

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
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Council Chamber

CONVENE: 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Mike White, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Gladys C. Baisa, Member
Councilmember Robert Carroll, Member
Councilmember Elle Cochran, Member
Councilmember Don Couch, Member
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, Member
Councilmember Don S. Guzman, Member (in 9:05 a.m.)

EXCUSED: VOTING MEMBERS:
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Chair
Councilmember Michael P. Victorino, Member

STAFF: Michele Yoshimura, Legislative Analyst
Mark Pigao, Legislative Analyst
Jordan Molina, Legislative Analyst
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary

Ella Alcon, Council Aide, Molokai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Denise Fernandez, Council Aide, Lanai Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

Dawn Lono, Council Aide, Hana Council Office (via telephone conference bridge)

ADMIN.: Sananda Baz, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
Jo-Ann Ridao, Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns
Janice Yukiko Shishido, Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Human Concerns
Ruth Griffith, Administrator, Senior Services Division, Department of Housing and Human Concerns
Deborah Stone-Walls, Executive, Office on Aging, Department of Housing and Human Concerns
Franklyn L. Silva, Director, Department of Liquor Control
Traci Fujita Villarosa, Deputy Director, Department of Liquor Control
Georgette Christita Reyes Tyau, Administrative Assistant II, Department of Liquor Control
Anna Foust, Emergency Management Officer, Civil Defense Agency
Jeffrey T. Ueoka, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

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Seated in the audience:

Bill Pacheco, Control Officer IV, Department of Liquor Control
Karilee Yoshizawa, Control Officer IV, Department of Liquor Control

OTHERS: Bill Greenleaf, Farmers Union Board
Lyn McNeff, Chief Executive Officer, Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
Others (5)

PRESS: *Akaku: Maui Community Television, Inc.*

**ITEM BF-1: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY
OF MAUI (CC 15-41)**

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: . . .*(gavel)*. . . Good morning. This Budget and Finance Committee will come to order. I'd like to welcome first of all Mr. Bob Carroll.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Good morning, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good morning. Gladys Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Good morning, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good morning. Elle Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Aloha, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha. Don Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Good morning and aloha, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good morning. And Stacy Crivello.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Aloha and good morning, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Aloha. And excused for a while this morning is Member Guzman, and excused for the day are Members...actually the Chair of the Committee, Riki Hokama, and Mike Victorino. And this morning, Members, we will be dealing with the Department of Human Concerns followed by the Liquor Department. And so with that we'll get started with public testimony. And our first testifier here in the Chamber is Bill Greenleaf. Mr. Greenleaf. And he will be followed by Lyn McNeff.

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. . .BEGIN PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

MR. GREENLEAF: Good morning, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good morning.

MR. GREENLEAF: Good morning, Councilmembers.

COUNCILMEMBERS: Good morning.

MR. GREENLEAF: My name is Bill Greenleaf and I'm here to speak as an advocate for Farmers Union. And I've been farming on Maui for ten years. The average age of...I've learned in those ten years the average age of farmers is over 60, which I am. And Farmers Union has identified as their mission to mentor a new group of farmers. We need young farmers coming on line. And Farmers Union, I was one of the founders five years ago. And we started out as a group just to meet and learn about agriculture. And during that time, we've all traded our secrets and learned how to grow food better. We've had great potlucks. We've had great community, but what we've really learned as our mission we need an advocate for local agriculture. And so, we are a citizens group. We're an all-volunteer group. And last year the County gave us a proviso of \$20,000 to get a farm mentoring program going. And that was really a big boost to our spirits and we thank you very much for that. This year we have some really dedicated people. We started with two people on the board. Then we went to three, and then five, and now we have eleven. And they're working really hard as planners. And we've rolled out a solid substantial program where the young farmers will spend 200 hours with mentors on the farm and 120 classroom hours utilizing Maui's programs. Part of their graduation process will be a business plan. So, we want them to not only know how to farm, but we want them to know how to get it to market. We want them to understand food safety rules. And we want to help grow their imaginations so that they'll be successful as young farmers. We've asked to be included in the budget again this year. I'm here to ask you to make a request to fund our request. We've taken the \$20,000 that the Council granted us a proviso and we've attracted \$65,000 from the State from Scott Enright's Department of Agriculture, to do a Nutrients Creations Center, and now we've applied for a USDA grant that will be over three years and \$370,000. So, we're right on the beginning and edge of creating the program that we really need as far as scale and scope. As a volunteer organization we continue to need your help. We don't anticipate to continue to need your help forever. Ms. Rasmussen told me from the beginning, the best you can do at the County is to develop a program and then make it self-sufficient and that is our goal. So, this is year two and I thank you very much and appreciate all the support of the Council. We'll continue to work hard and earn your trust. Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Mr. Greenleaf. Members, any questions for the testifier?
Mr. Couch.

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COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you, Mr. Greenleaf, for being here. And thank you for the good work educating our future farmers. How many kids, I mean, young, I guess, they're young adults, what ages are they? And how many?

MR. GREENLEAF: Well by labor laws, they have to be over 18, okay. And we determined that with the \$20,000, we could adequately mentor ten young people. And we've partnered with the Hawaiian and the local community so that we will be working with all young local Hawaiians. And we continue...we aim to continue the program in that direction with young local Hawaiians. We want to create jobs and an industry...an agricultural industry.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. And does this group support all different methods of agriculture?

MR. GREENLEAF: Absolutely, we're bridge builders. We've never...we're for things. We've never taken a stand against things. We have learned that the kids...there's some other agricultural programs that...and we've learned though that one of the reasons in the disconnect and like there's no...average age is over 60. That's a definite disconnect.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yes.

MR. GREENLEAF: And somewhere along the line agriculture was seen as too difficult and also kids don't really want to get out there and ride a tractor and spray a bunch of stuff. So, we're teaching them the regenerative ways that the Hawaiians used for over a thousand years that we know of. So, that seems to...that's the most popular way, but we are not in any way discriminating against any group.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. GREENLEAF: Or practice.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Members, any further discussion? Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Bill, for being here and you guys are doing great work with the program. When is your next public, I guess, workshop for the natural farming? I know that you hold those occasionally.

MR. GREENLEAF: Yes, we just finished one two weekends ago. And at this point, we're planning to do them monthly.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, great.

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MR. GREENLEAF: And that's when people come and they learn. The Korean natural farming is very similar to the Hawaiian practices for creating fertility. Almost every culture had practices for creating fertility using what's in nature, fermenting a lot of products. You know, I often wondered why was taro made into poi and then it just hit me one day. There was no refrigeration. That's the way things were done. And so, we're using those kind of practices to rebuild the nutrients and fertility in the soil.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Very good. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And thank you, Mr. Greenleaf, for being here. Awesome work and looking for continued growth in your group, which I've seen started at Pukalani swimming pool building and now you've grown to the Haiku Community Center, packed. So, thank you very much. And I also...you have branched out into West Maui?

MR. GREENLEAF: That's correct. Now that we have two chapters on Maui. Maui Farmers Union has become the Haleakala Chapter and the Mauna Kahalawai Chapter. And the next meeting on West Maui will be on the 23rd and this one will be in Lahaina.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, well very good. Thank you again for all your hard work. Thank you, Chair.

MR. GREENLEAF: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Any further questions, Members? Seeing none, thanks for coming this morning and sharing your manao with us.

MR. GREENLEAF: Yes, you're welcome. Thank you for all your hard work. After attending these meetings, especially through budget, I see the scope of your work and I appreciate it very much.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Our next testifier is Lyn McNeff. And if there is anyone else in the Chamber who would like to present testimony this morning, please sign up and let us know your intent. And after Ms. McNeff, we will go to the District Offices.

MS. McNEFF: Good morning. My name is Lyn McNeff and I am the CEO of Maui Economic Opportunity. I'm just here to support Department of Housing and Human Concerns. We have about nine grants with them and they are so easy to work with. They are, you know, they talk with us about the grants. We work back and forth. And so, I just wanted you to know that with those nine grants it could be difficult, but it's not. So, I'm here to support what they want to support. So, thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members, any questions for the testifier? Ms. Baisa.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Oh, I'd like to thank Ms. McNeff for coming this morning. I think, your testimony is very relevant even though it may be very short. But, I think, the point for me is, you know, we're going to be looking at the Department of Human Concerns this morning. And it's very important because they have a tremendous relationship with many grants. I think, there's over a 100 of 'em if I'm not mistaken and listening to the grantees and how the Department works with you is very important. So, it sounds, to me, like you feel that they have good working relationship with the grantees.

MS. McNEFF: Very good working relationship. And, I think, they know the programs very well. For that many grants that they hold, I think, that they know what's going on in the programs and can relate to 'em and they ask good questions if they have questions. So, I think, that they do very well for that many grants.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Very good. And thank you so much for that.

MS. McNEFF: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Any other questions, Members? Seeing none, thank you very much, Ms. McNeff. And we'll go next to the Hana District Office. Dawn, do you have any testifiers this morning?

MS. LONO: Good morning, Chair. This is Dawn Lono at the Hana Office and there is no one waiting to testify.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. Next, we'll go to Lanai. Denise, do we have any testifiers there? We'll move on to Molokai. Ella, do you have testifiers for us this morning?

MS. ALCON: Good morning, Chair. This is Ella Alcon on Molokai and there is no here waiting to testify.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you very much. We'll try Denise one more time. Denise, are you there? Okay, Members, I see no one else wishing to provide testimony here in the Chambers and the District Offices are either without testifiers or without communication at this point. So, without objection, we'll close public testimony.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

. . .END OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY. . .

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Members, we'll move on with the Department of Human Concerns review. And I'd like to welcome Jan Shishido and Jo-Ann Ridao this morning. And

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once again, we'll welcome Mr. Baz back for his second day of duty. So, Ms. Ridao, would you like to provide opening remarks and we'll start with the Administration Program?

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS

MS. RIDAO: Yes, thank you, Chair. Good morning, Chair and Councilmembers. The Department of Housing and Human Concerns consists of the Housing Division, the Early Childhood Resource Program, Grants Management Division, Immigrant Services Division, Kaunoha Senior Services Division, the Maui County Office on Aging, ADRC, and the Volunteer Center. I will give you just a snapshot of some of the areas that we are working on in the Department. In the Housing Division, we are happy to report that the Kulamalu Affordable Rental Project in Kula Upcountry...Kulamalu Upcountry Maui went out to bid this week. We are very excited about this project, which is funded with County of Maui Affordable Housing Funds and HUD Home Investment Partnership Funds. Another project which we are very excited about is the Waikapu Gardens II Affordable Housing Project, which has started construction on the first of 58 homes. In our Section 8 Rental Voucher Program, we have sent out 1,400 offer letters from our wait list of over 3,000 names. Many on the list will no longer qualify for various reasons. However, based on our 46 percent rent uprate approximately 650 vouchers will be out there on the market. The Early Childhood Resource Program provides a coordination of professional development opportunities for early childhood care and learning practitioners. Workshops and resources for parent, caregivers of young children, and support of childcare programs seeking licensing and accreditation. During the current fiscal year, the Early Childhood Resource Program implemented the Mayor's early childhood roundtable, which is a collaborative effort amongst early childhood providers and professionals to improve upon services for children from prenatal to kindergarten. The Grants Management Division is responsible for the administration of our Department of Housing and Human Concerns grants appropriations...appropriated for a wide array of community social services. Effective Grants Management Services provide critical collaboration and support for organizations receiving grant funding and ensures an appropriate level of accountability for public funds. The Grants Management Division provides technical assistance, information, and administrative oversight for organizations funded under County Community Partnership Grants and line item grant appropriations. The Grants Management Division administers approximately \$8 million of County grant revenues, which funds social service programs provided by private nonprofit organizations to address a variety of critical community areas of need. The Immigrant Services Division provides a broad spectrum of assistance to immigrants, migrants, and citizens, including employment eligibility, citizenship, and family-based petitions. The Immigrant Services Division serves an average of between 300 to 500 residents of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai on a monthly basis. In addition, Immigrant Services Division conducts citizenship training and assists with regular visits by various Conciliates to Maui County. We are the only County in the State that provides immigrant services. Maui County is very fortunate to have a national leader in our

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Maui County Office on Aging, Aging and Disability Resource Center, providing a full array of home and community based services to older adults, grandparents raising grandchildren, family and informal caregivers. And a limited offering of home and community based services to persons of all ages with disabilities. With the aging of the baby boomers, the Office of Aging, ADRC, provides information to more than 15,000 consumers annually and conducts assessments of approximately 1,250 consumers to determine eligibility for public service. This Division has brought cutting edge nationally accredited programs that has proven to improve the health and life style of many Maui County seniors. Supplementing and enriching the services of the Office on Aging, Kaunoa Senior Services Division is well-known for its leisure/wellness classes, events, nutrition lectures, and exercise sections. Social and fellowship activities, retired and senior volunteer opportunities, and safety checks on the wellbeing of homebound citizens. Through grants that are acquired by the Office on Aging, Kaunoa is able to provide assisted transportation services, congregate meals, and home-delivered meals. In 2014, the number of meals received by seniors numbered over 75,000. Number of transportation, one-way rides, totaled approximately 14,000. And more 130,000 seniors participated in health and wellness classes, other Kaunoa activities, and events. The Volunteer Center promotes and supports volunteers as a means of fostering increased citizen involvement, enables nonprofit and government agencies to enhance human and environmental services, and improves the quality of life of participating volunteers. Additionally, the Volunteer Center is a resource for volunteer leaders and managers to increase their knowledge of volunteer management best practices. The Volunteer Center works with approximately 100 nonprofits, schools, and government agencies. As a partner with the Hands on Network, our County website count of visitors, newly registered agencies, and volunteers is projected to be over 25,000 in 2016. As the coordinating agency for Maui County's Project Graduation, over 1,150 Maui County high school graduating seniors participated in safe, drug and alcohol free graduation night activities. I look forward to working with you in our budget review. As a Department, we have tried very hard to be efficient in operations and providing excellent services to the people of Maui. As you will see, we are not seeking any significant increase in funding, so let's get started.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Ridao. Members, questions? Mr. Carroll, in the Administration portion of the budget?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: I have no real questions. I work closely with the Department on our 201H Affordable Housing and other matters. And I would just like to say I'm very, very satisfied in their performance and, I know, of no other County that comes anywhere near to serving our people as well as this Department. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. And thank you very much, Director Ridao, for being here this morning. You certainly can be proud of what's going on in the Department of Human Concerns. We have outstanding services to

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people and, of course, we have our bumps, but, you know, that's the nature of the beast. You're gonna never make everybody happy. But you said something that I kind of lost you on and I wanna know if you could repeat it for me.

