

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
Council of the County of Maui

MINUTES

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CONVENE: 9:07 a.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez, Chair
Councilmember Kelly Takaya King, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Riki Hokama, Member (in 9:34 a.m.)
Councilmember Tasha Kama, Member
Councilmember Alice L. Lee, Member
Councilmember Michael J. Molina, Member
Councilmember Tamara Paltin, Member
Councilmember Shane M. Sinenci, Member
Councilmember Yuki Lei K. Sugimura, Member

STAFF: Lesley Milner, Legislative Analyst
Shelly Espeleta, Legislative Analyst
Yvette Bouthillier, Committee Secretary
Jean Pokipala, Council Services Assistant Clerk

ADMIN.: Michele M. Yoshimura, Budget Director, Office of the Mayor
Scott K. Teruya, Director, Department of Finance
May Anne A. Alibin, Deputy Director, Department of Finance
Lance Taguchi, County Auditor
Sananda K. Baz, Managing Director, Department of Management
(EDB-85)
Mimi DesJardins, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the
Corporation Counsel
Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the
Corporation Counsel

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . . *(gavel)*. . . Aloha kakahiaka kākou. `Ehiku minuke i ka hala o ka hola `eiwa. Iwakāluakūmākahi o mei i ka makahiki `elua kaukani iwakālua. E `olu`olu mai, e ho`omalū ke Komike Ho`omohala Waiwai me Mo`ohelu Kālā. `O wai ka po`o o kēia Komike o Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It's 9:07 on May 21st, 2020. Will the Economic Development and Budget Committee please come to order. I'm your Chair of this Committee,

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Keani Rawlins-Fernandez. It's a beautiful day on Moloka'i and I wanted to start off with thanking, Charlene Souza so much for the beautiful gardenias. Every morning I feel like so spoiled because I get to wake up to this ono . . . walk into the office to this ono smelling gardenias so mahalo Charlene. And with us today we have our Committee Vice-Chair Kelly King.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Aloha kakahiaka, Chair, mai Kihei. I don't have any gardenias but I'm going to work on that next.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: . . .*(laughing)*. . .Aloha. And we have Member Shane Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Aloha kakahiaka kākou. Nice to see everybody. Hau`oli o wau nānā `oe.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha, Member Sinenci oi`opu. And we have Member Mike Molina.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Good morning, Madam Chair. Aloha, blessings and all good times tidings to you, my colleagues, staff, and members of the public from beautiful paniolo country Makawao.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning and blessings to you too. We have our Council Chair Alice Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, Madam Chair. If you're shopping at Foodland in the vegetable section and you run into our Filipino residents, Visayan. You would say to them maayong buntag, maayong buntag and they'll be so happy. Good morning to all my colleagues.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Maayong buntag.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: And Member Riki Hokama will be joining us shortly. We have with us Member Tamara Paltin. Member Paltin? Oh, okay. It looks like she's having technical difficulties. We'll . . . oh, there you are, you're back. Okay, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Aloha kakahiaka mai Nāpili.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Aloha kakahiaka. We have Member Yuki Lei Sugimura.

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COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Good morning everyone. Today is Baldwin High School's commencement, so congratulations to them, as well as nice seeing all of you again. Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Nice seeing you to. Good morning. And Pro Temp Tasha Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Aloha, Chair. Good morning to you, to everyone and a special congratulations to all of my grandchildren who are graduating tonight and tomorrow. Thank you, Chair. Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And congratulations to all your grandchildren and the Baldwin High School graduates and all of our Maui County graduates. We have from Corporation Counsel, Deputy Corporation Counsel Mimi DesJardins.

