

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Council of the County of Maui

**MINUTES**

**April 8, 2002**

**Council Chamber**

**CONVENE:** 8:34 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councilmember G. Riki Hokama, Chair  
Councilmember Alan M. Arakawa, Member  
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member  
Councilmember Jo Anne Johnson, Member  
Councilmember Dain P. Kane, Member (Arrive 8:50 a.m.)  
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member  
Councilmember Wayne K. Nishiki, Member  
Councilmember Charmaine Tavares, Member

**EXCUSED:** Councilmember Patrick S. Kawano, Member

**STAFF:** Tamara R. Koller, Legislative Analyst  
Tammy M. Diaz, Committee Secretary

**ADMIN.:** Glenn Vares, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coordinator  
Brian T. Moto, First Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Traci Fujita Villarosa, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Michele M. Yoshimura, Budget Director

**OTHERS:** Jocelyn Perreira  
Robert Kimura  
Teryl Vencl

**PRESS:** None.

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**BF-26      COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR THE  
2002 PROGRAM YEAR (FISCAL YEAR 2003 BUDGET) (C.C. No. 01-259)**

**CHAIR HOKAMA:** ...*(gavel)*... Good morning. The Council's Committee on Budget and Finance will come to order. This morning we have Mr. Arakawa, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Molina, Mr. Nishiki, and Ms. Tavares. The Chair excuses Mr. Kawano and Mr. Kane at this time. Members, we have one item only for this mornings schedul..., short scheduled meeting. The scheduled short meeting is Item 26,

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Community Development Block Grant Program for the Fiscal Year 2003. We were informed, members, if you had an opportunity to read a transmittal dated April 3, 2002, from Mr. Glenn Vares to the Mayor's Office to the Committee whereby basically it states that the purposes the Committee had considered to use 20,000 in the, the Administrative monies for an external audit review of the program is not permissible under the program. So, the Chair will be recommending to the Committee shortly two options for consideration. At this time, the Chair is gonna ask, is there anyone here that has signed up or wishes to provide testimony? Seeing none. The Chair will move to discussion. Excuse me. Members, any discussion regarding, I guess, the, it's the internal ruling of the CDBG Office? And I'm sure that they checked with the regional office on whether or not it's permissible to use the 20,000 we had considered for an external audit. Okay. I'll start from one end of the chambers and move across. Mr. Arakawa.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Yes. Mr. Chairman, where exactly. . .who exactly said that we couldn't use this funding? Where, where are the rules on that, if I may ask?

CHAIR HOKAMA: It's on. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Is there a certain rule?

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .Page 2 of that letter if you had a chance to read that letter dated April 3rd from Mr. Vares. It's on Page 2--and let's see. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: No, I haven't.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .okay, it's in that first full sentence that start; It is our interpretation that CDBG funds cannot be used to pay for a separate or a "stand-alone" external audit on CDBG Administrative Programs itself, but payment can be approved for auditing services on existing projects, when applicable. Okay. And they also state that under Article 9, Section 9-13 under Audit of Accounts, that the County does provide an independent annual audit for all operations and is subject to the OMB (Office of Management and Budget)--that's a Federal acronym, members--Circular A-133 Single Audit Act for Federally, for Federal funds received. They also mentioned OMB Circular A-87 (Cost Principles for State Local, and Indian Tribal Government), Attachment B-5. And then they quote a section that says the cost of audits are allowed, are allowable provided that the audits were performed in accordance with the Single Audit Act, as implemented by Circular A-128 and since the County already does do the Single Audit Act. they felt that this was not an appropriate use of their funds. That's how the Chair has understood this communication.

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COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Okay. Again, I ask what does the, the law and the governing body that is saying that this is the way it is? Is that, that's from the Feds--

CHAIR HOKAMA: That is from the--

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: --department?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --government that--

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: From the Federal Government?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --pays the funds.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: So, we've had a response from the Federal Government saying we cannot do this?

CHAIR HOKAMA: This is from a Federal. . .it is their interpretation as Mr. Vares's represents part of the Federal Office of Housing and Urban Development.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Okay. I, I don't have the. . .the communication in front of me. Okay. I haven't been able, I haven't seen it yet.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, have you had a chance to look at this April 3rd? I see Ms. Tavares say yes; Mr. Molina, yes; Ms. Johnson, no; Mr. Arakawa, no. Okay. We'll take a short recess and make sure you have a copy of this communication. . . .(gavel). . .

