 fully, you know, built-up laptop, that may be too much for them versus a...you know, a \$300 or \$400 Chromebook type of situation. So we are working with DOE on that right now, their request . . . (inaudible) . . . Containers, 8 by 20, for emergency supplies for remote areas; yes, we're working on purchasing containers. Especially with Hurricane Douglas, it became very evident that that need is there, as well as COVID-related. We get PPE disbursed in our communities. Enforcement of STRH and B&B ordinances possible rental expenses for quarantine positive cases; yes, we are in discussions with that. Well, it's two separate items. The enforcement of STRH and B&B, our Planning Department has been actively enforcing it throughout, even prior to COVID and then...and also more so with COVID and people trying to get around the system and quarantine rules and that. And then possible rental expenses for quarantine positive cases; yes, we're working with the...the Department of Health is the agency that's responsible for that, but we've been discussing possibilities of having locations to house positive cases that don't need help. You know, if they need hospital services, they're going to go to the hospital. Establishing quarantine hotels in different areas and share the cost

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with tourists and hotels; I put this as not included, but it is a discussion actually we've been having with the hotels and, you know, having it so that if their customers, if their visitors end up being positive, but they don't need to get...stay in the hospital, can they just stay in the hotel room where they're at? And we're also working on some other things with hotels too, but. Six defibrillators for outlying areas; Mr. Sinenci, we actually wanted to give ten to Hana and they rejected our request. I'm sorry, not defibrillators, ventilators. The...yeah. We...and Molokai and Lānaʻi, they...basically, they don't have the capacity to manage somebody who would be on a ventilator. And so the...so we have about 45, 50 ventilators standing by. The hospital, we did give as much as they could handle right now, and standing by should we have a huge surge. But the...basically, the providers that are in the outlying areas don't have the staffing, training required, capacity to have somebody use a ventilator. So if you need a ventilator, they're going to send you to Honolulu most likely, or to Maui Memorial Medical Center. Member...or Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, your one person over there that needed to be hospitalized, they sent to Honolulu, right. Because their partnership with Queens, it makes sense...easier to send them. So yes, so that's that. Support and training for expansion of mental health services, suicide prevention; yes, we're supporting that. Again, if people have...if people are approaching you and...that want to provide those services, send them to Department of Housing and Human Concerns, they can apply for a grant through there. Abandoned/junk vehicle removal program; hard to relate to COVID. You know, maybe a job training program, I don't know, we can get creative, Member Sinenci, but definitely a challenge to relate to COVID-specific monies. And it is a big issue in general, so something we're addressing, but maybe not specifically with this funding. Same thing with the bike/walking path maintenance. I know exercise helps with the virus and its effects on your body; but doing that kind of investment in capital improvement projects would probably not be an easy thing to do. National Guard/Police; continued monitoring of Hana Highway and road closure. As you are very well aware, there's been some discussion back and forth about that. And the funding of it doesn't necessarily need to come from this unless we...and anyway, Member Sinenci, you probably want to discuss it more with Senator English and the monitoring plan that he's probably trying to create would be a better avenue for that discussion. Rental Assistance Program/funding for displaced families; again, yes, we have the HELP program, and then we're trying to prevent homelessness, so nobody gets displaced. But if they do, then, you know, we have financial assistance for them or locations for...to refer them to. So Chair, that was the next page.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Baz. If no questions, we'll go to...oh, oh, Chair Lee and Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, I'm just wondering if the Managing Director and Member Sinenci were shopping at the same place for aloha shirts one day.
... (laughter) ...

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MR. BAZ: He has good style.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, you guys look cute. Yeah, that was my question. Thank you.

MR. BAZ: Okay. Oh, very good. That was easy.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: They're actually...they're actually different, but I do have that shirt. Just for clarification, Chair, number 40 was defibrillators. I understand that...

MR. BAZ: Yeah, right. Sorry, I read that wrong. I was thinking it was --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER : Ventilators.

MR. BAZ: --ventilators. And Member Sinenci, let's talk afterwards about what the need for defibrillators would be, and how it would relate possibly to COVID. So yeah, we'll talk about that. Have your staff give me a call.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. I think heart attacks is part of one of the impacts of having COVID. So that's...could be the connection. Okay. Seeing no other questions, we'll move on to the second to the last page. Managing Director?

MR. BAZ: Okay. So thank you. They're just a blur right now. So community...it's a commercial community kitchen for East Maui; again, you know, physical asset that couldn't address necessarily with COVID money. But as we move towards, you know, a diversified economy having a value-added product, you know, development facility might be something very beneficial. So maybe we can talk about that later with OED. Grants for small businesses; yes. So we have...and that's 47 pretty much...well, 47-A, B, D, and F are items that we have included in the community...I forgot the name of the program. Kōkua Community, Kōkua Fund...I forget what it's called. but it's basically the credit unions will be...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Kōkua Maui Kāne.