MS. DESJARDINS: Good morning.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning. And we have a new Deputy Corporation Counsel, Kristina Toshikiyo. Who will . . . is slowly transitioning to be EDB Committee's new Corporation Counsel. From the Office of the Mayor who have our Budget Director Michele Yoshimura, Finance Director Scott Teruya; and Deputy Finance Director May Anne Alibin. Our Committee Staff we have Committee Secretary Yvette Bouthillier, Legislative Analyst Leslie Milner, and Legislative Analyst Shelley Espeleta. We have two items on today's agenda, EDB-70 Intergovernmental Agreement with the Office of the Auditor, State of Hawai'i. And EDB-85 Legislation and Discussion on the Effect of the Coronavirus Pandemic and Related Issues. And as I mentioned earlier we're, for the first time, going live on Facebook because I felt that this was something really important for everyone to . . . it's a presentation for everyone to be able to see and track. And to continue our reputation as the trailblazers. Okay. So, I believe we don't have anyone signed up to testify. But if anyone were to wish to testify they can join by video by going to bluejeans.com/612388111 and if they wanted to provide audio testimony they could call 1-408-915-6290 and enter meeting code 612 388 111. Both of which are noted on today's agenda and my intention as the EDB Chair is to continue on with this same meeting ID. So, the link and the meeting code will be the same for our EDB Committee moving forward for as long as we're doing BlueJeans, that's my intention. And we'll go to written testimony and we have . . . we've received no written testimony. Okay, Members, are there any objections to closing oral and . . . oral testimony?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members.

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**ITEM 70: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR, STATE OF
HAWAII(CC 20-42)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll start with our first item on the agenda (EDB-70) Intergovernmental Agreement with the Office of the Auditor, State of Hawai'i. And we have Director of Finance . . . Deputy Director . . . Director of Finance Scott Teruya, and Deputy Director of Finance May Anne Alibin, as well as our Budget Director, Michele Yoshimura, on the line with us. I will unmute everyone's videos. Oh, Ms. Alibin. Okay, we have everyone on. Okay. Okay. So, if the Finance Department would like to please start off with some opening comments.

MR. TERUYA: Chair, I have no opening comments. I'll defer to the Deputy at this time. Thank you.

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

MS. ALIBIN: Good morning, Chair, and Members. First of all we just want to thank your office and as well as County Auditor's Office for working with us on putting forth this transmittal. This is a requirement to enable us to complete our CAFR report. So, the State of Hawai'i's office of Auditor has actually hired an external auditor to complete the ERS schedules required for GASB 68 purposes. So, just to provide a brief background on what GASB 68 requirement is, this is for the pension allocation for each employer. And this intergovernmental agreement is actually covering the fiscal year's June 30, 2019, 2020, and 2021. If you have any questions specific to the contract I'll . . . I believe Mr. Lance Taguchi is on the line. And if you have any further questions the . . . Director Teruya and I can further assist.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. And mahalo for reminding me about our Auditor. We also have Mr. Lance Taguchi on the line. Oh, is he still there? Okay. Okay, members . . . I will start off with . . . or do members have questions for our Finance Deputy Director or our Auditor? Okay, I had a question from Pro Temp Kama. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, I just wanted to ask. You know the cost of \$3,900 that's per year. Do we have to pay that cost all at one time? I know it says in the . . . in the ordinance it says when we . . . when the auditor bills. So I'm trying to figure out what auditor bills who to get paid, and it's for the three years so do we have to pay 3 . . . 3,900 times 3? Or is it just . . . because I'm not sure how the auditor will bill us or we'll bill whoever it

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is . . . but probably the auditor. But somebody's billing us right? But . . . so, can you help to explain that please?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Taguchi?

MR. TAGUCHI: Thank you, Chair. Basically what's before you is a bill to allow the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Hawai'i State auditor. The State auditor, they hire the ERS auditor. But in terms of auditing the supplemental schedules, which is need for the counties, the State auditor requests reimbursement. The \$3,900 is an annual amount, they bill it after the third-party auditor bills the State auditor and then he would move forward and bill the County, in this case I guess the Mayor. So, it's \$3,900 per year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Auditor, that's what I was just curious about. Thank you so much. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. I see Member Molina has a question followed by, Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning, Mr. Taguchi. Speaking of the hiring process, did we have a say on the hiring of the auditor . . . auditing company or CPA firm from whatever? And what is the specific focus of the audit?

