

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 4, 2001

Committee

Report No. 01-180

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on September 18, 2001, makes reference to County Communication No. 01-245, from the Budget Director, transmitting the following:

1. A proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, KAULUNANI URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM, RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI URBAN FOREST INVENTORY PROJECT".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize the application for, and the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$24,468 from the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program.

2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Appendix A of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 Budget, relating to grant revenues, to appropriate \$24,468 from the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program. The grant will be used to obtain and create a tree inventory program for the inventory of County-owned trees.

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At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director, the County Arborist in the Department of Parks and Recreation, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

The Budget Director informed your Committee that this grant was not anticipated, and therefore, was not included in the FY 2002 Budget.

The County Arborist informed your Committee that near the end of Fiscal Year 2001, the County was informed of the availability of Federal funds for urban and community forestry activities. The funds are allocated from the Federal government to regions and then to States for local distribution. In the State of Hawaii, the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Council reviews proposals for selection. He explained that the term "urban forestry" is used to refer to the collective benefits and management of the cumulative trees in a particular setting, as opposed to the individual trees.

The Department of Parks and Recreation submitted a grant proposal to solicit funding for software and hardware for a Geographical Information System (GIS) and tree inventory program. The Arborist stated that this was an ideal opportunity to dovetail with the other GIS operations within the County. The scope of the proposal is to take an inventory of trees on County-owned land, rights-of-way and parks, and interface it with the GIS. Three areas have been selected for completion during the one-year term of the grant. The areas are: Hale Piilani, representing a fairly new community in Kihei; Keopuolani Park, representing a park; and Wailuku Town, representing an older community which is going through improvements with the Wailuku Revitalization Project.

The Arborist further stated that no additional personnel are being requested and that the inventory will be done using existing staff. He noted that some inventory work had been done in the past, but that the software was outdated and the inventory was incomplete.

After discussion, your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, passage of the proposed bill on first reading, and filing of the communication.

Your Budget and Finance Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following:

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1. That Resolution No. _____, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, AND ACCEPTANCE OF, GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, KAULUNANI URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM, RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI URBAN FOREST INVENTORY PROJECT" be ADOPTED;

2. That Bill No. _____ (2001), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION" PASS FIRST READING and BE ORDERED TO PRINT; and

3. That County Communication No. 01-245 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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