MR. BAZ: Kōkua Maui Kāne, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You're welcome.

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MR. BAZ: So that program is through the credit unions. We've had almost 300 applications, that was as of, like, mid-day yesterday. So maybe even more by now for small grants for those type of activities that are listed in those items. C wouldn't be a grant to a business necessarily. We are...we have approached the Planning Department about what the possibility of that are. There's some significant challenges and laws that probably need to change for that to happen, but...that has been discussed, but nothing will be immediate. Temporary hiring program to provide funding assistance to pay a few months' salaries of employees to help businesses get back on their...put their people to work. So they can apply for the grant. They have additional Federal monies that are going to be coming in, I think with the HEROS...what they're calling the HEROS Act...hasn't come through yet, but there's going to be some more money from that. But yeah, there's limited...it's not going to be a few months of a whole bunch of employees, but there will be some assistance from that. And then funding for Kama`aina program discounts. We hadn't discussed...we've offered the advertising and the promotion and the support for Kama`aina programs through our Kama`aina First program, but not necessarily grants to the businesses for that specific. Forty-eight, additional grants to food security groups to be used to expand services, and I've mentioned that already so yes, we are providing that. We have Chair Lee here...sorry, Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, I saw Chair Lee up on the screen, so . . . (inaudible) . . . something there.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Thank you again, Director Baz. So I want to explain to you what that number, the letter G one was, that I had heard from some of the folks, you know, you put the Kama`aina discount program together to highlight local businesses and their goods and services. But what I heard from a couple of people that are in that program was that they're kind of feeling like you're putting the squeeze on them by...they're already struggling and now they have to give a 20 percent discount to be on this list. And so that's kind of what that, you know, if we actually made a list of people with...who are willing to give discounts, and then help them fund those discounts, or a portion of those discounts. Because they're already struggling, and then to ask them to give up 20 percent of their...you know, their purchase price or whatever, you know, it was kind of a burden. So, you know, it's something I hadn't thought of until I was actually contacted by two separate people telling me that, yeah, I'm on the list but, you know, I can hardly afford to. I'm getting so little business, I can't...really can't afford to give 20 percent of it away. So it's just something for you to think about, you know, how can we help these businesses? And also, I wanted to kind of mention that as a business owner myself, \$7,500 doesn't go a long way, you know, those grants. And so I'm hoping that there's some kind of an expansion for local businesses for, you know, maybe allow them to apply for it twice or something or, you know, do higher amounts. Because that...you know, that might pay for some of...you know, them to put up a . . . (*timer bell rings*) . . .

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plexiglass or something like that. But it's just...you know, it's not an easy thing running a business in this County, and with, you know, the struggles that they're going to have just hanging around trying to stay viable until they can open again, I just don't see that 7,500 going a long way. So I mean, I'm glad we're giving out grants, but we have a program hopefully that will get the money released for it soon that...where we're giving farmers 25,000 . . . *(timer bell rings)* . . . for small...for these micro grants. And I think businesses...we should be looking at similar amounts for the businesses. So that's my input.

MR. BAZ: Yeah. So yeah, we actually...we had a meeting on Saturday to kind of discuss what the next steps will be, and that's one of the factors and some of the immediate feedback we've received from businesses. So we'll take those things into account. So thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then don't punish the ones that applied for the first ones and only got 7,500. Let them get some more maybe...they thank me. Thank you, Chair.

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Director Baz, I was wondering a few...since we're talking about grants, if you guys could like internally reassess...reassess the deadlines established for applying for grants because sometimes it's hard to predict when people need the money. And, you know, to have a...like, a deadline for July 1st, you know, in the middle of the pandemic, it...to me, was not realistic, and that those deadlines should even remain open, if possible. That's something to seriously consider 'cause those are the kinds of issues that have...people have been talking to me about. Okay, thank you.

MR. BAZ: Understood.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Seeing no other questions, we'll go to the last page.