**RECESS: 8:39 a.m.**

**RECONVENE: 8:43 a.m.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .(gavel). . . We shall reconvene the Council's Committee on Budget and Finance. Okay, members, at the back of Tab 26 you will find April 3rds communication as well as April 5ths communication. And April 5th is from Corporation Counsel, Traci Fujita Villarosa, stating their office's review of this matter. So, I'll ask the Corporation Counsel's Office to give us a general summary, please?

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I had a chance to take a look at the CDBG memo dated April 3rd and I also spoke directly with Mark Chandler who's at the State, I mean the HUD Office over on Oahu and drafted this opinion accordingly. Basically, the cost of an audit may be partially paid for by CDBG funds. And there's a, I went through some examples of, of how the funds are determined but it, but basically the only amount

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of funds that can be used to pay for an audit, they have to be in proportion to, you know, the overall funding of the County. So, and then if you're looking at a particular office like CDBG, they would only pay their percentage of the Federal funds. So, it, it's, it's possible basically to allocate a portion of the Federal grant monies that the County receives to pay for a portion of our audit. And the, the, the proportion is in direct proportion to the amount of funds that the County receives from the Federal Government versus the total revenue of the County.

CHAIR HOKAMA: So, in dollars and cents, Corporation Counsel, what does that mean?

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: So, for instance. . . I gave an example because it was kind of, it is kinda difficult to explain. But if you look on Page 2 towards the bottom of the page, my example is that if the County received \$20 million in grant funds and the County's total revenue was 308 million and the cost of the audit was 100,000, then \$6,493.51 of the Federal grant funds could be applied towards the cost of the audit, which is approximately 6 percent, and then of that amount each source of Federal grant funds would then contribute its proportional share to the Federal share of the cost of the audit. So, if CDBG accounts for 10 percent of the County's Federal grant funds then CDBG funds could pay for 6..., \$649.35 of the audit. The, the important point here, and, and CDBG Office also mentions it in their memo, is that if the County wanted to pursue having the Federal Government pay for a portion of the audit, you would need to make sure that our audit complies with the Single Audit Act. And that would be something that the, I guess our accountant would be familiar with.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Uh-huh. Yeah. However, the Single Audit Act is more of a, of a financial audit.

MS. KOLLER: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Koller.

MS. KOLLER: If I could interject. Excuse me. I looked at the single audit cost for last year and it, we spent \$23,000 for the audit for Fiscal Year 2001. Of that our share for the CDBG Program Office would only be \$228. We do that audit--does--it is a financial one but it does include a compliance component, compliance in relation to that Circular A-133 and is conducted in accordance with the single audit requirements.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Arakawa, you can ask a question.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Yeah. It's in line with the first question I asked. Traci, the percentage that you quote here, the 6 percent, is that a, the fixed amount by the Federal Government that this, this is the, the exact formula we have to follow? So, using our

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budget this year, using, using the exact numbers we have this year, we can assume that, that is an exact number that we can come out with?

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: No. What it is, is you take the total amount of Federal grant funds that the County receives and you divide that by the County's total revenue, that, and that. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: So. . .

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: . . .percentage is, is the amount that the Federal money can be used to pay for our audit.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: . . .so, if we're looking at. . .uh. . .okay, approximately \$50 million that we're getting in grant funds--I don't know how much of that is Federal and I don't know how much of that is others--but there were approximately \$50 million in grants funds. We'd be using that number and--do, do you have an exact formula that we could follow?

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Yeah. That's the formula. So, you would take--you would need to figure out though the total amount of grant, Federal grant funds.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Okay.

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: So, the total amount of Federal grant funds divided by the County's total revenue. So, the examples that I gave I tried to, you know, round it off kind of from last year just so that it was a realistic amount, but these aren't, you know, exact figures. So, you'd have to get those exact figures.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: When, when we're using the calculation because most of the, the grant revenues, I believe, are projected, they're not set in stone at this point. . .um. . .is there, is there a formula in this formula that says this, this is the amount that you use if it's projected or. . .

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Uh. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: . . .does it have to be something that's solid that we're al..., already guaranteed the grant?