MS. RIDAO: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: When you were reading us the stuff that you're doing, you mentioned this morning about the housing unit...the housing that's going in and somewhere along the way you mentioned there were 3,000 people on a wait list and 650 vouchers would be out there. I got lost in that.

MS. RIDAO: Okay, so, we have a wait list...we had a wait list of over 3,000 people on our Section 8 wait list.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: That's the Section 8 wait list or what wait list?

MS. RIDAO: For Section 8 rental assistance?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yes.

MS. RIDAO: So, it's vouchers that go out.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. So, that's strictly for Section 8? Okay.

MS. RIDAO: Strictly for Section 8.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. And then how did we get 650?

MS. RIDAO: Okay, so.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Which is good news.

MS. RIDAO: Over the last year, I mean, over the last few months since January, our Section 8 Division has been working very, very hard. And so, we've taken 1,400 people from the wait list and we have notified them that they are eligible for a voucher.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

MS. RIDAO: Okay, so. You know, people drop off for various reasons.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Right.

MS. RIDAO: They die. They don't qualify anymore.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And they've been on that list for a long time if I remember?

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MS. RIDAO: Yeah. So, I asked what our rate of...what would be our rate of returns sort of like out of this 1,400? So, our return rate has been about 46 percent. So, 46 percent of 1,400 is about 650.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay. Okay, thank you very much. I was confused 'cause I couldn't follow you from the 3,000 to the 640. Okay, Chair, for now I'll pass.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, we're on their Operations Section?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes. No, the Administration Program and you can do either the A Account or the B Account.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, well, I guess, I was looking in the Narrative section of 312 and you're looking for an added 1.2 E/P?

MS. RIDAO: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And that is Human Concerns Program and what exactly does that entail?

MS. RIDAO: Okay, so, point...I'm sorry, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Go ahead.

MS. RIDAO: Point two is a Molokai, I have that person, it's the person works as almost full-time on Molokai, in the Kaunoa Senior Services Program. And that person serves as sort of a coordinator position and they would like to make it full-time. So, right now, she works like .8 percent and then .2 will be one full-time person. The other person is a Wellness Coordinator for the Office on Aging and that person will be a Limited Term Appointment. We have approximately two years' worth of grants to pay this person. So, we're hiring her or him in a limited term capacity.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, very good. And, okay, that's good, Chair. Thank you. Oh, wait, real quick. And so you're based...you have rentals here. So, is that your office space for your main Admin? You folks rent?

MS. RIDAO: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So, you're not in our building?

MS. RIDAO: We're in One Main Plaza.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: You're at One Main?

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MS. RIDAO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Thank you. And now that's going up through the years?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Just to note both the 1.2 E/P positions are both grant funded. They're not from the General.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you, Ms. Ridao, for your report. It's really good and you guys are a very responsive Department and we really enjoy when you guys come out. Sometimes you come out with some really tough stuff for us to do, but at least you're straightforward on it. You talked about affordable housing wait list. Is that just, the 3,000, I know, was HUD. But is there another wait list for either Workforce Housing or what we consider affordable housing, non-Section 8 at all?

MS. RIDAO: No, there isn't. Usually what we do is we place that burden on the developer. So, for instance, in the case of Waikapu Gardens, they have to provide housing in each of the different categories. You know, the lower income, middle income, and then they report to us. And the way it works is our staff will check the applicant to make sure that they fall in that category and approve that applicant or not.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. And then along the same lines is affordable housing. Any headway with getting some more affordable apartment rentals out there? I know, we've been kinda looking at it, but anything in the budget that you pushing towards that way? Didn't kind of notice it in the Goals, so.

MS. RIDAO: Not for, you know, the County is not in the business to do construction or to build units. But, for instance, in the case of Kulamalu, we're very excited because this will kind of give us an idea if, you know, our Affordable Housing Funds are being used in the right direction and in conjunction with the HOME program. So, that project, I think, will give us some good feedback on if the County should consider doing more of those kinds of projects. The project will be hopefully in construction before the end of the year and we plan to RFP the management portion of it out. So, the County will not be in the management capacity either. But, you know, it's really interesting 'cause if you leave it up to the developers, it seems like anyway at this time, most of the developers are building more toward home ownership versus rental units.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right and that's, I know, that's a big sticking point --

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MS. RIDAO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: --in Ms. Crivello's Committee. And it is out, I mean, if you look at Craigslist and all the other places that people are really having a hard time right now to find affordable rentals, including apartments for that matter. Is there a concerted effort with your Department or are you looking at it in your budget to find some of those folks that do affordable, I mean, not necessarily you build them, the other entities that are out there that do build affordable apartment complexes?

MS. RIDAO: In fact, we have a couple of projects. One that probably will be coming before you as a 201H. I think, it will have, you know, like every project you always have people that have concerns. It is in Kihei. It's over a 100-unit project. They are going to come in for exemptions. So, that is big for Maui if it's over 100 units.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

MS. RIDAO: And it is in Kihei, which is a, you know, a job center for Maui, so.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And those are affordable rentals?

MS. RIDAO: Rentals. Yes, they're also going after.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Condos or apartments?

MS. RIDAO: Apartments.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MS. RIDAO: And they're going after tax credit monies so it will be forced to remain in affordable rentals.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MS. RIDAO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for being here. And I would like to just comment that this past few months that I have or years that I've been here and working with your Department, I am very proud to be part of your work and appreciate all of the...well first of all your fiscal responsible approach in handling our fiduciary requirements so most of all thank you for that. I truly appreciate working with the Department of Housing and Human Concerns and their efforts to provide for

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our island community. But in regards to Administration and at this point I don't have any questions. And in regards to that I'd just like to also add that your Council on Aging does pretty good with the wellness and programs that they have offered. If some of us could just be consistent will be okay too in our participation. But actually the facilitation of the different programs, I think, is going good. And the Section 8, I note, also, a request, I think that we can fully support in trying to bring everything up to date. So, I have only good things for this Department. So, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. So, Members, any further questions on the Admin Section, both the A Account and B Accounts?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Is this time for the Goals and Objectives also --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: If they're --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --for Administration?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --yeah. This is the time for Administration and general questions.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. And so --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And the Housing.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --oh, okay. Thank you. And so, this and I didn't realize that your responsibility actually extends out as liaisons between Mayor's Office and six divisions, plus Animal Management Program. So, that's a real tall order that you folks oversee, and especially in regards, I guess, advisors to these divisions in regarding employee disciplinary actions, which I didn't also realize. I thought that be like personnel type responsibilities. So, that is in relation to...how does disciplinary action that you folks, I guess, advise on to the different departments. Is that...how is it affected by the unions or does it, or is it not affected by unions with their agreements or whatever they do?

MS. RIDAO: So, usually, I don't get involved in disciplinary action. That is pretty much handled by our division heads, which are very capable people, until there is a serious...it gets to a point where it's a serious, either somebody's going to be suspended or a recommendation for termination or a notice of serious violation. So what happens if it gets to a point where I get involved, and the decision that I make is in conjunction with the recommendation from the Division, and say we decide to terminate somebody. Then I only can make that recommendation. It goes to the Mayor's Office for further review. The Mayor makes a final...well it goes to Personnel and then Personnel will do their research and then it goes to the Mayor. Sometimes in

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between the union will get involved and we will develop some kind of an agreement between the union and us for the employee. So, it's not been many.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh good.

MS. RIDAO: Yeah, yeah, that's only for my employees, my Department.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. So, oh, so, this is your six Divisions within your Department?

MS. RIDAO: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So, this isn't outside.

MS. RIDAO: I don't do like for Maui Humane Society.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

MS. RIDAO: Oh, yeah, for no other department, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, that's where I thought you did like --

MS. RIDAO: No, no.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --Water.

MS. RIDAO: No.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And Public Works. I was thinking really.

MS. RIDAO: No.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, okay. So, I was thinking, wow.

MR. BAZ: And Mr. Chair, the State has a Department of Human Resources, which does that. They're the Personnel Department at the State level so that's why there's a little bit of confusion in Human Resources and Human Concerns. But, yeah, I can understand that the confusion there.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, that narrows it. So, I'm thinking, wow, what a broad responsibility you have Ms. Ridao. I had no idea. And then lastly, Chair, if I may on Narrative Page 316, Goal 1, no Goal 2, Item 2, Technical Assistance. What is that exactly, a TA? You resolve at least 12 technical assistance requests annually and you had done actuals of 50 in 2014, and you're estimating down to 12. So, what does that mean?

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MS. RIDAO: So, usually what happens is we have in various of our Divisions, people that will come in and say need help. For instance, in Grants Management, we'll provide technical assistance to grantees because, you know, grantees are wide range. You have those that are very sophisticated and some that are just mom and pop kind of operations. So, we provide a lot of technical assistance there. We provide, for instance, technical assistance with processing the 201H application, coordinating that, working with the consultant and the developer on what is the proper approach, and the steps that need to be taken. Jan does a lot of work with the Homeless Alliance and how we can collaborate and coordinate. And so, very wide range of technical assistance. And, in fact, I think, you know, 12 is probably low, but we know we will do 12.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, all right. Thank you very much. Thank you, Chair. Thank you for all your good work, Ms. Ridao.

MS. RIDAO: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. And, Members, as you see both the A and B budgets are flat. The only increase is in Equipment. Looks like you're getting a copier or printer for the first time. Is that right? There's no previous year's expense.

MS. RIDAO: Yes, I believe so. That's for Immigrant Services, I believe.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Is Immigrant Services in the Administration Account? Or it doesn't have its own account for equipment?

MS. RIDAO: Can you tell me what page you're on, please?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm on Page 8-6 of the Details.

MS. RIDAO: Okay. Let me look at that. Oh, this is ongoing. Correct, yeah, this is ongoing lease.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. All right, let's move into the Housing Division, if you could give your opening remarks for that, please.

MS. RIDAO: Okay, the Housing Division, we are not doing any staff increase in there. We have moved some people around as far as different responsibilities, adding responsibilities. As some of you may know, in December of 2014, the Administrator for the Section 8 Division retired after like 30 years in that Division. So, we have made many, many system changes down there. We're working really hard with the Finance Department in, you know, computerizing and making us more, how would you call it? Computer literate, I guess, and trying to use the computer program that we purchased to actually do the Section 8 program. So, there is a lot of activity at the Housing Division. Everybody is working really, really hard and, you know, and, I think, next year you will probably see a lot more results from the Section 8 Division.

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The Administration Division of Housing, you know, we continue to work with the HOME Program, the Affordable Housing Fund Program. We do the Fair Housing monitoring for Maui County. So, they've been working really hard down there. Do you have any particular question about their budget?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, we'll see. Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No. I'd like to support your approach for the one-time appropriation to hire...to reorganize your Section 8. I believe that's your request for Professional Services. The other...can you explain to me what is under Hale Mahaolu? What is the County grant subsidy and why the expansion request?

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair, I'm sorry, Member Crivello, the Chair did set up time specifically to go over grants, grant subsidies, that we're going to give out. I mean, we can answer the question now, but I'm not sure if we want to get into grants throughout the...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: We'll hold off on those questions until later.

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: All right.

MR. BAZ: I apologize. Yeah, it's going to be pretty soon.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, any further questions on the budget?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Mr. Couch? Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No, not at this time. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Not a question, but I want to express my support to the idea of having a consultant come in and help with the development of policies and procedures for Section 8. You know, Section 8 is such a valuable program and I've never really understood it. And I don't know what is our policy and procedure or what comes down from the Feds who, you know, are the source of the money. And so, I think, this would be a really good use of money. And I've always had concerns about Section 8 where people stay on it forever and ever and ever. I like the approach of rental assistance where we help and they prove that they can get on their own and go, 'cause, you know, I think, it helps people so that everybody has a chance. So, anyway, Chair, I'm very supportive of that request.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Mr. Carroll, questions? Okay, thank you. Ms. Ridao, the line above that, the request for \$70,000 in contractual services, so far this year there's

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been, or there is a balance of 51,000 left in the account, which is about 73 percent. What has the money been spent for thus far this year?

MS. RIDAO: I believe, this year we did the actual study of the assessment, I guess, you would call it of the Section 8 program to give us guidance on where we need improvements, where we're doing well, how, what kind of suggestions could be made to improve our efficiency of operations. So, pretty much it was spent on that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, how's that compared to the request for the \$50,000?

MS. RIDAO: Okay, the \$50,000 --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Somewhat the same thing.

MS. RIDAO: --yeah. So, we do have, the Section 8 Division does have operations procedures and administrative rules. However, they are pretty antiquated and we need to bring them up to speed in the new way that we will be operating from a computer program. So, we're going to have to redo our administrative rules. I think, we have a really good head start. But as administrative rules go, you know, you have to do the public notification, and the public input, and all of that. So, we will be working on that and then also the operations procedures. But when you have to do your daily work, it's really, really difficult for the Administrator to work on this kind of stuff. It's just, I mean, to do the day-to-day operation for, you know, twelve, thirteen hundred rentals and try to do, update your administrative rules and operations procedures is very hard. So, that's what that money will be used for.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. So, do you anticipate spending the remainder of the 51,000?

MS. RIDAO: This year, yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Alrighty, we'll move into --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --yes, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And just looking on Page 319, Goal 1, Item 2, in regards to ratings, and it looks like we rate very high. What is it, manage, Section 8 Management Assessment Program rating? What does that...how do they assess what our rating is? Is there just...I don't wanna have a, you know, big dissertation going on but just briefly.

MS. RIDAO: I was hoping no one would ask that question 'cause it's a kinda embarrassing answer. But I'll tell you what it is. What happens is we rate ourselves so HUD sends out this questionnaire and we fill it out. And the Administrator from Section 8 fills it

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out and that is how we're rated. However, when we had the assessment done, it didn't match our rating. We have a lot of work.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, yeah, you guys pump yourself up.

MS. RIDAO: That's why I said it's kinda embarrassing.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And reach for those goals. Okay, very good. Well thanks for being honest and very candid about that. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, any further questions in the Housing Program? Okay. You know, I asked the question of whether you're gonna be able to spend 51,000. What will you be spending that on between now and the end of the year?