MR. BAZ: All right. Last page. Okay, so Closed Loop Animal Husbandry Food Program, including chickens and pigs. I assume this was a...yeah, a food-related program, and so they can apply through OED for agricultural industry type of program. So Ms. Paltin, I don't know who that is, but tell them to apply for...to OED. Opportunity and funding to develop production of locally sourced non-petroleum-based fertilizers; again, you know, they can apply to OED for...and that might not be a special type of activity function in that new industry kind of thing. But yeah, have them talk to OED. Support for training for expansion of locally based leadership, emphasizing community-based problem-

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solving, and strong towns components. New idea, not COVID-related. It would be hard to tie that in. And then 52, Equipment sanitation supplies. And believe me, there's things that we thought would be COVID-related that the State has said no. So, you know, we'll...you know, we'll talk about that. Equipment sanitation supplies; those that are COVID-related, yes. Easy. I don't think we're going to be providing warm toilets, I don't know. Maybe that's something that a nonprofit wants to apply for money for specifically, but. New EOC; we are not going to be able to do that with CARES Act money, again, it's not allowed. But we may be coming up to a...with a request for something soon. Allocate an additional \$600,000 for childcare, for a total of \$1.2 million. I don't know what the total dollar amount is, but we've provided significant amount for childcare services, so. And we want to expand that and provide more opportunities in all the communities. Right now, this is all we could get support for the need on applications. So as the challenges increases, then I'm sure we're going to get more. Allocate at least \$900,000 in funds to address domestic violence. Yeah, again, there's funds allocated in priority area two that are related to that. And we have been working with some of the providers and we would like to...you know, if they have specific ones, send them to . . . (inaudible) . . . concerns. Sex trafficking; if it relates to COVID, then that would be something we'd be able to fund. If it doesn't relate to COVID, then it wouldn't be. And ask for pro rata share of \$2.4 million for family planning currently being considered. Maybe Chair, that's probably...I didn't include it for funding necessarily, or we didn't put in our plan, but maybe we can talk about that and see what the State is doing with that, and if there's anything we can do to get the State moving. And yes, you're right, that's the end of the document. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Managing Director. Any questions on...oh, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I was wondering...I had gotten some feedback from constituents that did inquire with OED and MEO about the farming, and they were not able to move forward with that. So I know you said, inquire with OED, and then someone just contacted me.

MR. BAZ: Well...right. If they were applying specifically for that funding that was allocated in the current budget, that is a challenge. But if they're applying for monies to work on a...an agricultural program for...related to COVID response and then new...you know, increasing industries and things like that, that would be something that could probably be funded. So maybe the question was asked...needs to be asked differently, I'm not sure.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So just re-ask and say, this is related to COVID response?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. I mean, yeah, well, not just ask, but it'll have to be related to COVID response and what we're doing. And we may not be providing grants immediately

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for that because they're trying to evaluate, and with that kind of Recovery Task Force response where that would be best fit. And so they may not get a immediate yes here, here's some money, but we'll definitely take in their input.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. That was my only question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Member Paltin. Any other questions on this page? I have a couple of questions on question...or Item 54 for the childcare. So on the first correspondence that you sent to the Governor allocating broad amounts for the items, it had 700,000 for childcare and summer programs. So what you're saying is there has been more than 700,000 allocated?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Director Yoshimura, if you're... 'cause I can't see you. But if you're still on, I'm not sure how much was allocated for our summer program. If you could provide the detailed information for that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And while we wait for Ms. Yoshimura, for 55...for domestic violence, a total of three million was allocated for mental health, domestic violence, and family support grants. And so it wasn't detailed out. Is it detailed out now?

MR. BAZ: No. It's still not detailed out. And it would be based on the agencies that provide those services identifying the need and how much money would be required to address that need.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And will that be managed by DHHC?

MR. BAZ: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. Mahalo. Okay, Members, so that was all of our requests. And we received the...on July 31st, the final Emergency Fund transmittal. So if anyone has questions on that document, I'll entertain questions there. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is there a timer? I gotta structure my questions. Five minutes?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You need five minutes?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I'm thinking...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Managing Director . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. First question . . .

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Three minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. First question is, I'm not sure what all the First Hawaiian means. Is that like First Hawaiian Bank, or is it a place?

MR. BAZ: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: When you buy...okay.

MR. BAZ: I have a real quick answer for that. Well, First Hawaiian is our pCard, and so that's the vendor – it is First Hawaiian. So...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then next question is, you know, when you purchase lunches and stuff like that, is there like a standard way you can say, like, how many lunches for people? And is there an effort made to support, like, local Mom and Pops? I mean, yeah, Subway and Pizza Hut and KFC provides jobs; but, you know, they got their corporate headquarters on the continent, whereas, you know, if you support local, more of the money circulates local.

MR. BAZ: Right. Understood. Yeah, I don't know if there's an easy way to track that, like how many lunches were purchased. I'm trying to look and see if this...yeah, I don't see an easy way to track that.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Can you get back to me?