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Yeah. This, this calculation would have to be done after the fact because you would need to know also the cost of the audit. And basically, the departments, the, the departments that receive grant funds would then be reimbursing the Council for their, for their Federal portion of the grant, of the audit. Sorry. So, this

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would be done after everything's, the audit's completed and we had our figures, you know, the total revenue and the total Federal grant monies.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Okay. But if, if it's after the fact then how do we put it in the, the budget if we were going to take money out of this program? How would we assign that if. . .

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Um. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: . . .if it's after the fact?

MS. FUJITA VILLAROSA: Yeah. It's, I guess--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr., Mr. Arakawa, let, let me. . .um. . .add a few things so, so that maybe we can bring this discussion to a very sharp point. If you read Ms. Villarosa's communication dated the 5th, under answers to Question 2 and 3, she's already stating that the audit may not include the regional HUD office and two, the funds will be restricted as she's trying to explain to the Committee currently under your questioning. So, it doesn't satisfy what the Chair is gonna be recommending or had recommended to the Committee as part of the general scope of the audit that I had envisioned us to pursue.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Okay. So, your intent would be to--

CHAIR HOKAMA: So. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: (Inaudible).

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .my recommendation to you, members, is one, the \$20,000 that we had anticipated and has, have earmarked under Administration for the audit that we place it to another program that we have either given money to or, or a program that qualifies to receive these monies. And second, that we, that I will be recommending that we authorize the Council Chair to contract for a performance, for the performance of an independent audit of the CDBG Program. And if that audit proves or indicates appropriate that the Council then send a resolution to Congress asking them to investigate the original HUD Office. And that way we don't need to worry about this little detail, the percentages of what qualifies and how we can use the money. Okay. Because in my understanding a part of the problem is the original HUD Office also and we're not allowed to, to use their money to, to audit them. So, we'll use our money and do our audit.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Okay. That makes sense.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Let me go down the line, please, Mr. Arakawa. Mr. Carroll, questions?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: No. I agree with the Chair's recommendation.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: My only question would be, do we have any legal authority to audit the regional office?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Our audit will show whether or not the Congress should consider investigating their HUD Office and, and that is what we, we will scope our audit to be. If we feel it's appropriate, we can put those findings as well as a communication or a resolution requesting Congress either to have the Secretary of HUD or Congress itself investigate the original HUD Office. . .

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .for an inappropriate or, or. . .uh. . .nonconsistent performance.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: Okay. And the only other question I had was, did you have any recommendation as to where these funds should be allocated?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I have two suggestions for you, members, the 20--let, let me move down, let me finish up this part first. Mr. Molina, any questions regarding. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .my suggestion?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No. My question's along the line to Councilmember Johnson's regarding the jurisdiction of the audit. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Nishiki.

COUNCILMEMBER NISHIKI: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Ms. Tavares.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: No.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Mr. Kane.

COUNCILMEMBER KANE: No.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. We already have 200. . .I believe 220,000 in our Council budget for the current fiscal year to conduct such professional services. And I believe that we can secure three qualified bids with our, our RFP since I, I believe we can do this under the \$25,000 ceiling before other procurement requirements are, need to be followed. Mr. Arakawa.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Yeah. If we're gonna be using that fund, is it appropriate to make a motion in this committee to do that?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes. I'm gonna be asking for a, a motion shortly, Mr. Arakawa.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I just wanted to ask the members if they had questions regarding my recommendation. Okay. I would ask for a motion that, from this committee that we authorize the Council Chair, the Office of the Council Chair, to contract for the performance of a independent audit of the CDBG Program of the County of Maui regarding whether the CDBG Office's decisions on grant applications and administration are justifiable, appropriate, and fair.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Second.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I have a motion from Mr. Arakawa, seconded from Ms. Tavares on the motion as recommended by the Chair. Discussion, members? Mr. Arakawa.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Mr., Mr. Chairman, I've heard a lot especially with the, the Wailuku Main Street account and there are a lot of questions that I have in my mind and I think an independent audit as to. . .what's going on there. And we've received letters from Wailuku Main Street's past chairman who was a former Council member and your father. It leaves a lot of questions in my mind and I really wanna make sure that we clear the air on this and see that everything is being done properly. So, as long as the audit is containing that as part of the scope, I think it's appropriate no matter what happens. We need to able to clear the air and make sure that we're doing it appropriately.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.