MR. TAGUCHI: Thank you, Member Molina. We do not have a say. The State auditor goes through a procurement process and hires the auditor. In this case I think . . . I believe it's KPMG LLC, which is a large CPA firm from Honolulu. The State auditor is primarily responsible to audit the ERS. The reason they do these supplemental schedules is primarily because it's required in our financial statements. So, we don't get a say . . . but if we wanted to hire our own people to audit this, the cost would be tremendous. And I don't even know if the ERS would allow the County of Maui to send auditors there to audit this.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So, Mr. Taguchi . . . Madam Chair, just one more question. So, basically this is a routine audit, not I guess motivated by what's been happening on the stock market and COVID-19. So, this is not something that was an audit call for because of that. Because I've heard concerns, people concerned about the ERS and the stock market and all that stuff. So, this is just routine then, yeah?

MR. TAGUCHI: Yes. It's a financial statement audit. So, it's not a management audit. It's a very routine audit that is required . . . that is required by the ERS and it's the most cost effective way that we can do this. Otherwise we wouldn't

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be . . . our auditors when they look at our financial statements wouldn't be able to give us a clean opinion because they wouldn't have any way to test this information.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. And good morning, Mr. Taguchi. So, it looks like on . . . under the terms and conditions it says that it's for the fiscal years ending in June 30th of 2020, 2021, and 2022. So, is it . . . my question is, is it three separate audits for each year or is it an ongoing audit covering three years? And does it end at 2022 or we need to come back to go beyond 2022?

MR. TAGUCHI: Thank you for the question. I believe the periods covered for this would be the audits of fiscal year . . . June 30, 2019, 2020, 2021. So, it's a three-year period. I think one period has already gone by, so I think they either billed or they will be billing shortly. The reason . . . I believe the reason for the three-year period is because I think it mirrors the contract that the State issued to KPMG. Just on a side note, you'd be . . . within the next six months or so, you'd probably be getting another request for a memorandum to allow the Mayor to enter into a memorandum for the EUTF because the same thing happens there.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, Members, any other questions? Okay, seeing none . . . oh, Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Sorry I just thought about this right now. So, you know, on the signup page it has . . . I think, the ERS guys, the State auditors there, the Mayor's there, Mr. Teruya's there. But, Mr. Lance, your name's not there. Is there a reason for that? Seeing how you're probably our County Auditor.

MR. TAGUCHI: Thank you for the question. The reason I'm not on there is because basically the financial statements is the responsibility of the Administration, specifically the Finance Director. This MOU is necessary because in order to audit the financial statements, in a way I could be on it but I don't generate this memorandum of understanding. It is up . . . it is drafted by the State Auditor's Office and when he drafts this, it's a templated thing that goes to all of the employers in the ERS. So, I would very much hesitate to try and make it specific for me because it becomes more burdensome on the State auditor.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: And just real quick, Chair. If maybe Mr. Taguchi could explain what the schedule of allocations are real fast and quick if can? Thank you.

MR. TAGUCHI: Thank you for the question. The schedule of allocation is . . . if you can imagine the ERS is a consolidated entity for many employers. But each employer has to have a specific breakdown which shows up in their financial statements, their notes. I don't want to get technical, so basically there's like changes of the . . . if you look in your footnotes, like footnote ten of the financials you're going to see some information there that is specific to the County. And that's the information that is collected by the ERS, their actuaries, but it's audited by KPMG. Our auditors just rely on KPMG's audit expertise in order to get confidence in those numbers. So basically the information that is necessary is in the notes of the financial statements.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Taguchi.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Okay. So, Members, if there aren't any other questions I'll ask one question of Deputy Director Alibin. If you wouldn't mind explaining the time sensitivity of this item?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, thank you for that question. Based on our discussion with the State ERS Office, the time sensitivity . . . really the . . . because of the time period that this MOU is covering starts as of June 30, 2019. And I believe Mr. Lance can expand on this more, but they are about to do the schedules for each employers to complete the audit for the State ERS wide level.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Mr. Taguchi?

MR. TAGUCHI: Thank you, Chair. There's a time sensitivity because primarily . . . the Deputy Director of Finance is correct. As they start the 2022 audit they want this in place because they're already going to start doing the work immediately following June 2022. But there's another sense of urgency because this covers June 30, 2019, that work has already been done. So, they did the work . . . I believe that it took a while on their part to write the memorandum and it took a while on our part to get it to this point. So, I'm pretty sure that they want payment on the 2019 but in order to do that this memorandum has to be entered into.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Mr. Taguchi. Okay. Just to clarify it seems that the fiscal years in the ordinance do not match the fiscal years in the MOU on Page 2, number one. Could you please explain?