MR. BAZ: But yeah, yeah...but yeah, but we...yes, we try to provide, use local vendors for...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then like, you know, when you do...like, say you're putting out a bid or whatever for web design or whatever, is there any kind of a way that it's open to everybody to put it out, like, or do people get an inside track because they work for the Mayor and then maybe their family gets the inside track on like web design, five grand or something like that? Or is it just put out...is it like a competitive bid process, or?

MR. BAZ: We do procurement on anything...you know, we're still following all procurement laws, so they would have to...yeah, it would be whatever...we would have gotten quotes for it. Five thousand and under, generally it's quotes from different people on it, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then for...is that the time? Oh. And then for like, you know, how the portables, it looks there's Akamai Rentals and then, like, I think Hawai'i Express is one also. Is there efforts made to like keep all the portable toilet businesses...like get...let everybody have a shot, or is it like just guys that are on procurement lists?

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MR. BAZ: Yeah. No, yeah, we...I'm pretty sure we have a procurement list for that, but yeah, anybody who can service us, we've asked for more than . . . (*timer bell rings*) . . . capacity of some of the companies. So I'm pretty sure we're spreading the wealth around, especially when we did all of this, and initially when we closed the parks and had more portables out there. I remember the...

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you. Thank you, Chair. I'll wait till the next round.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Chair Lee, and then Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, Mr. Baz, there seems to be a lot of expenses at 1.5 million and 1.4 million. Is there a pCard limit of 1.6 million? Is that why? Something like that?

MR. BAZ: No. Let's see, do you know what page you're looking at there?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, it is the first page of the expenditures as of April 30th.

MR. BAZ: Okay. So, I see 1,050,000, and that was a grant to the Maui Chamber of Commerce for the loan program.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Okay, then you see...like after that, you see 1.2, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.5...a lot of 1.5s going into even the next page. And, you know, so that's why --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --I'm saying is...

MR. BAZ: Oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Chair Lee, is that the last column?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, the right-hand column is the aggregated expenditures, so that's a running total of the expenditures. The total expenditures, not that one line item.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So...but there all seem to be the same amount for the different kinds of purchases.

MR. BAZ: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So is there, like, a limit on...there's a limit.

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MR. BAZ: So the last one on that first page there is janitorial supplies, eyeglass cleaner wipes, vision testers; that was \$135.64 expenditure, which brought the total expenditures from \$1,549,235.71 to \$1,549,371.35.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. My last question is at the...so in April, the end of April, there were one, two, three, four, five people, or somebody with waived fees for the water...Department of Water waived fees, what's that?

MR. BAZ: That was for the hygiene...I don't want to call it a hygiene station, but the shower that we put up at the entrance to . . . (inaudible) . . . Amala Place. That was the water services.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh. Okay, so the water...and you didn't charge them for the water?

MR. BAZ: We didn't charge the homeless for the water. The Water Department charged the...us for the water, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Oh, okay. All right. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, that was my question of Director Baz, was from the Department of Water Supply. I guess my other question would have been, did Mr. Alan Fukuyama provide receipts for his two cases of handled bags?

MR. BAZ: Yes, yes, we would have provided receipts. But yeah, actually, you know, I'm sorry, Chair Lee, looking at this again, the Department of Water waived fees item is not for water. That's for the...and the Real Property Tax waived fees below that is the fees that were waived for online convenience fees. So to prevent...to inspire people to not come in to have to pay personally, we waived the online convenience fee, and that's what those charges are. And I see Ms. Yoshimura back.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Did you have any other questions, Member Sinenci? Members, any other questions? Okay. I have a question and then I'll go back to Member Paltin, since she had additional questions. So for May 27th, there was a allocation for...or expenditure for the food and beverage purchases for COVID-19 doctors and nurses drive-thru testing on Moloka'i on April 7th.

MR. BAZ: April 7 and April 16 is what it says.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so on April 7th, I provided the doctors and nurses

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lunches, so I guess I can request a receipt for that --

MR. BAZ: Sure.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --for that particular event, 'cause I'm not sure what that would have covered.

MR. BAZ: Okay. All right.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: For April 16, that would have been true. But for April 7th I provided the lunches, so. Okay. And then for the amounts that were given to the Farm Bureau for 40,000...where are...there. April 30th, was that given...was that just an allocation and then a reimbursement for invoices as they came in, or was that grant disbursed in lump sum?

MR. BAZ: Ms. Yoshimura, if you could respond to that. I'm not sure. I know we did fund them...there were some more purchases on May 31st as well, so it might have been the receipts for the month would be my assumption, but...