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CHAIR HOKAMA: Members, the Chair is recommending to you for consideration that the \$20,000 under the Administration . . . area be redirected either; one, to the Maui Food Bank Project, which is a joint with the Maui AIDS Foundation; two, the Mental Health Kokua Project that we have already given \$150,000. And for your information, the application has been received by the office and is going through a review to see whether . . .uh. . .whether they meet the qualifications. And the third suggestion I have for the Committee is the Boys and Girls Club of Maui and place that toward their design construction portion of the request. So, you have. . .I'm recommending three options for you and I'm open to the members comments on those. Okay. I'll start with Mr. Carroll.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: I'd like to see the money go to the Boys and Girls Club. I think that's the most appropriate place for it. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Ms. Johnson.

COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON: I concur with Mr. Carroll.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Good. Mr. Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Mr. Chair, just a point of clarification, are you looking at the 20,000 going to either one of the three or being distributed. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Or you can. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: . . .amongst the three?

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .or you can even say you want it for Public Works ADA purposes. Yeah. I'm open to the members suggestions and direction.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. I have no suggestions at this time. I just wanna hear what the other members say. I think--

CHAIR HOKAMA: Or you could recommend that--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: (Inaudible).

CHAIR HOKAMA: --that, that we split it up as. . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yeah.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .fairly as possible with all three. That, that's fine too.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. That's something that I would consider too. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: . . .dispersing it amongst the three that you've recommended, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Nishiki.

COUNCILMEMBER NISHIKI: Yeah. Question for staff then did Public Works, Mr. Goode, say that whatever monies are given to him he could actually. . .uh. . .he's ready and prepared to initiate that ADA Program?

CHAIR HOKAMA: Tamara, would you like to respond or Budget Director?

MS. KOLLER: I think we could have the Budget Director.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Budget Director, representing Administration.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Mr. Chair, it is an ongoing project. So, whatever funds Mr. Goode receives he will utilize in the upcoming fiscal year.

COUNCILMEMBER NISHIKI: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Ms. Tavares.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Yes. Thank you. Between resolutions, the first one and the second one, the only difference is. . .is in the ADA modifications and the Maui Food Bank, between the two resolutions that were. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's. . .

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: . . .attached.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .that's correct. That's been drafted. That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: So, that's just distributing the 20,000 amongst those two.

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CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: So, our other option is to include the Boys and Girls Club or any other project.

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's correct. So, if this committee makes a choice that's not part of the draft options, you know, we'll ask Ms. Villarosa to redo our resolution for us for Council.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Mr. Chairman, I can go with your, your recommendation. I think the 150,000 already assigned to the Boys and Club should be sufficient enough to get them started. I would hate to see us put more money in there and then because they don't know what any of their costs are at this point, but to at least get them started with this to come with. . .come up with some firm numbers and have us look at it next year after they've got plans and designs, you know, going. So, I think this is a good start for them. So, I could agree with your recommendation. As the Budget Director said, the wheelchair ramps and things is an ongoing project, I think, for several years. So, that's money that can be used right away. And one of the keys to, I think, CDBG funds and preserving our share of CDBG funds is that it is utilized and they like to see that the monies are utilized in a timely manner. And, you know, I think putting in there and the Maui Food Bank certainly, I think, needs our help for a global assistance for our global community. So, I can agree with those two.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Kane.

COUNCILMEMBER KANE: I can concur with the use being for the ADA compliancy issue, Mr. Chair. So, I yield to the discretion of the Chair on that.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. Mr. Arakawa.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Mr. Chairman, I understand your recommendation was 8,11, and 2 with the ADA compliance under 11, was that correct?

CHAIR HOKAMA: ADA would be--

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Or are you looking at 10?

CHAIR HOKAMA: --under 12, Item 12.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Uh-huh.

CHAIR HOKAMA: But I don't know what you're looking at there.

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COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Well, I'm looking at the, the resolutions and the different numbering you have. For resolution Number 8, being Maui Food Bank, Number 11, being Mental Health Kokua, which has 150, and Number 2, being Boys and Girls Club of Maui.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I see.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: I'm just trying to--

CHAIR HOKAMA: I see, I see what you're referring to.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: There's a Number 10, which is Parks & Recreation ADA improvement. So, I'm trying to--in my mind--understand where that ADA you're looking at.