MS. RIDAO: You know, I couldn't give you an exact project we would be working on, but throughout the year things come up that, for instance, you know, one year we didn't realize that we had to trim the trees behind that subdivision. So, sometimes we gotta use money for that kind of stuff. There was a request not too long ago to do some tree trimming like at Komohana Hale. And so, it's just good to have that money because there are unexpected requests that we get to get done. So, work to get done and that's probably what we would be using it on.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair? Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Before we move on. I hope I'm in the right place and if I'm not stop me. But, you know, I'm listening to the goals. I'm looking at the budget, and housing, and all of this stuff. I'm just wondering, you know, on the street I get asked and, I know, I'm sure the other Members and Mayor, I know, gets asked, what are we thinking about in terms of dealing with our homeless problem? And is there anything innovative that, you know, out there because if we just continue with the programs we doing, I'm really worried. So, I'm wondering is there...do they need any help? Can we give you anything to help you with that?

MS. RIDAO: I'll let Jan answer. Jan works with the homeless population and she also attends all of the Homeless Alliance meetings and the State meetings. So, she can give you probably some good background.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you.

MS. SHISHIDO: Chair and Councilmember Baisa, thank you for that question 'cause the answer in a short way is yes, we do need help. Recently, the Mayor charged us or was, I guess, agreeable on what we are calling a "HAT". So, HAT, H-A-T.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

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MS. SHISHIDO: It's a Homeless Action Team. So, we want everybody to put on a hat and help us in regards to the homeless what we're trying to do. A lot what we need is money because we were looking at the housing is one thing...one area. The other area would be in helping them identify and get them the proper identification. That's a huge issue at this point, so that they can be able to where they'll get jobs, or get housing, or even apply for food stamps, et cetera. We are forming HAT because there is...we had a community forum which, I think, I sent out some brochures on the community forum that we had. And thank you, Councilmember Crivello, and, I believe, Guzman, who attended our forum, and it was very enlightened to see the community become much more aware of what's going on. And so, there has been generated a community awareness, which we want to continue. And we want to make sure to be able to get the word out and educate the community as well as business and professional people to come and join us in this Homeless Action Team. And it has, and the basic underlying, I guess, hope is that we will be able to eventually see the prevention of homeless, homelessness, as well as ensuring them a life of dignity. And sorry here comes my tears, but I'm out there in the trenches with the outreach people to see how they live and the success of having one being housed recently. I just went to an intake of Mr. C who just got housed in a Family Life Center apartment. And to see the success of how he feels so much better not to be in the rain and not to be able to find food, but he has come a long way. And so, it's these success stories that we see that, I know, that we need help. We definitely need help so that would be great if we could see funding going into our HAT. Oh, that was clever. And so, I thank you for that question.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair, if I could pursue a little bit more.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I'm assuming that there is not a request in this request --

MS. SHISHIDO: Oh, no.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: --for that program?

MS. SHISHIDO: No, only because it's just new. We're just talking about it. We're coming up with a mission statement and we're looking at our vision ahead. And it really has to do with prevention and to be able to service the homeless.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Well, for me, I think, that, you know, timing is everything. And we are in March, I mean, oh God, April of 2015, and months get away from me. And we'll be looking at another year in the new budget. So, it might be helpful if you guys need something to get started that you let us know before this process is complete because, for me, this is immediate. It's been going on for many, many years and it's escalating. And when I go to Honolulu, I'm just so glad I don't live there and we don't

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wanna go there. I just don't want Maui to look like that. So, thank you very much. And thank you, Mr. Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. I think, I'll channel the Chair for you and I'm sure that the Chair will need some pretty good specifics on what, not just what the amount might be but exactly how it is going to be utilized. Okay, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And we'll move...yes, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Sorry, and just riding on this subject matter in regards to the homelessness. And I bring this up, I believe, year after year in regards to, and Ms. Ridao knows the Dignity Village model and concept. And, I know, the island of Oahu and Hauula area is starting to delve into that face. Oahu has been part of it too and just to see how that can accommodate, you know, our current homeless population. And I've had discussions with Mr. Spencer, Doug Spencer, and he is so on board, and our problem or hardship for us to create this type of model is the land. You know, the actual land is pretty much tied up with big, large land owners. And he personally has that difficulty, but is so willing to develop such a model and is traveling, I believe, nationwide right now to get more perspective and learning how to go about doing that. But, I think, for him what he's looking for is some type of partnership and some kind of bind and assistance in the actual land in order to create this development, but so willing to go forward all the way with everything else. So, money is not a problem there. We have the developer who can accomplish it, but it's the land part. And in Lahaina, you know, I deal with the homeless also on a daily basis via my church grounds where they tend to, you know, lay their heads down at night. And that's fine, you know, and we have to assist them in that and make sure that they just, you know, abide by the rules and no criminal type activities and what have you. But it's just...prevention is great, but we have a current population out there that's suffering and struggling and, for me, I would love to see this type of Dignity Village they call it created. And, I think, that will address the actual people, yeah, let's not grow that population, but let's address the people who are currently in need right now as we speak and sit here. So, hopefully, you know, I don't know if Administration or Department can...we can put our heads together in your HAT program and see where, but get Mr. Spencer on board and let's all talk it out and figure how to do this. But, I think, we're almost there 'cause I've been here, you know, almost six years and been talking about it. So, it sounds like we're on some good footing with at least the developer aspect. So, thank you, Chair, for that. And thank you, Department, for listening.

MS. RIDAO: You know, I need to share with you that we're constantly working on homeless...on solving the problem of homelessness. And just recently this past week we met with, to give you an idea of what it will take for us to be successful is, you know, we were meeting with the police. We met with the Planning Department for the Wailuku Redevelopment Agency. We met with Mental Health Kokua and in this

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meeting we pretty much were talking about how, you know, on Oahu they have what is called the Safe Haven. A person that is homeless, regardless if they're drunk or if they're on drugs, can go there, take a shower, get something to eat, and sleep the night. Now, they cannot be doing alcohol or drugs on site, but they have a safe place to go. So, I felt really good about that conversation because Mental Health Kokua does have facilities. So, now they're thinking about what facility on Maui would be appropriate to turn into a Safe Haven, which is one aspect of helping the homeless. As you know, probably about 80 percent of the homeless people are either...is an abuser of either drug or alcohol and then they're mentally ill. So, it's a very, very difficult problem to overcome because until they are put into housing and feel the security of being in a home, you know, being out there on drugs, alcohol, and being mentally ill, they cannot comprehend that. So, you know, we're working toward it and Jan has been working with people from Oahu as well as Maui on ideas on how to conquer this, yeah. Oh, yeah, and we had the hospital there also. Maui Memorial was there.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Great, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Cochran and Ms. Ridao. Okay, we'll move into the Human Concerns Program and if you can provide us your opening remarks, please? And, Members, it's on Page 8-13 of the Details.

MS. RIDAO: Okay, so do you want me to address all of these?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Just provide whatever remarks you feel are appropriate with there's not much in the way of changes but --

MS. RIDAO: No.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --if you could just.

MS. RIDAO: None of these programs have very much changes at all. In Grants Management, we saw two people retire. We advanced the Specialists into the Grants Manager position. We are in the process of hiring two Grants Specialists. So, we're, I think, on our way there. We're going to need the Specialists, especially when the, you know, the grants are awarded. We go into another phase of monitoring and contracts. In the Immigrant Services Division, there's no change there, very minor. I think, the only...we'll see it later. They had request for rearranging their office and stuff like that. Office on Aging, like you saw, they're requesting one position increase for the Wellness Coordinator. In the Volunteer Center, it's pretty flat. We're not making any major changes there. You know, in changing over to a more computer-operated program, Wendy has been doing an awesome job in managing that program. That it? What else do we have? Oh, Senior Services, almost forgot them. Senior Services, there we're looking for that one person. Senior Services is Kaunoha, yeah? So, it's that .2 person that we're increasing on Molokai. Oh, it's Grants, okay. Yeah, no major changes in Kaunoha either.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, any questions on the A Account, Members? Pretty straightforward. Okay, we'll move into the B Accounts, please.

MS. RIDAO: The B Account starts on what?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: That's on Page 8-20.

MS. RIDAO: Okay. I think, the increases or decreases you see there are pretty much were transferred to other expenditure areas. Yeah, you know, and it's actually working with the Budget Office on our actuals and making the correct or proper adjustments. So, there's nothing major there. On Page 21, yeah, this is where Immigrant Staff, okay, so, because of the number of people that the Immigrant Services service on each island and the number of assistant, I'm sorry, consulate visits. Often times we need additional supplies for those activities. The small equipment, we want to purchase a projector and laptop. Primarily, it's when we do our workshops and trainings, yeah, out there in the community. And then the \$300 for printing and binding, again, it's for when we assist with the consulate and training that we need a little bit more money for that. Okay, this is Page 8-22, this is just an increase of \$600, so we can send our entire Immigrant Services staff, including people from Lanai and Molokai, to this Immigration Services training and meetings on Oahu. Okay, Miscellaneous and Other Costs is an increase there of \$5,600. This is a one-time appropriation to improve the functioning of the current office. Right now, once, you know, there's two staff that's separated from the main portion of the office and we'd like to make it more cohesive. And then part of that money will also be used to do access to verification systems where we look up the status of the immigrant, if they're alien, or whatever they are. And that there's a cost to us to look up that information so that's what that money would be used for. And then, I think, everything else is flat. There's no more. We're not asking for any increases.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: It's flat until you get to Page 8-27.

MS. RIDAO: Okay. Yeah, okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Mr. Chair?

MS. RIDAO: And, oh.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Sorry, before you get to 8-27, I have a question on 8-26.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Oh, we'll just let her finish.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm just suggesting.

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MS. RIDAO: Oh, okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: We'll just go down to --

MS. RIDAO: Okay, so.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --the bottom of the B Account and . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. RIDAO: 8-27, I can bring Ruth up to give you more explanation on this. However, what is happening is there's an increase of 15 percent on the preparation of the meals for the seniors. And primarily, we work with the Department of Education. So, the school cafeterias that provide the meals. Okay, I think...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MS. RIDAO: Let's see. Is that it?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I believe that's the...there are couple more on --

MS. RIDAO: Okay, on 8-30 --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --8-30 and 31.

MS. RIDAO: --there's a \$650 increase in janitorial service. Okay, and 8-31, let's see, this is all under our Early Childhood Program. So, there's an increase in her janitorial services for next year. She's asking for under dues, I think, she wants to become a member of one additional organization. Same thing with publications and subscriptions, she wants to get a couple more subscriptions. And part of the reason there is that the Early Childhood Center is a...we provide books for families and the children and they can come in borrow it and use it for their information and education. And then the 5,500 is for the new roundtable that was a Mayor's initiative in pulling together community leaders and experts in the field to see how we can better the services to our prenatal to kindergarten youth, children. And, I think, that's it.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, before we start with the others, while we're on this particular one, there's a reflection that we have 900, or of the 9,400, that we provided last year, nothing has been spent from that line. Can you explain that?

MS. RIDAO: I could not, Chair. I would have to check with Ka'ina on that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Members, open for questions on other items. We'll start with Mr. Carroll. Okay, Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I got lost as we kept on going with my original questions. So, if I could pass, I'll find it. Thank you.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. We'll come back to you. Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. The 15 percent increase to the Meals Program, is that Meals on Wheels in particular?

MS. RIDAO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Or, yeah?

MS. RIDAO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And so, it's a jump of \$115,000 for the year?

MS. RIDAO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And do you know off the top of your head approximately how many people we service with this?

MS. RIDAO: I'm not sure, but I can bring Ruth up. I'm sure it's in the Goals Section. But, we can have, if Chair allows, we can bring Ruth up.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, I was just curious if you knew it. Yeah, I mean.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, it's a significant enough jump that, I think, it deserves...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, all right then, that's fine then, Chair. I don't want to tie up...tie us up too long, but that's fine. Yeah, I mean, I'm interested.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Without objection, we'll ask Ruth to come down.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And on behalf of the Chair, I think, I have to point out that, you know, we're working with the State on this. And we don't exactly...I don't recall anything where we're asking the State to provide an increase of 15 percent, and our costs of taking care of all the parks that they use for schools, and so on, and so forth. I feel it's my duty since the Chair is on a trip to channel a little bit his sentiments.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: He'll appreciate you for that, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Welcome.

MS. GRIFFITH: Thank you, Ms. Cochran.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: If you could state your name for the record, please?

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MS. GRIFFITH: I'm Ruth Griffith. I'm the Administrator at Kaunoa Senior Services. Ms. Cochran, in regards to your question. The \$115,000 increase to meals expenses is actually for both the Congregate Nutrition Program as well as the Meals on Wheels Program. That's why that number is fairly high and it does reflect an increase in the cost of meals from the Department of the Education as well as our other vendors. But it also includes the increase in demand for meals that we've had lately. As the population continues to age, we've seen an increase in the amount of frail and homebound elderly in Maui County. And for the past several years, I've seen an increase in the demand for meals and the number of individuals we serve particularly in the Meals on Wheels Program. As of last year, we served individuals, Meals on Wheels, about 725, 750 individuals, and in the Congregate Nutrition Program, approximately 1,300 individuals. Total number of meals for Meals on Wheels about 110,000 meals. Congregate Nutrition meals about 85,000. We haven't asked for an increase in actual meal costs. There actually hasn't been any increase in actual meal cost for several years now. The Department of Education has kept that price fairly low for us for a while. And also, we work with our outside vendors, our back-up vendors, to keep that cost low because we couldn't afford to during economic down turn actually take an increase in price. So, I think, everybody has been very, very supportive of that. But at this point in time, there has to be price increases unfortunately, but, yeah, I think, that we do have a good relationship with everybody concerned.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you for those figures. Thank you. That's quite a bit of meals.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: While Ms. Griffith is up here, any other questions regarding the Meals Program?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I don't have a question, but I just want to make a comment that I've had an opportunity to go on several routes with Meals on Wheels Program and they run it very efficiently. In fact, if any of the Members have an opportunity to do so, it's a good program where you get out and you actually meet the recipients. And a lot of times the Meals and Wheels volunteers and workers are the only persons that they see throughout the day. It's really a therapeutic as well as providing meals for a lot of these elderly citizens and disabled people. So, just in my observation it's run very efficiently. I didn't see any, you know, waste of monies or time that went into the program. So, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Has the price...is this a...how much of the increase is price for the meals versus the increased number of meals?