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I was just wondering because of the way it was...is in the spreadsheet.

MR. YOSHIMURA: Yes. I believe what we did was one initial payment, I think it was \$10,000 to get them started, and then it was all on a reimbursable basis. So for the first \$10,000 that we gave them, we got receipts for that before we allotted any more monies to be let out. And then we did the purchase orders based on \$10,000 per week or . . . (inaudible) . . . and then I think we increased that amount. But we get the invoices before we make any payments.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Um-hum. Okay. Mahalo. And that's the same process that . . . (inaudible) . . . follows?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Mahalo, Managing Director Baz. Okay. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Some of my questions already got answered. You guys are great. I just was wondering about the Hydraulic Cadaver Lift. I see the...I see it like twice, I think. And so I just was wondering if we have two, or if it's different parts of it?

MR. BAZ: I honestly don't have a clue. I know what it would be used for and why they purchased, but I don't know if we purchased two of them. Could be one for Lānaʻi and one for Molokai. Basically, we purchased the trailers, refrigerated trailers

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or...I don't know if purchase or rent, but refrigerated trailers in case we had a major outbreak and a significant amount of deaths. And as the name describes, would lift the...them up into that, rather than just a forklift kind of situation.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And...okay. I guess my only other question is, you know, is there criteria when we're buying lunches for folks? Like, what is the criteria or direction of how to buy lunches for folks? Every time that there is a food distribution that the County participates in, how do we recruit the volunteers and purchase them lunches and try to get it from the local Mom and Pop shops...or even, you know, the COVID Task Force, if they're meeting in person and we're buying them lunches, how do we try and direct the folks that are purchasing lunches for them to ensure that, you know, we're...we, as the County, who are taking responsibility for this Federal money, we're trying our best to keep it all of it here on Maui County and support all of our local shops. And, you know, like...and a little bit of transparency about how many lunches are provided, and what are the criteria for lunches to be provided?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, I don't have a lot of detail on that. I wasn't necessarily involved in that, but there are notice...I just noticed like, let's say, you know, Takamiya Market, 12 lunches purchased or something to that effect, yeah. So . . . (inaudible) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I know, that's very cool. But then you have other ones that it doesn't say, like, where the lunches are from, how many lunches are, so it's just like, you know . . . (*timer bell rings*) . . . not that I'm saying don't do it, but just like some sort of consistency and open transparent criteria so that there's no question, you know. I'm not saying that it's not something that we should do, but just, you know, consistency and transparent criteria would make it more above...beyond reproach and like, you know, even something to brag about that, hey, you know, we're doing this, and we're trying our best to make sure that this money is circulated locally 100 percent.

MR. BAZ: No, I understand. Yeah, thank you. Yeah, no, I appreciate the comments. And this is the County Emergency Fund, not the Federal monies; but yeah, so you will get another report like this unless we ask for more emergency monies. But, you know, that's good input. Thank you. And we do definitely try to choose local providers, and we're even in very preliminary discussion about a local...buying from local food restaurants and stuff like that for feeding people actual food, you know, meals too. So anyway, but yeah, I get the idea. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin. Okay. I have one last question on the Emergency Funds spreadsheet. And I'm not sure if it would be for Managing Director Baz or Budget Director Yoshimura. So some of these could qualify for CARES Act funding...reimbursements? Because the invoices would start from March 25th or something.

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MR. BAZ: Yeah, I can mention just the general philosophy of that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

MR. BAZ: And Director Yoshimura can come in and chime in as well. But basically, because we don't know the level of response required to...for COVID at this point and how many challenges we're going to have with that, we have delayed any reimbursements to...of County funds to...with the COVID money. If it ends up to be, you know, we come to see it towards the end of this period of expenditure and we can get reimbursed for it, then, yes, we'll go ahead and put in the reimbursement for it. But, yeah, we want to save the money in case we need it for other things. Because we can't go back to the Emergency Fund anymore if we do reimburse it until...unless we come back to you guys for another allocation. So that's kind of where we're at with that piece of it. And maybe if Michele has any other comments.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair...yeah, what we have been doing is putting everything aside. So everything that's been purchased and is on a reimbursable basis, then we will do that at the very end. The \$2 million that we got that wasn't part of the Emergency Fund, but it was the HELP allocation that would also qualify. The one that would probably not qualify is the Small Business Loan through the Chamber because it was a loan program and not a grant program. So that was \$1.75 million that came out of the Emergency Fund. But all the other expenditures, we are looking at, at the very end, doing a reimbursement back to the Emergency Fund --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --or the General Fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So like December to re-examine to see where we're at. And if we want to reimburse ourselves...the County's funds with the CARES Act money, and we have extra CARES Act funding, then we'll do it at that time, although we have the...at the end of December.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. So we gave ourselves a little bit of a cushion at the end. The Governor has to return the monies to the Feds...or all unspent monies by, I think, December 30th. And so the cut off for the County's is December 20th. So we've had all of our programs end November 30...November 30th so that we can do the final accounting, get all the reports back and all unspent monies that have been issued, you know, via grants if that's the case. And then take those monies, and then apply it to the reimbursed...reimbursable expenses that we have to go back to the General Fund and the Emergency Fund.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. And then the last question, and then I'll call on Chair Lee. For the Chamber of Commerce, they're managing the interest-free Small Business loans. We...I think we allocated, or we put a little over a million dollars into that program, but we didn't put any more. Instead of doing a loan, we're doing grants.