CHAIR HOKAMA: I'm, I, I'm, I am looking at Number 4 Public Works on wheelchair ramps, ADA modification of wheelchair ramps.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Okay. So, we're not looking at Number 11?

CHAIR HOKAMA: No. I, I brought that up as a consideration, Mr. Arakawa, and that's why I gave you the update that their application has been received by the office.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Right.

CHAIR HOKAMA: It is going through their review to ensure that they qualify.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Okay. I, I was just trying to understand where I was. So, now I understand where we're, where we're at. At this point, you know, I'm gonna be su..., supporting the Boys and Girls Club. I think that their facilities needs a lot of improvement and we'd have work on it. The Department of Public Works, the money that they asked for, they're working with, and the food bank, I believe, pretty much got what they were asking for too. So, I, I'm looking at the Boys and Girls Club.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Yes, Mr. Kane.

COUNCILMEMBER KANE: Mr. Chair, are you open to motions?

CHAIR HOKAMA: I am open to motions but before I take that I just wanna add one more comment to the members. All of these projects have its justification. They're all very good projects. My only comment regarding the ADA portion to you, members, is that it's

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ongoing. We are following a consent decree. My understanding at the last time prior to the plaintiff meeting with the County, we were a little behind schedule. I would like us to expedite and get this over with. So, whatever monies that we feel we can put to it and get it, can catch up and get it done, I think it's to the betterment of the, the overall general community. Okay. That's my personal opinion to you as the members. I think we're in year three of a five-year funding program. So, again, it's something we had to do, we're doing and I would like us to complete it as soon as possible. Mr. Arakawa.

**COUNCILMEMBER KANE:** I'm sorry, Mr. Chair, were you gonna recognize a motion?

**CHAIR HOKAMA:** Uh. . .not, no. If you had a question, I was gonna recognize a. . .a question but I. . .I, I know that you were ready to make a motion, Mr. Kane.

**COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA:** As a, as a commentary with the ADA, I have, I have some major concerns with the way they're administering the program in the sense that I'm noticing that a lot of the new facilities we're building right--if there's electric poles or if there's fire hydrants or if there's something in the way, we're putting the sidewalks right through it. I've noticed this in Kihei. In the paper today you'll see that there's a good example of it, but it's also widespread throughout many of the other areas within our community. And I just, I don't understand, you know, if we're gonna be building these sidewalks to make them compliant, why we allow the construction to literally allow some of these things to sit in the middle of the sidewalks or to be in the way. I think that they need to review their program to--if there's an area where there's a fire hydrant, widen the sidewalk, you know, just loop around it a little bit more to make it a lot more accessible rather than keep it the same width and try and squeeze everything through. So, I, I'd really like to see them review this policy to try and incorporate the more logical sequence. And I could go through and I could show you physically--take this committee and physically show you--a lot of areas where we have the telephone poles and fire hydrants and signs and everything else in the middle of the sidewalk not to mention a lot of our electrical paneling and all kinds of other things built into the sidewalk where it's really not smart ADA compliance. I, I really wanna see the view of this first per the process that we're doing.

**CHAIR HOKAMA:** Okay. Hold on one second, yeah, and then I'll be recognizing Mr. Kane. We're gonna do a procedural thing right now, members, since the Chair did schedule a 9 o'clock general Budget and Finance meeting. So, I'm gonna recess this meeting for one minute and we'll take care of other formality and then come right back. Recess. One minute . . .*(gavel)*. . .

**RECESS: 9:08 a.m.**

**RECONVENE: 9:09 a.m.**

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CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .(gavel). . . Okay. The Budget and Finance meeting scheduled for 8:30 a.m. this morning is back in order. Okay. We had the comments from Mr. Arakawa. Mr. Kane.

COUNCILMEMBER KANE: Mr. Chair, I move to redirect the \$20,000 that are in question to Item No. 4, Public Works and Waste Management, ADA modifications of wheelchair ramps at various locations.

COUNCILMEMBER NISHIKI: Second.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. I have a motion from Mr. Kane, seconded by Mr. Nishiki, to place that \$20,000 we are re..., reallocating, I believe is the right word, from the Administration portion of the budget to County of Maui, Department of Public Works, Waste Management, ADA modifications. Discussion? Mr. Kane.