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MS. GRIFFITH: Chair, I don't actually have that exact breakdown. We are anticipating in that price increase, we are anticipating potential increases as well from other vendors. So, there is...it is not an exact. I can't actually break that down exactly, but we are anticipating an increase as well from other vendors. In terms of the increase in meal demand, over the past, let's see, three or four years, we've actually seen increase in demand for Meals on Wheels. Increase between 3 and 5 percent every year. So, we just wanna be ready in case that happens. We don't wanna be able to...we don't want to have to turn anyone away because there's not enough money or staffing or for any other reason. But we don't know how much that demand will increase in this year or the following year because that number has been steadily increasing though. But we don't know at what point it might balloon or if it's just going to be a gradual steady kind of progress.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And does DOE charge us based on a per meal charge that they prepare?

MS. GRIFFITH: That's correct. It's a per meal charge.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And what has that cost been?

MS. GRIFFITH: Currently, we were paying \$5 a meal. The proposed was at \$5.50-some cents, 5.55, I believe. But, I think, as of last week or the week before they might have settled for something a little bit lower. I would have to check on that but, I believe, they settled for something lower than that. The initial letter we received was for an 11 percent increase but, I believe, it's a little bit lower. We'll have to check.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: If you wouldn't mind providing Staff with a breakdown of what the cost increases are from the DOE and your other providers versus the amount of the increase that's based on your projection --

MS. GRIFFITH: Sure that's not a problem.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --of increased demands. Okay, thank you. Any other questions for Ms. Griffith? Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Oh no, I'm sorry, next person.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Anyone else regarding the Meals Program or anything with Kaunoa Services while we've got her up here?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Machine and Equipment, are we there? 'Cause the expansion for the Nutrition Program vehicles. Is that what's used for the program or?

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And, I know, a lot of volunteers do this 'cause I have several friends who actually do the volunteer in driving the meals to people. But anyways, I just...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ask your question.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So, the eight replacement vehicles are through your program? You're looking for eight new vehicles?

MS. GRIFFITH: Yes, thank you, Councilperson Cochran. The eight replacement vehicles are primarily for the Meals on Wheels Program. Again, these are not expansion vehicles in terms of new and addition to the fleet. These are replacement vehicles. Four of these vehicles are already disposed of. So, the fleet is actually, the delivery fleet is actually running below optimal numbers at this point. So, we've actually borrowed a car from our generous director, who no longer has a County vehicle. We are utilizing that vehicle as well because we do not have a spare vehicle at this point. The four other cars that we are requesting are all one leg away from...one repair away from disposal. So, this is an urgent request. We would have requested these cars sooner but during the economic downturn, again, the previous Administration's decisions was to wait until we had a little more better economic footing in the County. But at this point, there can be no more delay on these cars. A couple of these cars are on Molokai and to get...so we don't have the option there to switch cars out. If the vehicle on Molokai goes down that's it. And we do Meals on Wheels. This is the transportation. We do all of service on all of the islands. So, yeah, that's the story behind these eight replacement vehicles. We are also working with Mr. Medeiros from the Mayor's Office and utilizing the vehicle policy to come up with a replacement plan for the rest of the fleet so that we don't have the situation again where we need to replace a whole chunk of vehicles all at one time.

MR. BAZ: Members, the details of those is on Page 8-44 and 8-45, and you'll see where we have listed the ages and the mileage of those vehicles and it's very, very significant. Surprised that they're still running, but yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, and...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: My wife's car has more mileage and more age than some of these.

MS. GRIFFITH: Could I also add? Mr. Chair? Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes.

MS. GRIFFITH: Can I also add? I would like to just take a minute to thank the garage, the County garage, because honestly the fact that for the amount of driving we do with

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these vehicles, they keep us in business. They help us take very good care of the vehicles and keep it running as long as possible. So, when we get to the point where they have to be disposed of, please know that we've tried everything we can to keep that vehicle operating. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: It's interesting when I look at Page 8-45. I wanna provide a testimonial. I see they're looking at buying Honda CRVs. I think, Councilmember Cochran and I have that vehicle. The reason I bought it was my mechanic told me if you don't want to see me for the next five years buy a CRV. I bought a used one, a 2008, in 2010, and it's been absolutely incredible in terms of maintenance and reliability. So, I'm excited to see that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And Honda didn't even have to pay for that advertising.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: That's right. But it is a good vehicle and very dependable. It's got a lot of room to put all those boxes in too that you have to carry.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Could you tell us which ones you've disposed of on this list if you can tell?

MS. GRIFFITH: Sure, let me just, I just need one minute.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And Chair?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, so...also, Mr. Chair...

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, sorry.

MR. BAZ: Oh, excuse me. The request came to our office for pictures. So, we've sent that request out to the departments for pictures of existing items that are going to be replaced in our equipment list. And if they have been disposed of the disposal document so that we can show that it's been properly disposed of. So, we'll get that as well.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Very good.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: That was gonna be my question 'cause Mr. Hokama had requested that from all the other departments.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Griffith.

MS. GRIFFITH: Oh, okay. The four, regarding the four vehicles that were disposed, two of them, the first vehicle was 13 years of age and 80,000 miles. The second was 13 years of age with 70,000 miles. Some of these cars came to us through donations as well and in older age, so.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: If you can give us which...the mileage doesn't match with what's on this sheet. So, if you could just let us know whether --

MS. GRIFFITH: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --it's the first, second, third, fourth, or fifth --

MS. GRIFFITH: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --item.

MS. GRIFFITH: Let me match that for just a second. Let me see yours. I like see yours.

MS. RIDAO: So, the first one on your, I'm sorry. Sorry. The first one on your list is disposed of. The second one on your list is disposed of. Is this disposed?

MS. GRIFFITH: Correct.

MS. RIDAO: Okay. And then this is disposed? The third one on your list is disposed. That was an accident. Okay, and then this one is? The last one on your list is disposed.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. So, it looks like the ones with the least mileage are the ones that have been disposed of already. And what is your total inventory of vehicles?

MS. GRIFFITH: Chair, our total, in the Nutrition fleet, we have a total of 30 vehicles, with one on loan from the Director's Office.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MS. GRIFFITH: We also...the other thing to consider about the vehicle replacements are that some of these vehicles were donated to us, very graciously donated to us. They're not necessarily vehicles that we can use on every route. Some of our routes at this point are to very outlying areas. Increasingly so and these vehicles are not able to actually traverse that terrain, especially on Molokai, and out more in the more Upcountry, or outlying areas of Maui County. So what we are looking at is to replace vehicles with something with a higher profile that can take non-paved roads, go through the mud. We deliver regardless of the weather condition unless we close the County. But we

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deliver under very adverse weather conditions. So, that's part of it too is to replace these vehicles with something safer for the staff as well.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. And have you inquired with the Department of Management to see what vehicles may be coming available from other departments as they develop the motor pool?

MS. GRIFFITH: Yes, thank you. We have done that. We've been working very closely with management to see what vehicles become available in the motor pool. The problem with our use is that it's every day. Every single day we deliver meals. So, we would actually return the car from the motor pool if we took it from the motor pool. So, that's why it doesn't work to borrow from the motor pool and return it. That's why Kaunoha has its own fleet out at Spreckelsville.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, I wasn't suggesting that you would use ones from the motor pool.

MS. GRIFFITH: Oh, I see.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But as they're going through the various departments they're finding vehicles that are very lightly used.

MS. GRIFFITH: Yes, I believe, Mr. Medeiros has gone through that list --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MS. GRIFFITH: --and looked through it.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, great.

MS. GRIFFITH: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Members, further questions? Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Way back to 8-26, and this more may be a question for Mr. Baz. Looking on the IFAS report for Item Number 914358, 6035, Miscellaneous Supplies. Looking on the IFAS report and I couldn't find where that we allocated 52,345. It only shows that we allocated 16,000. So, I'm wondering how the IFAS report jives with this report here, the Details, 'cause I'm trying to figure out how much they spent on Miscellaneous Supplies.

MR. BAZ: Okay, let me look, on the IFAS report, are you looking at...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Page 11.

MR. BAZ: Page 11.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Couch, if you look at the third line or fourth line down from the top, at least on mine, it says, you'll see the 52,345. And the current month expense is 70...

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: On what page?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well mine's not...mine doesn't have the same page number as yours. But it's under 914358, and it's line, the line you mentioned 6034.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: 6035?

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm sorry, yeah, 6035.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, Member Couch, that Index Code, it goes up so when you're looking at 914358 line, where it says Elderly, HHC Elderly Lunch Program, you gotta go up from there, to get to the previous page 6035, has an annual budget of \$52,345. So, if you look on Page 10, at the bottom.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: For the remaining balance of about 18,400.

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, so, oh, it's above? Oh, I've been looking at below all this time. It's gotten everybody . . .*(inaudible)* . . .

MR. BAZ: Yeah, so, in the IFAS report, yeah, that's a good clarification for everybody who is looking at the IFAS report. The Sub-object Codes are listed there and then the Index Code that those are assigned...those are categorized by is on the bottom of it. Yeah. It's that list. It's kind of different than Details. The Details show the Index Code first --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

MR. BAZ: --and then everything under there. The IFAS report shows the Sub-object Codes first and then the --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. BAZ: --Index Code on the bottom.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: All right, thank you, Chair.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But it does reflect that in the Materials and Supplies, that Department are still...or they still have 45 percent of what was budgeted after nine months of operations, so. Okay, further questions, Members? Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Not for Ruth.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. So, any further questions for Ruth? Seeing none, thank you very much for coming down. Okay, Ms. Baisa.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I wanna back up a little bit. We were talking about support for our Early Childhood system.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: What page are you on?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Well, it's kinda of in 8-31, 8-30, where we were looking at cost involved with that. And what I'm thinking about was this morning when I was coming to work I heard on the radio, report on the Legislature. And they're talking about the fact that I thought it was a very interesting statistic about 5,000 children in the State of Hawaii will be entering kindergarten without any preschool education. And there's going to be a tsunami of kids going. Well, you know, we fund Early Childhood support services and we have Open Doors and, you know, all these things that we try to do and we work really hard on preschool education. But it appears now that there's this disconnect between what we can fund and these kids not having any services until they go to kindergarten. So, I'm wondering if there is any attention being put there. Hawaii is only one of 11 states that don't have government funded totally preschool education. And, I know, it was put on the ballot but what was put on the ballot was something else. Should we give the money to private preschools? And the voters said no. So, I'm wondering if there's anything going out there. I'm really worried about it because, I think, it's a really bad thing. Kids going to kindergarten without any preschool services are gonna be behind.

MS. RIDAO: Thank you for that question, Councilmember Baisa. Yes, and that is one of the major reasons for the Mayor's Early Childhood Task Force. He wanted to pull together the experts in the field to see how Maui could be a step ahead of what is happening. It is a very serious concern because now there is a big gap and we don't have enough preschools to put the children into. And that is part of what Ka'ina's job is to try and keep ahead of the curve and see what is happening nationally, what is happening statewide, and how we can on Maui try to be ahead of the curve. So, you're right, even if we have subsidies to offer the families there's no preschool to get them into. And, I think, the Mayor's task force will probably be working on that very seriously.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Again, we're going have this time lag because if it's not in this budget, here we go. We're gonna, you know, need to decide a big fat budget amendment or we're gonna have to delay it again. You know, I'm very sensitive to this because unfortunately my great grandson got caught up in it. And so, he has not been able to start kindergarten. He missed a whole year and will start in September.

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So, this is, you know, this is something I know about. Also, it's the impact on the family because until you can get that child in school it's hard for the parents because their child needs to be taken care of. And if they can get in a private preschool I don't know what the going rate is now, but I know it's a lot of money. It's over 700 bucks if I remember correctly. They may know better 'cause, you know, their information is more current. But this is a real concern because it's not only bothering the child, but it's also affecting the ability of the family to maintain their economic independence and then, of course, that falls on us to help them again. So, it's really sad, Chair. There's this, you know, it's a domino effect and it drips right through. So, anyway, I didn't see anything innovative in here and I heard this morning also that the Legislature did not fund enough money to fund Open Doors. They...and so that means we'll have less preschool subsidy money coming from the State to the County to help our families. So, it's going to have a bad effect. So, I was wondering, you know, if there was anything in here.

MS. RIDAO: Thank you, Councilmember Baisa. We did, I know, Ka`ina asked for a \$50,000 increase in subsidies for those people who are in the gap area. But we will...Ka`ina is not with us today. She's on the mainland with her son, but we will bring it up to her as to, you know, should we at this time ask for funding for possible funding of new preschool. I'll bring it up to her.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Yeah, I'm sure the Budget Chair will be very happy that I brought this up, but you know what, this has a big effect. It's the kind of thing that if you don't plug this hole you gonna have a whole bunch of others.

MS. RIDAO: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: So, I thought we should at least talk about it. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, he'll especially be happy about considering an expense that he considers a State responsibility.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I understand and, you know, it's really true because a lot of the things we've been talking about today really are not Maui County's kuleana. You know, we spent a whole lot of time and money talking about Immigration Services. And seeing we're the only County in the State that has them. But, you know, we had a very clever and smart person in Elmer Cravalho, who started that program in the '80s, and it has paid off richly in terms of our being able to acculturate our immigrants into our society. And, I think, it pays back very well. So, sometimes you just gotta look at, yeah, it's not our job, but if we don't do it, it's our people. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, we do that for environmental issues, we do it for --

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: We do it for a lot of things.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --for all kinds of various human issues as well. Okay, any further discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair, real quickly, in regards to State, you know, responsibilities versus ours, but in the end it is our County's citizens and community that we are left holding to take care of. How active are we in going to State Leg to shed light on these concerns of ours and issues? And, you know, the one example that we just discussed now. It's not like a big, overarching, you know, we want to keep our TAT thing, but it's the little things that add up to bigger for us while we're going through this process that ends up in millions of dollars. And, again, as Chair Hokama, like, you know, it's not our kuleana to begin with but here we are. And we need to find it. So, I think, even though it's, you know, not a huge, huge thing. It all adds up in the end and our collective, you know, number at the end of our budget session.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: So, just food for thought. I think, in each department, I guess, playing an active role. And, I believe, you do but, you know, I just wanted to put that out on record that, I think, it's important that we all take our individual role.

MS. RIDAO: Correct, and you will see in the budget where Ka`ina travels to Oahu to, it's State Coalition of the Young Child and, as a Coalition, they go before the Legislature.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Oh, very good. Okay, good. Well good, excellent.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Members, any other questions on the B Accounts or C Accounts for the Human Concerns Program? Seeing none, we'll take a ten-minute break. So, please be back here at 10:45 a.m. We're in recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 10:35 a.m.
RECONVENE: 10:50 a.m.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: . . .(gavel). . . This meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will come back to order. And, Members, we're going to start on Page 8-49 of the Budget Details. So, beginning with the Housing and Human Concerns Department with Grant Revenue Fund. Director, opening remarks, please.