MS. YOSHIMURA: No. So we have two programs that are ongoing. So we did the initial Chamber project with a million dollars. and then added 750,000. And those were for businesses with ten or less employees, and up to \$25,000 for a loan, I think, over seven years at zero percent interest. And then we just started yesterday the Small Business Grant program, and that one we put \$3 million into. The criteria for that is a million dollars in gross revenue, right, and then up to \$7,500 on reimbursed expenses. And we did have a requirement where your business has to be open at this point, so that we can keep businesses open and try to help them as we move along in the next few months.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo for that. And quick clarification, so \$1.7 million went to the loan, the Small Business loans, and no more money from the CARES Act funding will go to that program because that's a loan program?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. So Michele, the loan programs are revolving; so if people pay back the loans, where does that money go to?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So when the...when the loans are repaid back to the Chamber, the Chamber will then give it back to the County and it will go back to the Emergency Fund 'cause that's where the funds came from.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. So then the other thing is...oh, geez, it just ran out of my head. It had to do with the loans and grants. Oh, yes, now I remember. Those agencies who are administering these loans and grants, how much are they charging us to do that?

MS. YOSHIMURA: We've capped it at 5 percent. Five percent Administrative costs.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: So let's say...who's...so let's say MEO got how much total?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So MEO has 5 million.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Five million. So they get 5 percent of 5 million?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

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COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. And so would the Chamber?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So would the Chamber, and the credit unions. We have six credit unions working on the program, but we've issued our grant to Maui County Federal Credit Union. It's 5 percent, so 150,000, and they were responsible for putting everything on the website rating the application. And they'll be issuing the 1099s at the end of the year. So that...that's what's covered under the Administrative fees.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. Well, that's a pretty generous amount for, you know, Emergency Funds, but...thank you. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair Lee. Member King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. Actually, I was thinking that 5 percent was pretty reasonable. Because usually when you go through...when you look for a grant sponsor, you're paying 15 percent or more. And if you go through a university, you could be paying up to 40 percent. So...but what I wanted to ask you, Director Yoshimura, is when do they get that money? So do they get the five percent when the loan goes out, or when it gets...as it gets repaid? You know, so what's going to keep them, you know, managing these funds for seven years if they get paid all up front? You know what I'm saying? Is what keeps them going for seven years as they're collecting repayments?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Well, with the Chamber, I think the agreement was 5 percent. I'm not sure when the administrative fees is being paid out, I didn't process that grant. So...but they do have that monitoring for seven years, and it's supposed to be all inclusive in that five percent that was provided. The credit union one is five percent upon receipt of their final report. We're not making any administrative fees until...until the end. With MEO, I believe we gave them 5 percent as we do a...as they do a drawdown of funds because they use that to pay their employees to process the payments.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Yeah, just...I'd just be curious to find out when the Chamber gets their 5 percent. They get the 5 percent when the money goes out on the loan, or when the money is repaid or...you know, 'cause there's going to be expenses all the way through that seven years of collections and keeping track. So anyway. And I just had a really quick question on this document on Page 8 at the top, there's a June 16th...there's a lunch expense for drive-thru testing that is over \$2,000. And how many testing...is that for one day, or is that like accumulation of...how many test days does it...requires \$2,000 worth of lunches for the volunteers?

MS. YOSHIMURA: It's probably multiple dates. You know what date was that?