COUNCILMEMBER KANE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think Ms. Tavares brought some good points forward as well as the question for Mr. Nishiki on the need for this and it's an ongoing project. I think it's specific that it talks about the ramps and not the sidewalks themselves but just the ramps to get onto the sidewalks. I think Mr. . .uh. . .Mr. Arakawa has some good issues that need to be, perhaps, clarified by our Director of Public Works, however, I believe that the, the ramp themselves, which is what we are dedicating this money to, are the issue that we need to get accommodated in a timeline and because you've mentioned earlier that this is behind schedule, I think this is an appropriate direction of funds to get this thing completed in a timely manner. So, I'll be supporting the motion as made. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Any other discussion? Mr. Carroll.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. As you know, I strongly support the Boys and Girls Club, however in light of the discussion and since the money is to be used for ramps, I will support the motion.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Thank you. And again, members, I believe it's important enough that the Chair will be directing the staff to make. . .ensure that in part of the committee report's narrative that we express the concern brought up by Mr. Arakawa. Okay. Any further discussion? Seeing none. All in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Opposed say no. Motion--



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COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Ms. Tavares.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Are you gonna instruct the staff then to prepare the resolution for reading on the . . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: . . . floor, a corrected version?

CHAIR HOKAMA: That's correct. Yeah. Oh, my understanding is we do have one in anticipation of the Committee's action. The Chair had asked them to draft a couple. So, we do have one. . .

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Oh, \_\_\_\_\_.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . . revised resolution earmarking the 20,000 for Public Works ADA.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Oh, the second one.

CHAIR HOKAMA: The second one.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: Okay.

CHAIR HOKAMA: And then, members, I need a housekeeping motion that we will be filing all communication related to Item 26.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes, Mr. Arakawa.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Yeah. Just, just a question, did Public Works, when they came in for this grant they, they, we gave them the total amount that they asked for, right?

CHAIR HOKAMA: They asked for 450,000.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Yes. . . Budget Director.

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MS. YOSHIMURA: I believe their original request was \$650,000.

CHAIR HOKAMA: The original request.

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: The original one.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER KANE: To the, to the Administration, 'eh,

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Not to us.

COUNCILMEMBER KANE: Clarification.

MS. KOLLER: Ex..., excuse me, Mr. Chair, one of the communications from Mr. Vares had a 650, however, the actual application said 450,000 was the request.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank for that clarification.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Were we ever given the 650,000, \$650,000. . .

CHAIR HOKAMA: It was part of. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: . . .request?

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .the transmittal, original transmittals to the Committee that there was. . .again.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Okay. I was just curious because I just thought that what we were, what we were seeing were the full request from Administration. And, you know, my comment earlier about the fact that Administration is getting the lion share of all the CDBG funding when we should be looking at some of the nonprofits for that. It's, you know, a concern of mine.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Members, I need a housekeeping motion to file the communication. . .

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: So moved.

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .regarding this item.



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CHAIR HOKAMA: I have a motion from Tavares, seconded by Kane.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: Mr. Chairman, ten second recess.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Hold on. If I can--and seconded by Mr. Kane recommending a resolution be forwarded to Council that shows the last co..., committee request or action, putting the 20 additional thousand dollars from Administration to the County of Maui, Public Works and Waste Management. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER ARAKAWA: I, I just wanna talk to you for a couple seconds.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Short recess. . . .(gavel). . .

**RECESS: 9:15 a.m.**

**RECONVENE: 9:15 a.m.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: . . .(gavel). . . Okay. Members, we have a motion on the floor. Any discussion? Ms. Tavares, any further discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER TAVARES: No. No further discussion.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Okay. Thank you. Any further discussion by the members? Seeing none. All in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

CHAIR HOKAMA: Opposed say no. Motion is carried.

**VOTE: AYES: Councilmembers Arakawa, Carroll, Johnson, Kane, Molina, Nishiki, Tavares, and Chair Hokama.**

**NOES: None.**

**EXC.: Councilmember Kawano.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**ABSTAIN: None.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**ACTION: ADOPTION of revised proposed resolution.**

CHAIR HOKAMA: Anything further, members? If not, this portion of today's agenda is adjourned and we will see you back at 9:30. . . .(gavel). . .

**ADJOURN: 9:16 a.m.**

APPROVED:



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G. RIKI HOKAMA, Chair  
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