MS. RIDAO: Where are we? 8-49, oh, okay, okay. Okay, the Housing Program is Section 8, and then we have there's about 16 or 17 staff in that section of Housing. And then we have five people in the Administrative area, and that consists of the Administrator, the Assistant Administrator, the HOME Program Coordinator, the Fair Housing person,

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and two secretaries. Under Human Concerns, I think, this is all of the other divisions, Aging, Immigrant Services, Kaunoa, Volunteer Center. So, that's all the other part of the Department.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, we'll take the Housing portion first. So, could you go over the B Account?

MS. RIDAO: So, that begins on 8-51. I'm sorry, yeah, okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, correct.

MS. RIDAO: Okay, do you want me to go through each of these positions?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: You can just go through the continuation requests, or you know there's some significant changes.

MS. RIDAO: Oh. There has not been any significant changes in the Housing Division. There's no increase in staffing there.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: All right. But in the B Accounts? Since there's no changes we'll move --

MS. RIDAO: No changes, no.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --down to the B Accounts. Any questions on the A Accounts for Housing, Members?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I have a question, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Guzman.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah, thank you. Department, on some of the positions you have correction of salary and then others you have correction of step and salary. I understand correction of step and salary. What is the specifics for the correction of salary? You have those on several positions.

MS. RIDAO: Where is that? Oh, here, I see. Assistant Housing Program Supervisor, Housing Program Compliance Specialist, oh, okay. So, I'm thinking, those corrections are this Assistant Housing Program Supervisor retired. So, the person coming in is probably at a lesser salary than that person was making.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: But wouldn't that be step and salary?

MS. RIDAO: Oh, where are you? I'm looking at say, my example, would be HCF-0088, correction of salary. Okay, so, these are grant positions. All of our Section 8 people are paid from grant funds.

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COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay.

MS. RIDAO: From HUD.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Yeah.

MS. RIDAO: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: And it depends on how much grant monies are allocated or you received, I mean?

MS. RIDAO: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: Okay, I got it. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Ridao, the, I note you have an Accountant I position. What were the challenges that we faced with the audit this year and how could we have dealt with that differently?

MS. RIDAO: Thanks for that question. That is one of the challenges we face with...we have an accountant in the Section 8 Division. However, trying to, I think, how we can solve that problem is to have our accountant work actually in the Finance Department for training so that they understand what Finance is actually looking for and how we match that with the IFAS reports. And then we have our specific reports to HUD. So, how we can kinda work all of that together? Sometimes when the staff is out there, especially like my staff that is not in the County Building, you know, they cannot just run down to Finance and talk to them and go over what they're doing. So, I think, that more training of our accounting staff to figure out exactly what and how the finance reports can coincide with our reports.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And, I think, it's, if I recall during the auditor's report that we have that challenge with all the grants because each grant has its own way of reporting and tracking --

MS. RIDAO: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --and it doesn't not necessarily fit . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. RIDAO: Match ours. Yeah, so, the Finance Department uses IFAS and our Department, our reporting requirement for HUD is called REAC. So, it's different...it's a different program than the account. So, that was our challenge. I'm hoping there is a way that we can bridge that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Well, I think, there was a significant amount of discussion. I don't know if you had listened to it, but there was a lot of discussion about moving

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everybody into Finance or moving everyone into a Grants Department. But I think the challenge that some of us have with that is that the expertise for each grant type is in the various departments. And so, I would encourage you to have your staff spend some time in Finance to learn because I really...I personally feel that it's best that the Grant Managers stay in the home where the grant is and just get much better understanding of how IFAS works so that there's a much better coordination between the various financial reports.

MS. RIDAO: Thank you, Chair. I totally agree with you. In fact, just this morning I did send an e-mail to our accountant at Housing Section 8 and asked her to coordinate with the person in Finance that we work with to see if she could spend some time with her, like kinda just shadowing her to see how she does her work, so that we can kinda, you know, be in the same mode as they are in Finance.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good. Members, questions? Any other questions on the A Accounts? Ms. Baisa? Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Guzman, any further questions?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: I believe I asked my questions.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. We'll move to the B Accounts. And most everything have been moved and so the numbers that we're considering this year begin on Page 8-59. Director.

MS. RIDAO: Okay, in these accounts I don't think we had, oh, this is, yeah, Sandy gotta explain these guys. You moved these guys, yeah, into one account?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: We have, yeah, some significant reductions.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, that's one you get ____ every three years, right?

MS. RIDAO: Oh, okay, yeah. I'm sorry. This is the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Yeah, we get this money only every, once every three years. And this year these funds are being used for Kulamalu.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so that just reflects that we're not going to get it next year?

MS. RIDAO: No, we won't get it until 2017, I believe, again.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And moving down to...

MS. RIDAO: Okay, Komohana Hale Apartments is managed by Hale Mahaolu and these increase requests are based on information that we got from Hale Mahaolu. They manage the Komohana Hale Project apartments for the County.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Questions? Well, go ahead and finish up the...

MS. RIDAO: Okay, I'm looking at the Section 8 Housing Program. Yeah, we're just trying to be more efficient and, I think, based on our history we have a little bit of a decrease in some of the areas.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Members, questions on the B Account here? Mr. Couch.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. On the Komohana Hale Apartments Program.

MS. RIDAO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I guess, my question is do you guys do an accounting for since they're running it but they...this is kind of a pass through. Do you do a really check and make sure that they're on target and they really need the increases?

MS. RIDAO: Yes, we do that annually. Our Housing Administrator does sort of an informal audit to check, you know, what was actually spent and what kind of potential increases are going to happen, may happen. But we do check on them annually.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And which...where is Komohana Hale?

MS. RIDAO: Komohana Hale is in Lahaina. It's on the right hand side of the highway going towards Kaanapali. You know where that graveyard is that, right across of --

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, yeah, yeah.

MS. RIDAO: --Puamana kinda.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, yeah.

MS. RIDAO: Yeah, right next.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. So, how come we're just getting that now as line items as opposed to those have been there for...

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MS. RIDAO: Well, we've had it for a long time.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MS. RIDAO: Yeah. I think that was developed by the County and then eventually turned over to Hale Mahaolu to manage. So, we still own it.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: I'm just curious how come it's all of a sudden last year and this year, it's in the budget now as opposed to it hasn't...we haven't been funding it for or we've been funding it but somewhere else?

MR. BAZ: Yes, Mr. Chair, Member Couch. It is in the budget, you'll see the FY '15 Adopted.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right, no, but the prior years though?

MR. BAZ: Let me just double check. It might have been, because it's Grant Revenue, it might, it was...they get different Index Codes every year.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. BAZ: And so, it, unfortunately the actuals are in a different section. I apologize, but that's the way that Finance does it. We're trying to figure out a way to overcome that and hopefully with our upgrade to the ONESolution that we talked about Department of Finance. That's one of the things we're discussing is, yeah, right now every CIP and every grant revenue item gets a new Index Code every year. And so, for us to track year to year is very, very difficult.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I think, we would all appreciate solving that.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And in regards to this area, the Komohana Hale, and the Aulike Street, the homes there, it was County built, and then it became a County buy-back program which I had purchased one those many years ago also. And it was, it seemed to be successful for the people for our every working class folks in the community and the lower income types also. Is the County...do you think the County would ever be interested in looking back into such projects? 'Cause it seems to really be servicing that need in the community quite well as far as I can tell. And the numbers seem to add up and stuff nicely.

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MS. RIDAO: Yeah. Thank you for that suggestion. I think that...I don't think that the County can do construction efficiently. But, I think, by doing Kulamalu we're going to find this out. You know, I've heard so many stories about, for instance, like Skill Village and how much County staff time that took and if you added all that in it would be way more than, you know, what you could pay for the property. So, I think, if there is some way that we can partner with a like, Doug Spencer's suggestion, partnering with somebody that really knows how to do an affordable project without the County having to spend so much time but maybe supplementing or, you know, supplementing a unit or supplementing all of the units. And that might be, I think, a way of doing it. I don't see the County being a contractor of affordable housing.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. So, you're saying this whole project area really cost us, you know, a lot to do?

MS. RIDAO: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: And the end result, I mean, we got, you know, people in homes but, I guess, not really . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

MS. RIDAO: I think, if you did a real cost analysis of how much County time, staff time was spent on it, it would be way more than a expert in the field. You know, because when you're talking developer they're looking at bottom line. And it's a very different kind of culture than, you know, I mean, if you work at the County, it's not like you're accounting for that money in the development because it's kind of separate, yeah. But if you really do then the cost is very high.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, all right, thank you. Thank you, Chair, for that time.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Other questions, Members? I have two questions. First, I should have asked this a little bit earlier, but what is the or do we charge fringe costs to Section 8 grants?

MS. RIDAO: Not now, yeah, only part of it.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, Mr. Chair, let me double check but, I believe, only a portion of it. They're capped in how much administrative costs are available to the County to, for coverage. So, I'll review that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So, does that mean that if we feel we need more staff out of that administrative cost that we get less of the fringe coverage if it's capped?

MR. BAZ: I would suppose so, yeah, it has to balance out.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: If you could provide us with that calculation I would appreciate it 'cause, I think, it's important for us to understand just how much of an additional amount the County is putting forward in this effort.

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MR. BAZ: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. And the other question I had was for Komohana Hale and other apartment complexes that we own, what is the rental? Where do we find the rental revenues from those facilities?

MS. RIDAO: I don't believe Komohana Hale is subsidized. It's...no. So, Komohana Hale is not subsidized at this point, but there is, I think, in the contract like a maximum rent that we will allow them, allow Hale Mahaolu to charge. And because it is an affordable housing rental project, you know, we subsidize the management part of it.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, but who keeps the rental revenue? Who gets the rental revenue?

MS. RIDAO: Hale Mahaolu does, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So, it's not self-sustaining?

MS. RIDAO: No, it's not.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: With Kulamalu then is the anticipation that we will have the same situation there once that's complete or will we be getting a net revenue or net income?

MS. RIDAO: So, thank you for that question, Chair. In the case of Kulamalu, we are RFP'ing that also out. And so, in the RFP, it will kinda spell out to the people that will be applying, the consultants that will be applying, that the project must be self-sufficient and they have to figure that out. But part of the Kulamalu project is a little bit different because we are allowing so many of the units, and I can't tell you the number, to service the population that is up to 140 percent of median 'cause we're looking at serving the gap group also. So, we have some units that are very, very low income, 50 percent and below. And then we have some units that are kind of in the middle and we have units that we'll be able to rent to people up to 140 percent of median. So, we can charge a little more there for those units. Not we, but the people that will be managing that property.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, in the RFP for Kulamalu, do we require that they set aside reserves?

MS. RIDAO: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And at what level?

MS. RIDAO: You know, I'm not sure exactly what level it is but, I believe, that the RFP is nearly almost ready. So, and it's pretty thick. So, we can provide you a copy of it if you like?

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm just interested in finding out if we're not going to generate any revenue from operations like this to provide for the upkeep, I wanna be sure that we're at least requiring a significant amount of reserves, so that we're not then...they're not going to come back to us and say oh, well, we haven't been collecting enough reserves so now you guys have to foot the bill to repair and replace things.

MS. RIDAO: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So, I'd also appreciate it if you would ask Hale Mahaolu for an accounting of whatever reserves they're setting aside in each of the operations that the County...that are on County lands --

MS. RIDAO: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --and receiving subsidies for, my guess, is the ongoing management.

MS. RIDAO: We'll do that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But this looks, to me, like we're subsidizing things that should be taken care of through the rents because it's miscellaneous. It's sewer charges. It's miscellaneous supplies, maintenance contracts, refuse collection. Those are all normally part of the Operation.

MS. RIDAO: Operations. Yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Do you receive financial reports from Hale Mahaolu showing the revenues and expenses for each of the operations that we're subsidizing in one way or the other?

MS. RIDAO: Yes, I'm pretty sure we get quarterly and annual reports from them, yeah.

MR. BAZ: Mr. Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes.

MR. BAZ: Allow me to do a little bit more research on this because this is listed as grant revenues. So, the money is coming in to pay for this. So, it's not necessarily being subsidized by General Fund monies.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: But it's still grant revenue that we could be using for other purposes.

MR. BAZ: It may not be. It may be actually the rent coming back into --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Yeah.

MR. BAZ: --the County and us kinda paying it back. Let me do some research on that.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, I would appreciate that. And if that's the case then maybe there's no reason why it should be coming back to us.

MR. BAZ: Right and we'd have to look --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Just for us to turn around and pay it back out again.

MR. BAZ: --at the agreement, you know, the agreement with the organization as far as, you know, what's defined in there and maybe adjusting that and having them take over control of that. And, yeah, it will be cleaner if it wasn't on our books. But, yeah, let me try to do some research on that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you, appreciate that. Members, any further questions on the Housing Program under Grant Revenue? Seeing none, Director let's move on to Human Concerns Program under Grant Revenue.

MS. RIDAO: I'm sorry, Chair, which page are you on?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: On Page 8-61.

MS. RIDAO: Sixteen one?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: No, 61.

MS. RIDAO: Okay. Okay. So, there's no increases in the Transportation Program. This is Senior Services so that's Kaunoa. ADRC, you see there are some adjustments there. But it's pretty much collective bargaining increases. And then Page 62, about three-quarters way down the page 0114 is the Molokai position that we're asking for the .2 increase in time. No changes in 63, except for collective bargaining and then there's one position that was filled at a lower pay scale. Sixty-four, these are all bargaining unit increases, bargaining unit, yeah, increases. Okay, bargaining unit. And then under Hawaii Health Connector, I think, this is because we get this funds from the Hawaii Health Connector. We just made some adjustments to full year positions, which means...Deb? Is this a new program?

MR. BAZ: Last year.

MS. RIDAO: Last year.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Partial for last year.

MS. RIDAO: Okay. And then the only other change, I believe, is on the last, it's on Page 8-66, which is the Aging and Disability Program Specialist II, which is the Wellness Coordinator. One full-time position and that is a limited term position.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, Members, questions on any of these pages? Mr. Guzman, no questions? Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No questions, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. On the Hawaii Health Connector, when, you say we're getting a grant for that. What about for the OPEB and fringe and all that? Are we getting money for that as well?