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VICE-CHAIR KING: It's on...at the top of Page 8, it says...the post date is June 16th, so...but it doesn't say which dates the testing is for. It just says lunch for drive-thru testing staff/volunteer. And I'm just curious as to how many days that...it's \$2,083.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. I can check for you. We average around \$500 per testing site or testing day, usually about . . . (*timer bell rings*) . . . 45 to 50 lunches that we provide to all of the volunteers. So...and we try to...like this last one, we were in Lahaina, West Maui, so I believe they bought the lunches out there. Try to buy it from the community that we go to do the testing.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So you have 45 to 50 volunteers every time you do a drive-thru testing?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: That's what it takes? Oh, okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: And then you have to keep all of those 50 people social distanced and wearing masks and everything, that's...so it's a long . . . (*inaudible*) . . . it seems like.

MS. YOSHIMURA: I've never been to a drive-thru testing, but I believe they have different stations.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I've been. I can tell you.

MS. YOSHIMURA: They have tents and post that have been set up. So I'm sure they are distanced, physically distanced from one another.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. That would be...that probably...would probably be like a four days' worth of lunches then, for that one line item?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR KING: You're going to have. . . (*audio interference*) . . . Okay. All right. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member King. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Chair. This might be kind of a manini question, but for Director Yoshimura; you know when purchasing those lunches,

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I guess you're...assuming you're using County funds or Federal funds, you have to use people that are on a vendor list, or do you just go at random picking anybody, any restaurant or catering service to purchase those lunches from?

MS. YOSHIMURA: We have tried to rotate where we buy our lunches from, try to use the local businesses; Restaurant Matsu, Dani's, TJ's, where we can just buy bentos and not something, you know, like a hot plate lunch where you have gravy and that kind of stuff because not everybody will eat at the same time. And so wherever we can get a bento from.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, okay. Good, good. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina.

MR. BAZ: Chair?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Managing Director Baz?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, sorry, they did...I just got a email that April 7th expenditure was water only. I said that...that it was reimbursement for some...for water for the testing on Molokai.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo for that clarification. Okay, Members, so that was the July 31st transmittal. I can open it up broader now, if you like. I know Member Sinenci had a question regarding the \$2.5 million micro grants. I don't know if you wanted to try to follow up with Budget Director Yoshimura on that as an impact to account . . . (inaudible) . . . COVID.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, we had a status . . . (inaudible) . . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Status report on the 2.5 micro grants for farmers . . . (audio interference) . . . Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So the \$2.5 million that is allocated in the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, we are working on the parameters for those grants. What we will have to do is grant the monies to MEO, MEO will have to do the smaller grants. So we're still working on that process, and we will consult with MEO. And as I have discussed with Chair Rawlins-Fernandez, we will...we will have a discussion on the final grant agreement.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Chair, would you be having that in your Committee? You'd be bringing that up in your Committee?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I was going to meet with Budget Director Yoshimura and OED Director Inamasu, but I can also have that in Committee, as well as a

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status update as soon as we get that...the conditions and everything worked out.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay, great. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Okay. Did anyone...Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair. I guess for the rest of the agenda item, is this more...you've opened it up now where...can we talk about COVID-19 matters not related to funding? Or you just want to keep it related to the Federal CARES Acts fund, mainly, and County funding?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: As much related to funding as possible; but sure, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. I'll keep it real brief as I'm aware of the time. For Director Baz, you know, I've had numerous constituents, especially in my district, asking about homeless and group gatherings on the beach, drum circles and all that stuff, which has made the news recently. And now that the Mayor has, you know, lowered the amount of people that can gather to ten, how is the Administration dealing with addressing these concerns?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Managing Director Baz, you're muted.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, you know, I'll just talk to myself, that's okay. So yeah, we do get reports, and the Police Department where it's applicable. There was like one in Kipahulu this weekend, and so we worked...the Police Department worked with National Park Service because they requested assistance out there for that incident. There was one at Small Beach, Little Beach, whatever you want to call it at Makena that we were going to address. The DLNR said that they were going to address it themselves, and so they did, and did not require our police response. But in general, the Police Department has been responding as much as they can. They have other things to deal with, like they had a fire in Kahikinui with the Fire Department then closing the highway and things like that. We have a lot of accidents and domestic violence and other types of incidents that we deal with. But we try to deal with the COVID response violations as soon as we can, and so we can catch them. But it is a challenge, definitely, I'll tell you. That's nothing that our...the Police Department is doing the best job as they can responding to it. We're working on...you know, and if we...if we're aware of a business that's violating, then we will make that business aware that we know that they're in violation. And that if they don't get their act together, then, you know, we will send a police down there to cite them.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Baz. Mr. Baz, yeah, I think that response was great. Just going on to my last question here. Speaking of