MS. RIDAO: Yeah, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. Where would that be?

MS. RIDAO: In the budget.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Where would that be noted? That's probably a question for Mr. Baz or Mr. Ueoka.

MR. BAZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Member Couch. The fringe is on Page 8-68, wait. It got transferred here, hold on, for some reason.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Well, at least it's noted then.

MS. RIDAO: It's in here.

MR. BAZ: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And we do get...

MR. BAZ: So actually it's on Page 8-84.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, way the heck out there. Okay.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, yeah, so, yeah, I guess, Finance changed the Sub-object Code from a 5 to a 6, and so it's at the top of Page 8-84. It's 6275, Fringes, Payroll, \$94,617.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

MR. BAZ: For the Health Connector.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran?

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Nothing.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair. I guess, we're all fascinated on the Hawaii Health Connector. I've been watching this thing and have been trying...I try very hard to refer people to this program because, I think, it's just wonderful. And I'm kinda concerned, what is the status of the continuation of this? Aren't they asking for money in the Legislature to keep it going because they need a lot of supplemental money, if this is who's funding us?

MS. RIDAO: Yeah. To answer those kinds of questions, I would have the Division Chief come up and discuss that. She is very involved in what is happening Statewide as well as nationally, so.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Chair, I would appreciate that and, I know, that she's paying real close attention. She's wonderful.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, happy to have her come up. Any objections, Members?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And it's a lot of people and a very important service, so I'm curious.

MS. STONE-WALLS: Aloha, thank you, Deborah Stone-Walls, Maui County Executive on Aging. Thank you for that question, Member Baisa. I probably remember much clearer than you guys because it was so intense for me last year when this issue came up. We simply...we have not even filled these positions.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Oh my goodness.

MS. STONE-WALLS: So, you can see that they're...they have "xxxx" because the Health Connector has been in a bit of a quandary. So, this is in here as a means of readiness. If the system calms down and settles out we're ready to act and be a part. But so far, our County has not actively engaged in being Health Connector's because it hasn't been stable enough. And, I know, that some Members of the Council expressed concern about that last year. We, therefore, we haven't acted.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: And so the programs that we have, I know, these services are being rendered because I referred people to Hui No Ke Ola Pono. Who funds that?

MS. STONE-WALLS: The Health Connector on the State level does fund that and there's a few agencies that received kokua contracts.

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COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Right.

MS. STONE-WALLS: So, at this point, we do not have a kokua contract because it just hasn't stabled out enough to where we felt like it was. One of the concerns last year was what happens if the Health Connector goes away then we have people. What do we do with those County employees then even if they're limited term? So, we haven't moved forward on this particular issue. We're ready, but it just hasn't been stable enough in my view yet to risk bringing on those employees and then having to let them go.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much. And thank you, Chair, that's really important information. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Any other questions regarding the Health Connector? And I'm sure the Health Connector is not the only thing that she can answer questions on. Mr. Carroll, any questions? Okay. Ms. Cochran? Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So, we're getting grant money or we aren't getting grant money for them?

MS. STONE-WALLS: No, sir, we have received no grant money.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Zero, okay.

MS. STONE-WALLS: As of this date, we have spent, therefore, no grant money.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay. That's why I was curious is so when this comes up you will have the ability to have those full-time positions ready to go?

MS. STONE-WALLS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Gotcha. Okay, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, and we have, I see a projected grant revenue amount of 357,000 this year. So, is there any assurance that we're gonna get that?

MS. STONE-WALLS: We have not moved forward so we will not get that. So, we won't spend it. I mean, it's just...it was a placeholder in case the program leveled out. So, we'd like to keep it as placeholder one more year to see what happens with that service, with the kokua service.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Yeah but the amount I just mentioned is not for this fiscal year, it's for 2016. So have you had any indication that that's gonna materialize?

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MS. STONE-WALLS: If the program kind of evens out and we take part it would materialize.
Yes, sir.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Members, other questions on the A Accounts?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Actually, since Ms. Stone-Walls is here, aloha. When we're focusing on the Hawaii Health Connector, which is a new grant but I kinda jumped over to Page 365 in our Narrative and just took a gander at all the new grants, which starts off with A&B, and then it comes the Hawaii Health Connector, then below Quest Integration, and then State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). So, the Quest and the SHIP, are those also in the same predicament as the Hawaii Health Connector?

MS. STONE-WALLS: Thank you for the question. Yes, the Quest is in the same predicament because Quest just started January 1, so all of those insurance agencies are still organizing. The SHIP is actually a Federal program that we do generally participate with the Executive Office on Aging. In implementing last year, the State handled all of the SHIP activities and did not reach out to the counties. So, we don't know at this point if they will reach out in 2016. They have...in the past we have been active partners in SHIP.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: I mean, it's not a substantial amount of money, but it's something.

MS. STONE-WALLS: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you. I was just curious about those also.
Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Members, any further questions? Seeing none, let's move down to Page 8-68. We've got, oh, that's all been zeroed out. Okay. Moving down to...if the Finance Department could figure out how to assign the same Index Code year after year, we would save a lot of trees. So, go down to Page 8-82, before we run into budget items for this year. Disability Resource Center Expansion, if you'd go through those expenses on down to page, it looks like 8-87. So, if you could review that I would appreciate it, Director.

MS. RIDAO: This one. Oh, okay. Okay, so did you want me to start on Page 82, here?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah, 8-82, yes, thank you.

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MS. RIDAO: Okay. Okay, so, these, are the operational funds actually for each of the programs. So, there's, okay, let's see, there's no increases here.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So, the continuation amounts are or the 5,400 for Miscellaneous, which is an increase. And the others transferred from --

MS. RIDAO: Oh, I see.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --from 5300.

MS. RIDAO: Budget transferred from, yeah.

MR. BAZ: So, yeah, so Mr. Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Is that the amount from last year?

MR. BAZ: I can double check, but it should be. But, yeah, it looks like Finance Department changed the Sub-object Code level that we're reporting fringe benefits on. So, it had been, for the Grant Revenue Section, reported in Salaries and Wages part of the budget, but it looks like for this year they wanted to transfer everything to Operational Expenditures. And so that's why you'll see those references.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: You have any idea what the purpose was?

MR. BAZ: No.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Just to confuse the poor Council people.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, the Finance Department usually, with in consultation with our auditors, reviews what actually is reported as a Sub-object Code level expenditure. Because the Sub-object Code level is the category of expenditure. Not really the purpose of the expenditure, but the category of that expenditure. So, they do work on that. In fact, I'm working on a draft response to one of your questions about that. And so even though we may budget for it in a certain area, when it actually gets spent, the Finance Department may say that's not the right Sub-object Code to report it in. We reported it in a different Sub-object Code level. So yeah, I understand it's confusing, but that's the way the accounting system works.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Moving on down on the page.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Chair? Sorry, real quick, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes, Ms. Cochran.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Just expounding on the Sub-object Code comment. How does the Index Code relate to the Sub-object Code in our printouts here?

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MR. BAZ: So, Mr. Chair and Member Cochran, and Members, the Index Code is the, I wanna say, I don't know, the purpose of the expenditure. So, you'll have an Index Code for the leisure activities, right, you know. And so that Index Code is the main appropriation is put into that code. And then there'll be specific expenditures in that, which are for, like supplies, materials, salaries. Those are the Sub-object Code levels. Right, so, all the expenditures for that leisure program will be paid for in these different areas, right. So, you'll fund \$100,000 for that leisure program, in that Index Code, and then the actual expenditures are based on what they spend, you know, like I said, you know, supplies or whatever. And so then those are then reported on our financial system based on the Sub-object Code level. But the control...well the appropriation is really for that Index Code the total amount, yeah. It's kinda confusing, but it's still the...let me try to figure out a better response to how to describe that. But the Index Code level says basically what the purpose of that program is for, kinda the broad purpose of that program. And then the Sub-object Code level is the expenditures that are specifically related to the type of expenditure whether it be like I said, supplies or whatever. So, you'll have, in every Index Code, you'll have the same or very similar Sub-object Codes, right. So, if you look through the system you'll see that, you know, for, we have, I forget exactly how many Index Codes, thousands of Index Codes. But every single one of them will have very similar Sub-object Codes because those are the categories of the expenditures in that area. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay. Yeah, no, I'm getting it.

MR. BAZ: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It takes a while.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: To confuse it even more, for Housing and Human Concerns, most of the, most of all the General Fund accounts start with 91, and all the Grant Revenue Funds start...the Index Code start with a 14, so. All the Index Codes are within a department and outlining each program.

MR. BAZ: There's many other levels of activity and program and key codes, different things, levels of our accounting system.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Now, I lost my place.

MS. RIDAO: I think we're...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: If we...yeah, we were on, I'm sorry, 8-83.

MS. RIDAO: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And what is the reduction in the Meal Program, 15,700?

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MS. RIDAO: I'm thinking this is where we get outside monies, like because they're suggesting here that it's monies that was provided by Title III, NSIP, and A&B Kokua Fund. So, I'm assuming they're expecting a reduction in that area of donations or outside contributions.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. The continuation requests on Page 8-84.

MS. RIDAO: 8-84. So, the top one is transferred to...this is transfer, yeah. Okay, and then the next note down on 6275, that's based on Fringe Benefit rates for the calendar year. But that had...no, it hasn't increased, yeah.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: What is the 'cause of the decrease in 6221, Miscellaneous Other Costs?

MS. RIDAO: Where are we? Up here.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: In that same Healthy Aging Partnership.

MS. RIDAO: I'm not sure. I would have to ask Deb that. Under Healthy Aging Partnership Empowering Elders, there was a decrease from 120,000 to 27,000 this year. Here she comes.

MS. STONE-WALLS: Thank you. The decrease is because of the expansion position request. If we receive the Wellness Coordinator as a limited term appointment, those fringes would be covered under 6275, so we've included the fringe for that position. And we used to pay for that person with a contract. So, the Miscellaneous Other Costs represent the cost of contracting those job duties out to our people. So, basically, we're trading the Miscellaneous Other Costs for the limited term appointment.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Members, questions? Okay, and then moving down to top of Page 8-85. Deb, you might as well stay down here until we're done with this section.

MS. RIDAO: Eight, okay, 8-85. So, our...the first one is the Kupuna Care Program. Did you want an answer --

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes.

MS. RIDAO: --on the continuous...continuation request of 19,000?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Oh, I'm sorry, it's on the previous page --

MS. RIDAO: Oh.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --of the Details, so.

MS. RIDAO: Eighty-four?

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: It looks like that's all fringe and then reduction of other services.

MS. RIDAO: Yeah, these are all fringe.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Is the reduction of services due to another contract issue or reduction of 20,000?

MS. RIDAO: Which one? It's this one? This one? The 20,000. Chair, you're talking about 6129, Other Services, under Kupuna Care?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes.

MS. RIDAO: The minus 20,000?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Right.

MS. RIDAO: Yeah, we gotta go find out. Sorry, but, none of us know the answer there. We have to go find out on that one.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. If you could let us know. And then the fringes are another transfer from another area once again.

MS. RIDAO: So, just find out that one.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, moving on down the page. The only change is another transfer of fringes. Members, questions on any of these pages through 8-87? Okay, go to the C Account, Computer Equipment and Office Furniture. If you could explain what those additions are, please?

MS. RIDAO: Where are we?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: On Page 8-88.

MS. RIDAO: Eighty eight. This is Page 88. This is for primarily for the expansion position to get her or whoever is hired a lap top and then a workstation.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so, they're both tied to the expansion position. Okay, if there are no questions that finishes up that section. We'll move on to, Staff, did the Chair want to review all the Revolving Funds at the same time? Okay, so, is there anything else we need to review with the Department today?

MS. RIDAO: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. So, do you have any closing remarks you'd like to make, either of the three you?

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MS. RIDAO: No, I just want to thank all of you for your hard work. I know that, you know, it's a long arduous time and you guys have to work all day and then go to meetings at night and, I think, the people of Maui County are so lucky to have you. So, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Ms. Shishido, would you like to make any comments?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ditto.

MS. SHISHIDO: Thank you, Chair, Councilmembers. Just thank you, again, for, again, what you do. And, thank you, for listening to all that we need. And, thank you, for just thank you. Have a great day.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. Members, we're done with this Department. And the next Department would be Liquor Control. I know Ms. Baisa has a luncheon engagement she needs to leave for. We can either start on Liquor or we can take a little earlier break for lunch and start with Liquor after lunch.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Let's have the liquor before lunch.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Or, I guess, liquor with lunch.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Liquor.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: After lunch.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, so, we'll take our break now. Is your desire to come back at 1:00 or 1:30?

COUNCILMEMBERS: 1:30.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ho, man, you guys. Boy, talk about taking advantage of the Chair being gone.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: I can do 1:15 p.m.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm feeling like I'm being way too easy on you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Not really.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, 1:30, it is.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: All right, thank you.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Recess. . . .(gavel). . .

RECESS: 11:40 a.m.
RECONVENE: 1:31 p.m.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: . . .(gavel). . . This Budget and Finance Committee will come back to order. And, Members, we're gonna proceed with the Department of Liquor Control and here to assist us is the Director Frank Silva. Welcome back.

DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL

MR. SILVA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And Traci Fujita Villarosa and Georgette Tyau. Welcome back. Director, you want to provide any opening comments?

MR. SILVA: Very briefly. You made the, well you mentioned who was going to be up here with me. And also in the gallery, I have Chief of our Enforcement, Bill Pacheco, and Chief of Licensing, Kari Yoshizawa.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Welcome.

MR. SILVA: And as most of you know, I'm Frank Silva. I'm the Director of Department of Liquor Control. We have a very short budget. Shouldn't take long to get through it. All my Accounts A, B, C, are all decreased. We're not asking for anything. We won't accept anything if you offer. But we're here to answer any questions you might have on the budget.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, well why don't you take us through your A Accounts, the staffing levels and then we'll move to the operating expenses after that.

MS. TYAU: Good afternoon. Okay, our A Account has a decrease of 16,368, which is collective bargaining agreement increases, which is offset by filling of positions at lower ranges and pay steps. In direct correlation with that we have a decrease of 11,458 in overhead, which is 70 percent of the decrease in salaries. There is also a 7,000 decrease in our operations done by the Budget Director. And then our C Account remains the same. It's just our ongoing copier lease. So, our overall decrease for Fiscal Year '16 is 35,088, which is 1.2 percent.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Mr. Carroll, questions for the Department? No. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair. No question, but it's a nice budget when we see a decrease all around. And apparently you're able to, what I want to match that up with is how? Do you have what you need to do what you do 'cause we don't see any request for expansion?

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MS. TYAU: Yes, currently, we're fine. We've filled most of our positions. We exhausted the list for the Liquor Control Enforcement Officers. So, at this point, we're looking forward to fulfilling everything.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Good. Well, thank you very much. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And just to refresh my memory, Mr. Chair, or Mr. Baz, either one. This is funded solely from their special fund, so even if we cut stuff they still get the funding, and even if we add, we have to find out where we can add it from. Is that how that works?

MS. TYAU: All of you may know that we're solely funded by liquor license fees. Any leftover goes back to the licensees during the next fiscal year.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right.

MS. TYAU: So, their overall percentage fee right now they pay a basic fee and the percentage fee went down by 15 cents for every \$100 that they make. So, currently this fiscal year they're paying 57 cents for every \$100 of gross liquor sales.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Oh, okay.

MS. TYAU: Last year, it was 72 cents for every \$100 of gross liquor sales that they made. So, that's how we're funded.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: They're also able to hang on to, I believe, 20 percent --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Education.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --of the overage.

MS. TYAU: Twenty percent of the current year's budget is withheld, but Carryover/Savings last year that went back was around 974,000.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, but is that on top of...so you had Carryover of 974,000, but you also lowered the licensee fees.

MS. TYAU: We don't lower it. It's done by a formula. Our expenditures minus out applicable Carryover/Savings, minus out the basic fees that they pay during renewal, which is really minimal. It's maybe around three hundred something thousand, divided by estimated gross liquor sales that everybody reports, then we come up with

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our percentage, and each person pays the same percentage of their gross liquor sales. So, we collect exactly to our budget that is approved by Council.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And the increase is offset by, you don't actually send money back to the licensees, right? It's just offset.

MS. TYAU: It's credited back the next fiscal year.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Right. So, that's why the change from 72 down to 57.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Right, right. Okay, and any, I know, Chair, Ms. Baisa was looking at trying to flag that. Oh, you gave up?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No sense.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: No sense, okay. All right we'll see if we can look into that some more. Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you, Chair. No questions. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Guzman?

COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No questions. Very satisfied with the budget.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: So, no questions on A Accounts or B Accounts. Everything's open. And your equipment budget is just the ongoing copier and printer lease? No request for vehicles or anything of that sort?

MR. SILVA: No.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Question for Mr. Baz. The overhead study that was done last year, we looked up the Liquor Department and aside from the overhead charges for ERS, FICA, EUTF, and OPEB, the study that you all used to increase the overhead charges in a variety of departments last year, I believe, showed the overhead charge that should or could or might be applied to the Liquor Fund would be in the range of about \$900,000. Is that...are we reading the study properly or not?

MR. BAZ: I don't have the study in front of me and I'd have to double check that. From my recollection in reviewing the combination of what's charged, what would have been charged through, you know, percentages of fringe benefit costs and the overhead, the

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Administrative overhead reimbursement charged, based on that formula, the total was approximately 76 percent of their salaries and wages. And I would have to verify that. I gotta do some more research on that. But the current Court Decree says that we can only charge 70 percent. So, it, I mean, if it was a very significant amount, we were discussing going back to Court and having a new decree issued, but since it's a fairly minimal amount we decided that it wasn't worth the financial effort to go change that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. So, the 70 percent limitation, it includes all of the direct expenses for fringes and then a small amount of overhead?

MR. BAZ: Yes, that's been the interpretation of that.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. Any other questions, Members? I know what Ms. Baisa would like to do with this, with any overage.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: People may wonder what we're talking about, Chair. I was trying to get my hands on some of this money to help with rehabilitation and treatment of people that indulge in this alcohol thing, but it seems like it's protected by law so I couldn't get it to go anywhere.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yeah. Okay, with that, I guess, you guys are off the hook. No further questions, Members? Oh, Ms. Cochran, do you have any questions on the Department of Liquor Control?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Well thank you very much.

MR. SILVA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And we'll move into our next budget, which is Civil Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Welcome, Ms. Foust.

MS. FOUST: Good afternoon.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Good afternoon. Thank you for joining us. And if you would like to provide opening remarks and then walk us through your budget, I would --

MS. FOUST: Sure.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: --most appreciate it.

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MS. FOUST: Thank you. As you all know, the Maui Civil Defense Agency endeavors to utilize emergency management principles to, of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery to protect life and property of the citizens and visitors to our County. I'm happy to say that last year was the first calendar year that I had full staff since I had come back as the Emergency Operations Officer and since we had full staff we were actually able to accomplish more things than we had been able to in the past. We were able to take the CERT Program, the Community Emergency Response Team Program out to Lanai, and we started out on Molokai as well. And we were also able to increase our instructor cadre so that we are hoping to offer that program for our citizens a little bit more in the future. We were able to fully implement the incident command system in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Operations. And we were able to test that initially during the Makani Pahili exercise, the annual exercise that we do for hurricanes Statewide. And I'm happy to say that after that exercise, we had Iselle and then Julio and Ana right after that. And we saw the direct results of our implementation of that system in terms of how well the EOC was run and that was a good move forward for us. We've been able to improve our situational awareness and our common operating picture through the use of video teleconferencing with our folks out on Lanai and Molokai, so that they're brought into what's happening here. We've also began updating our hazard mitigation plan. It's a Federal requirement for each county to have this mitigation plan. And we've also...so that's ongoing right now. We have just implemented our new alert and notification system. So, we are in the transition period right now going from using the County website to something that will allow us a lot more pinpoint control in terms of how we do alert and notifications. And when we roll it out to the citizens, I think, they're gonna really appreciate their ability to self-register and to identify the ways that they will receive the messaging in what order and also what types of messages. So, we're looking forward to that. And when you look at our budget, you'll see that there's a light decrease overall. I do have an increase in my A Account. We don't have any increases to our E/P, but we are looking to reallocate two of our staff. And then there's a slight decrease in our operations in the Professional Services area. As I mentioned, we had monies allocated for our hazard mitigation grant plan that we're working on this year. And so, the amount of Professional Services that we'll be encumbering for next year should be less than it, and it would be to continue payment for the new system that I mentioned for alert notification. And also, Statewide, we are looking to implement a logistics program. And we would look for somebody to help us reach out to all of our partners to find out what kind of assets that we have throughout the County, or here on island, that are not necessarily just County assets, but all of our partner assets as well. So, we would need some assistance in reaching out to those partners and then helping to implement the new database. So, that's pretty much an overview of where we are. And next year, we're hoping to continue our increased community outreach and preparedness programs and also to really work on our private/public partnerships. Those are things that have outlined in the State Homelands strategic, excuse me, Homeland Security strategy, and we were looking for doing that here in Maui as well. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have for me.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, thank you. We'll start with Mr. Guzman. Any questions?

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COUNCILMEMBER GUZMAN: No questions.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: Thank you. No questions right now, but I'd like to just extend appreciation for your extension to the remote islands, like Molokai.

MS. FOUST: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And thank you guys and I wanna echo Ms. Crivello's comments the work you've done during our two events has been very well noticed. I have a question with all that, I know, some of the notifications, you know, with the sirens and whatnot is augmented by Civil Defense. Oh, I'm sorry, not Civil Defense, Civil Air Patrol.

MS. FOUST: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: And with all the recent things that are going on with the Civil Air Patrol, how is that going to affect our readiness for notifying our citizens?

MS. FOUST: I'm glad you brought that up because that has been in the forefront, not just in the paper, but we've also been experiencing that, what was a shortfall. We're happy to say that they have got the aircraft back on Maui. So, that's very good news. And they continue their training to make sure that they're familiar with the coastlines into which we ask them to fly their missions. When they do come into the EOC, we provide them with a siren report from the latest siren tests that we've done. And that way we can focus their flights and their missions into the areas where we know the sirens are out. I will say we were more concerned about it, you know, at the end of last year. And I do feel that they have made the steps that they need to in order to augment the outside, outed sirens. That wasn't the right word. Siren outages.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, so, yeah, I did read that the plane was here. But is the organization stabilized again or are we gonna have a potential of them just having, to not be there?

MS. FOUST: As far as I know, they seem to be organized. I've met with them several times, and I do know now, and I've gotten to know some of newer members of the organization. As I mentioned, it made us a little bit nervous when there was all that change over because we were so familiar with the former pilots and others who were flying the missions that had been on Maui for a long time. And really, it just took a phone call to them and they knew or could anticipate what our missions would be. And the changes really for the Civil Air Patrol, from what I could understand, happened at the State level, and then it kind of trickled down to the local level. And at

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the State level through the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and the squadron commander, they assure me that even if we are short here on Maui that they would augment any of our requirements or our needs through their Civil Air Patrol, either on the Big Island or from Oahu.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Now, do we...

MS. FOUST: Oh, I'm sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chair?

MS. FOUST: I've been advised to let you know that we are...the Civil Air Patrol is a State organization and so they're not actually under our control and direction. When we make requests to the Civil Air Patrol, it is through the request for assistance process through State Civil Defense who then would assign them out.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: So, we don't contribute any funds to them?

MS. FOUST: No, previously we had.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Yeah, that's what I thought.

MS. FOUST: Yeah, so previously there had been monies allocated. And, I think, it was during the time when there were a lot of cuts at the State budget level and there was concern, you know. That's kind of ongoing. There was concern about their ability to do their training missions. And so, we had included monies in the past, but we had not expended those monies. And so, last year, I believe, we took those out.

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Okay, thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Thank you, Chair. And, thank you, Anna, for being here. I guess, one of my questions is in regards to what Mr. Couch was just talking about. The, I guess, it relates to the question I had in Professional Services, 45,000. This is in the Narrative binder --

MS. FOUST: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: --Members, Page 122, and what it meant Countywide...maintain Countywide automated alert and notification system. So, if that is in direct relation to the Air Patrol Mr. Couch mentioned or what is that program? And as you folks were just discussing there is sort of, not risk but, you know, there's challenges with it. So, if you could elaborate.

MS. FOUST: Chair?

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yes, please.

MS. FOUST: Thank you for that question. So, I had mentioned in my opening comments that we are implementing a new alert and notification system. It's called Everbridge and it is a mass notification system. Right now, what we do is people can register through the County website to receive either a text or an email from us. And they have two choices. They can either get Civil Defense notifications, which are everything from high surf, wind event, siren malfunction, whatever it might be, or an emergency alert. And the emergency alert is what we would activate if it had gone to a warning level. So, high surf warning versus a high surf advisory, for example. So, right now, again, they can receive that either through text or through email. The new system that we have is similar to what's in use in all of the other counties now and it will allow citizens, again, to self-register, but it will also make phone calls. So, if you were interested in only receiving tsunami information, you could sign up for just tsunami alerts. You won't have to get high wind advisories as well. So, again, the ability to really target the message is part of this system as well as the ability to receive it, not just by text or email, but also by phone calls. So, if it is something like a tsunami alert where we want to make sure folks are notified in a timely fashion, we could choose to override the text message with a phone call. The other thing that this particular system does is it allows us to what's called "Geocode" our message. So, we can take the mouse, you know, and then outline an area on the map and send messages to just to people in that particular area. Depending on what type of message it is, we can send it to people in that area who are subscribed, or we can also take, the company has helped us to glean public information. So, all of the white page data, all of the yellow page data, and then if it were a true like emergency activation or where we need people to evacuate or act quickly, but we're working with the police to also access the E-911 data so that we could reverse. It's been called that by some people, reverse 911. So, we could push it to even nonsubscribers to the system if it were, again, like an emergency evacuation type of situation. And so, the database itself is much more complex. And then the beauty of this particular system as well is that they charge us based on the number of households in our County. And that's an annual fee that you see in my Narrative there. But what will continue in the way that we get our money out of that is that we can also have an internal usage of this particular system. And so, now we've input our callbacks in there. So, when we do an EOC activation, instead of three of us calling all of the directors, and the departments, and our partners to come into the EOC, we record one message and it sort of, it calls everybody all at once. The other thing that it will do is it will allow us to indicate whether or not they have to confirm the message. So, the confirmation of the message is nice because let's say you've chosen that you want to text first, and then you wanna get it by email, and if that doesn't go through then we'll call you. If I don't receive a response in the affirmative to the text that yes, you've received this, then it will activate the next type of what's the word I'm looking for?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Alert.

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MS. FOUST: The next medium that we would use. So, then it would go to email. And then if you don't reply, again, in a set amount of time, it would then call you. And, again, you as the subscriber would have the opportunity to decide what if you want a phone call first versus an email. And so, it allows us not just public notification but for our internal notifications as well. And because it is for the County and we're paying based on the County population we've been able to extend the use of this to other departments. So, even though it's coming under Civil Defense, we've had Police, Fire, Public Works, Department of Water Supply. I think, those are the ones for right now, come to training so that they can also use it, first of all, for their internal notifications and then once we do the rollout if they have emergency public notifications as well. So, that's a very specific system.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right, okay. And so, in regards to that what do you consider remote locations in Lahaina? Because that's fine and dandy yet, you know, alert people through their e-mail, text. Where I live, I don't have e-mail. Where I live, it's very spotty for text and phone, so this is why I was focusing on the Air Patrol because the flybys are so important to real extreme remote areas. So, that's great, but there's places who are not going to receive anything by any means of this media that you just explained.

MS. FOUST: Do you have landlines?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: No.

MS. FOUST: Okay. So, yes, I'm not saying that this is the one and only. And this is the key, I think, to any alert notification system. It's a system. It's not one method, right. So, these electronic means, et cetera, is one. The Civil Air Patrol is always our partner so they would also fly. They will continue to fly at our request to the remote areas. And then, of course, the sirens, which, I know, you have trouble in many of our valleys and things like that getting the siren coverage. So, those are the three main things that we do, but we also do ask Police and Fire to drive into the areas to give warning, if necessary.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, and so, again, the question was the remote locations. I'm looking at Goal 4, Page 120, No. 1, maintain connectivity between the EOC and remote locations. And I'm just highlighting Lahaina 'cause that's where I live.

MS. FOUST: Oh, certainly. When we say EOC connectivity that's to the command posts. So, it would be to the incident command post for Lahaina or to the West Side as well as Hana, Molokai, and Lanai.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you.

MS. FOUST: That's not public notification.

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COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, but, I mean, a remote location ____ relayed to notification. I mean, you would need to know where do you consider remote, Honokohau, Kahakuloa, Honolua.