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businesses, you know, we've got some irresponsible transient vacation rental operators that are creating so-called six-month leases with, you know, separate agreements to break the leases early to accommodate transient visitors who circumvent quarantine requirements. How is the Administration addressing that? I mean, I assume the Mayor and the Administration is going to come down with a heavier hammer with stricter enforcement; am I correct?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Yes. So that will be...we already amend...we already amended our rules, the Governor approved it, to be able to go after them. So basically, what was happening was people were issuing a rental, a lease for rental for six months, even though it was not going to be valid. And so the rule now is that you can only issue one lease for the six months, within a six-month period. You cannot issue any more leases than that. Violations will be...they will be cited, and then they will be fined, and they have a same thing that they can go to jail as well for that.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Good. Thank you for your response, Mr. Baz. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, Members, any other questions? It's 4:29. One more minute for a question. I guess I'll ask, since Member Molina opened it up. It should be quick. I've been getting inquiries about candidates being able to sign wave with the new...oh, not new...reinstated limit on ten people gathering. Would you be able to provide guidance to candidates who are gonna want to sign wave on election day?

MR. BAZ: That's interesting. Hadn't thought about that. I'm sure that you guys are dealing with that regularly. You know what? Let me confirm and get back to you 'cause I am assuming if it's one gathering, the gathering is limited to ten people. And that is the current rule. And so...but yeah, let me...let me check on that and get back to you guys about that. Maybe...I don't know if it's a formal thing, or if you guys want to individually ask me 'cause it's not really a County-related issue, but it is a rule related issue. I can get back to you guys. I don't want to get back necessarily to the Committee because it's not a Committee item.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. I'll follow up with you so that I can help provide that guidance to the candidates.

MR. BAZ: That's an interesting question. I had not thought about that at all.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I hadn't either. And so, you know, candidates had contacted me. Member Sugimura? You're muted.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So in closing, I guess just listening to everything. And so, Member...Director Baz, the Maui Chamber loans versus

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grants, right. So those loans...because of the difficulty in our economic times and the loans are to be repaid and the money comes back to us to replenish the Emergency Funds. So what happens if people file...go into bankruptcy or have, you know, difficulty in this COVID times? I don't know if that's a Corp. Counsel question, but what are we doing in situations like that?

MR. BAZ: I don't know the details of that program well enough to respond to that. I don't know if Ms. Yoshimura does but, you know, we probably want to discuss that with Corporation Counsel, look at the grant agreement we have with the Chamber to be able to respond appropriately.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah.

MR. BAZ: We want to work hard and, you know, pray that they continue operations, but we do know the reality of things, that they may not. We really try to address it to make sure that they can operate.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes, such difficult times.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We can request the information on the agreement. And that way, we can see what the fine print says as far as...

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you. I'm sure they must have thought of it, so I was just curious. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay, mahalo, Managing Director Baz and Budget Director Yoshimura for fielding all our questions on the coronavirus and CARES Act item. Have a great day.

MR. BAZ: All right. Mahalo, Chair. All right. You too. Aloha.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, Members, so tomorrow we have our Chair's meeting at 10:00. And after the Chair's meeting, to support Chair Lee's efforts with the Imi Pono Challenge, my staff has amended the script to make it a rap. So after the Chair's meeting, we're all going to do a line or two rapping the script that everyone received. So watch in your email. You'll get the script that's formatted more like a rap. Bring your...you know, your baseball cap and your,

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you know, big chains and, you know, whatever you want to do . . . *(laughter)* . . . whatever props you want to use. So we'll be doing that tomorrow. I hope everyone's --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Ready. That sounds like fun.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Maybe Member Hokama can bring his brim hat that he wore the last time we had a hat challenge.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yeah, it's going to be fun, everybody. And this is for the children, so --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --let's give it our best...best shot.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(laughter)* . . . Okay. So, that's all I have for today. Mahalo, Chair Lee. So I'll see everyone tomorrow at the Chair's meeting at 10 o'clock. Okay. So mahalo for your hard work in getting everything done today.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good meeting.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Economic Development and Budget Committee is adjourned at 4:34. . . . *(gavel)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Good meeting, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Madam Chair, good job, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Good job.

AUTOMATED VOICE: Recording has stopped.

ACTION: **DEFER** pending further discussion.

ADJOURN: 4:34 p.m.

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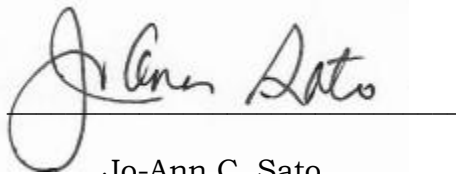
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We, Cheryl von Kugler and Jo-Ann C. Sato, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of our abilities, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. We further certify that we are not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 3rd day of September 2020, in Wailuku, Hawai'i

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