MS. FOUST: Yes, yes, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Then you have to determine these remote locations will need alternative type of notification and alerts.

MS. FOUST: Yes, and that is more related, like you said to what Mr. Couch was saying regarding the Civil Air Patrol notifications, especially if the siren coverage is not --

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Yeah, still no siren coverage.

MS. FOUST: --reaching out there.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: On Page 118, the External Factor Description of your Department Summary, like third paragraph from the bottom is stating how residents relocate. As more residents relocate the collective knowledge of local hazards as well as local Civil Defense and emergency management programs become diluted. What do you mean by that, programs become diluted?

MS. FOUST: When I talk about people who moved here recently and don't have that native knowledge that either they have gotten from being here a long time or that has been relayed to them from the kupuna or just from talking story or being part of the community. So, maybe the membership is not increased or is lower in terms of they're not part of the CERT Program or they're not part of community organizations that are actively aware or practicing emergency preparedness. So, it just is...when we see our continued increase in population and we see a lot more of our population coming from outside of Hawaii, I think, that they have not experienced a hurricane perhaps, or they haven't really gone through a tsunami, and even our local folks who it's been a long time since we've had a devastating or catastrophic tsunami. So, the information and the importance of it, I think, is what I'm saying when it becomes diluted. It is not as well-known throughout the community in terms of what we need to do as a community in order to prepare.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Okay, thank you very much. And has infrastructure also in the same, the next paragraph, limited infrastructure that is suitable for evacuation, I guess, is an external factor. So, is there particular areas that you're saying has this type of issue with the infrastructure?

MS. FOUST: When I talk about the limited infrastructure suitable for evacuation, I'm talking about actual buildings that people can go to in order to seek refuge. And it's pretty much Countywide that we don't have a lot of facilities that are able to hold large numbers of people who would need to evacuate. And as we know, again, the coastal areas of our islands are the ones that people enjoy living near or coming to visit. So,

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the numbers of people that continue to live and visit those areas puts a strain on the numbers of actual availability within a building that can withstand some type of natural disaster. So, it's not necessarily concentrated in one area. It's pretty much island wide, but then also the remote areas that you had mentioned and that we know about it can be hampered by their inability to get to some of these structures as well.

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Right. Okay, thank you. Continue work on that, I guess, it's a work in progress. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you, Ms. Cochran. Ms. Baisa?

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much, Chair. I think, Ms. Cochran took care of most of it. There's just one more area that I wanted to have the opportunity to comment on. You did a really good job in describing the external factors, which she mentioned. But your hope is that there is a trend towards sustainability that could provide opportunities to build communities that are more resilient. Would you talk a little bit about that?

MS. FOUST. Thank you, Ms. Baisa. When I think about the movement towards sustainability, it means so many different things to different people. But I liken it back to like during World War II when people had victory gardens or they were doing things for themselves. If there are things that we're doing as a community where we're not always looking to the outside for assistance because, as we know, it will take three days minimum and probably more than that in many areas for assistance to come. And so, if we as a community go back to those kind of old roots that we used to have in terms of building that community. And, I think, that the whole sustainability movement, again, because it means so many different things to different people really can be a factor in preparedness because some of it is also just knowing who your neighbors are, knowing who has what resources, so that you're not having to, everybody have everything for themselves. If they pool resources and think about it as a whole community, I think, that our chances of recovery after any kind of event whatever it might be, are going to be that much more enhanced. So, it's a very broad statement that I make there because, I think, it is pretty encompassing when you think about sustainability.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: No, I think, you're very right and, you know, this mention about loss of people who have the history of surviving these events. In the community, it's really important 'cause, you know, when you lived Upcountry for a long time, you know, that no house is without lanterns and a propane stove, and enough stuff to get along because we know that electricity goes frequently. And but new people coming in would not know that. And so, I think, that's really important. And, I think, this CERT training, can you comment a little bit about CERT training? I think that's really important also.

MS. FOUST: Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to do so. So, CERT is, again, C-E-R-T, Community Emergency Response Training, and this is a program that the Civil

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Defense Agency sponsors and it is taught by the Fire Department. But we're also, as I mentioned in my opening comments, increasing our instructors to allow some of the volunteers who have gone through the CERT Program, and who bring other external knowledge to the program to be instructors along with the Fire Department. We would ask them, of course, to do the things like fire suppression and some of those other very specific skills. So, with our increased instructor base what they do is it's about 30 hours of training. So, the folks who go through the training, it is light fire suppression, light search and rescue, how to do incident command, how to do a scene size up. And the intention of CERT Program is so that right now we have first responders who can obviously respond to things on a daily basis. But if something catastrophic were to happen or even an area gets cut off the ability of first responders to reach those persons is going to be limited. And so, we want our communities to be able to hold down the fort or to stabilize the situation so things don't get worse before responders can come. The other intention of the program is so that when first responders do arrive they already have an idea of what the damages are, or what the situation is, and that the person who has been heading up the CERT team can then relay that information in the language that they understand, so that they can act very quickly on that. We've been doing this training for quite a long time and we've probably had about 500 people go through the program. The interesting part and the next challenge for us is that they're individual's not teams. So, while we have individuals going through the program and we do it in the various districts. Once they've graduated from the program, our challenge now is to make sure that they hook up with a team. And so, we've been working diligently to develop position descriptions so that we can have leadership from amongst the volunteers and so that they can organize into teams. And they've really stepped up and they do a good job for us in terms of identifying what their own staging areas are. And then providing extra training and just having their regular meetings because we need to use them hopefully infrequently, and as we all know when you use something infrequently sometimes the skills can diminish. So, we look to them to continue their quarterly branch meetings as well as to do some supplemental training. And they've also been working on their communications plan. So, we're talking about having amateur radio embedded with the CERT teams so that we have communications from those areas into the EOC. And so, again, the challenge right now, that we are working on is to now take those groups of individuals and put them into actual teams where they can, at a very short notice, if they have to meet and sort of organize themselves based on their training and have that training kick in, that we know that they are out in the communities helping us to, again, stabilize the situation, and give us those eyes on the ground...boots on the ground and the eyes out in the field so that we can get a good picture of what's happening.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you very much and thank you for the good work you've been doing.

MS. FOUST: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER BAISA: Thank you, Chair.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Carroll?

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Thank you, Chair. I see the Red Cross is now in your budget and I'm very happy with that since they were one of the major players especially after a disaster. But how do you see your relationship with them and your collaborating with them?

MS. FOUST: Chair?

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Go ahead.

MS. FOUST: Thank you very much. So, the Red Cross, as you know, are a vital community partner for us. And I was happy to see that we had them in our budget last year, and then we'll hopefully continue to fund them next year as well. The Red Cross has a responsibility that's outlined in our Emergency Operations Plan to facilitate mass care, which is the sheltering and the feeding. And so, through their work that they do with their volunteers, they do maintain that primary responsibility. Some of the things that we're hoping to do with the County are to utilize some of our County employees to also get trained and cross trained with the Red Cross to assist in those particular functions. And then we'd also like to make sure that we are augmenting them with the CERT Program that they have separate missions and that they're not all trying to do the same thing. The CERT Program, as I mentioned, is more of in the response and then the Red Cross comes and does a lot of other things with the damage assessment to get an idea of what's happening, but primarily in the feeding and the sheltering portion. They have been, because they are volunteers also, and they're a well-known organization, they've been instrumental in helping us as we've been going into the various communities, working with the communities, on developing their own community plans. And we'll be going to Nahiku actually later this month to talk to the Nahiku Community Association, and work with them because they have some of the similar issues that Councilmember Cochran had brought up, as far as not being able to receive communications and alerts, things like that. So, again, the Red Cross has been right side by side with us as we go into the communities to talk to them about that sustainability measure that I had mentioned earlier as well.

COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Members, any questions on the A Accounts? I notice you have reallocation of two positions. What was the purpose or the need for those reallocations?

MS. FOUST: Thank you. So, when we, when I first came back to the agency as you may recall we were down staff, and we were having a hard time recruiting staff, and we had some turnover even when we did get persons into the position. And so, within our classifications, we have Staff Specialists I through IV. And I took that as an opportunity to hire at a Staff Specialist I, which is a trainee, which is somebody who's

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maybe had a little bit of experience but has an aptitude and a internal drive to do the work that we do. And so, I was able to fill that position with someone who in the last year plus that she's been here move...she's moved well beyond the trainee position and it's only going to a Staff II, which is also a senior trainee. So, it's not like we're moving her from a trainee to, you know, a senior planner, or senior staff member. But, I think, that by having almost what's like a ladder type of movement it's allowed me to recruit people who might not have qualified at a higher level but to develop them within our program. And so, that's the same thing with the Staff Specialist II to a III, and the person who's in the Staff Specialist II position, I believe, she's been with us for four years now and, I think, she's ready to move out of the trainee position. And she is the person who does our program management for the CERT.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay.

MS. FOUST: And the Staff Specialist I has spearheaded the alert and communications. So, you can see from when I was here last year to now we've made progress on that. The acquisition of that new program, and then she's also our point of contact with State Civil Defense for sirens.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And I noticed you haven't spent any of your Premium Pay. At least that's what IFAS says. Oh, maybe I'm, I may be, no, I'm looking at it wrong.

MS. FOUST: I think, I might be overspent in Premium Pay.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Yep, I think, you are.

MS. FOUST: And that's due to the events that we had Iselle and whatnot. And I will tell you though that we, because Iselle was a Federally declared disaster, we submitted our expenses and we will get 75 percent of our cost, operational costs back. And, I think, that's in the numbers of \$8,000.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, great. And the \$20,000 for a one-time appropriation to set up a data entry for the logistics database. That's not the same as the alert database that you were talking about with Ms. Cochran's question, right?

MS. FOUST: Correct. The...

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Can you explain that for us, please?

MS. FOUST: Sure. The State as a region has used the Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant funds to acquire a, they're calling it a resource database. It is basically for the logistics function within the State. And it will allow us to know what all of the departments have not just our County agencies, but also our State partners, as well as outside agencies who might have resources that could be brought to bear during an event. The software also allows us to what we call type the equipment. So, if FEMA has different categories for equipment and expenditures and they call it Type I, Type II,

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Type III, et cetera, and it helps if there is a Federal declaration in terms of setting a cost amount to the different equipment. And so, this database, again, every department has their own information, but we don't have a real good overall view of what equipment and what resources are available in the County. So, we'll be piggybacking off of this regional system that has been purchased through the Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant and made available to the counties. And so, we'll be looking for someone to help, again, reach out to the partner agencies, gather that information, and sort of help to input that. And then once that's done, the maintenance of it will reside within our own staff. We'll have the ability to do that, but the intense work that will be required at the beginning is what we'll need assistance with.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay, and on Page 1-14, I see a grant of \$500,000 from the Department of Homeland Security. Is that money that we are able to expect or is that a hopeful grant?

MS. FOUST: It's a hopeful amount at this time. I have a meeting with State Department of Defense and the other counties at the end of this month. We've been given the State allocation, but then how much will be allocated to us as a County will come out of that meeting on April 30th.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: And to what use will those funds be put?

MS. FOUST: The investment justifications for this last year are to continue the training of the All-Hazard Incident Management Team. There is funds for generators at the parks, community center facilities. There are cyber security upgrades for the IT Division. Let me think who else put in funds. Those are the main ones that we put in investments for. So, the process is that we work with our County partners and ask them to identify projects that could potentially get funding from the Homeland Security Grant Fund. We have to tie it back to that State Homeland Security strategy that I mentioned as well as the national preparedness goals. And then, we go into a competitive process with the other counties on these projects. And I say competitive, but at the same time, we look for projects that might be Statewide and that can...maybe it's not the same training or the same people, but we offer the same type of training to all of the counties. And so, that strengthens our investment justification if we can find projects or programs that are not going to only benefit us as Maui County, but that are gonna benefit Statewide or at least mirror some of the Statewide goals. So, those are the main projects that we put in for fiscal year...Federal Fiscal '15.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And the \$100,000 grant above that. Who is that coming from and what would that be used for?

MS. FOUST: So, the 100,000 above that is an Emergency Management Performance Grant and that is one of the grants that actually has a match requirement. So, we will use that to offset some of the costs of the Everbridge notification system. So, it's for

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operational things. We use it to offset some of the electricity bills that we have for the sirens, each of the siren locations. We use it to offset travel and training requirements for our agency.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. And what is the required match?

MS. FOUST: Fifty percent.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Okay. Well that's all I have. Members, do you have any follow up questions? Ms. Cochran?

COUNCILMEMBER COCHRAN: Not a question, but a comment and happy to see workers comp, zero for this Department. Yay, good job.

MS. FOUST: Easier to do when there's only six of us and we're in the office. But thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: As long as they stay in the offices and they don't have these major events they're relatively safe. Mr. Couch?

COUNCILMEMBER COUCH: Nope.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Ms. Crivello?

COUNCILMEMBER CRIVELLO: No, thank you.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Mr. Guzman? Okay. Well that brings us to the end of our review for Civil Defense. Thank you very much, Ms. Foust.

MS. FOUST: Thank you all for your time and your diligence in reviewing all of these. I've been, I go home and watch you all on TV and know that you're here late. So, appreciate your efforts in this as well.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: Thank you. Pardon? Members, we'll take a five-minute recess and decide whether we want to pick up something else this afternoon. So, we'll be in recess for five minutes. . . .*(gavel)*. . .

RECESS: 2:18 p.m.
RECONVENE: 2:23 p.m.

VICE-CHAIR WHITE: . . .*(gavel)*. . . The Budget and Finance Committee will come back to order. And, Members, after reviewing what our options are, we will break for today, and take up the Water Department at 9:00 tomorrow morning, and we will go through their...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ten o'clock.

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VICE-CHAIR WHITE: I'm sorry, you're right. Let's see, it's in my district tonight, so, I can get home pretty quick, but Ms. Cochran's got a bit of a drive. Okay, so we start at 10:00 tomorrow morning with Water, and we will do all of their accounts and the rates and fees for the Water Department, following our discussions about their revenues and expenses. So, please come well prepared for tomorrow, and with that we will adjourn this meeting unless there is something else we need to cover. Okay, so, we are adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

ADJOURN: 2:24 p.m.

APPROVED:



RIKI HOKAMA, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee

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CERTIFICATE

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DATED this 30th day of April 2015, in Wailuku, Hawaii.


Delfey Fernandez