MS. ALIBIN: Chair?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Deputy Director?

MS. ALIBIN: If I may. I think . . . so you're referring to . . . if you look on Page 1 of the MOU under the paragraph A. It's showing the time period of June 30, 2019, 2020, and '21. And then on the next page under the Terms and Condition it's for . . . item number 1 it's showing years ending June 30, 2020, 21, and 22. Not to complicate things but with . . . when they complete the State ERS and the external auditor completes the schedules, there's a one-year gap on the reporting. So, they look at the ERS schedules based on June 30, 2019 but it is for the CAFR requirement for the following fiscal year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Deputy Director. Okay, Members, so . . .

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: I'm sorry, I have a question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, Pro Temp Kama, you have a question? No, no, no apologies. Go ahead, Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So if we're paying 3,900 a year . . . so does this authorize us to pay 107,000 on this MOU or is it just 39,000 and then it just automatically accrues every year?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mr. Taguchi?

MR. TAGUCHI: I believe the memorandum covers each year. And I believe Corporation Counsel required a bill because it's a multi-year memorandum. I'm not 100 percent sure, you probably can ask Corporation Counsel but that's my understanding. Rather than come in every year to the Council and have all this drafted they cover a three-year period.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, technically we're paying . . . we'll be paying out 117,000 for this particular MOU?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ms. DesJardins?

MS. DESJARDINS: So, the Maui County Code requires Council approval of any intergovernmental agreements that are entered into under Chapter 2. So, I am assuming the reason why we required a bill . . . and I see Ms. Thompson approved this . . . was because pursuant to 2.20.020, all intergovernmental agreements have to be approved. I don't know if that relates to the multiple years or not but that's what the law is.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. DesJardins. Pro Temp Kama?

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: So, I was just trying to figure are we paying 117,000 or just 39 and the next year 39 and 39 as each year progresses. That's all. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Deputy Director Alibin, and followed by Committee Vice-Chair King.

MS. ALIBIN: Chair, just for clarification, it's \$3,900 is the County portion. So, for the three year that this MOU is covering the total cost for the County is going to be 11,700.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Pro Temp Kama? Oh, there you are. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Got it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: You good? Okay. Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: That was . . . thank you, Chair. I was just going to clarify that as well because I think she was reading . . . Member Kama was reading 39,000 but it's 3,900 per year.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay. Seeing no other questions, so because we need to have this passed out of Council we need to approve this by the full Council before the end of the fiscal year, my intention today is to defer this item and we will take possible action next week Tuesday on May 26th.

VICE-CHAIR KING: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: No objections, Members? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members. Okay, so that item . . . EDB-70 has been deferred and we'll be . . . oh, and it's also been posted on the May 26 full Council meeting. So, so that we can take action on it. Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Taguchi, I think . . . I think you won't be staying on for the next item, yeah. Okay, mahalo for joining us.

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MR. TAGUCHI: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, quick question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. So, do we need two readings at full Council on this one?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I think it's . . . it's a resolution.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Because there's an ordinance. There's an ordinance in here that's attached to the . . . the MOU is attached to an ordinance.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: I think Mr. Taguchi is holding up his fingers, we need two meetings.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Yeah, so on the 26th it'll be the first reading and then on June 5th will be the second reading.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Great.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo. Okay. Mahalo, Mr. Taguchi.

MR. TAGUCHI: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. And Deputy Director Alibin and Director Teruya, will stay on for the EDB-85 item as well? Okay. Okay, and I see that Member Hokama has joined us. Aloha, Member Hokama. Okay, so . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Good morning, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Good morning.

**ITEM 85: LEGISLATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE EFFECT OF
THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND RELATED
ISSUES (CC 20-207)**

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The next item on our agenda . . . next and last item on our agenda is EDB-85, Legislation and Discussion on the Effect of the

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Coronavirus Pandemic and Related Issues. We have Director Teruya, Budget Director Yoshimura, and I'm not sure if . . . is Managing Director Baz also on the line with us? Okay. All right. Okay, so, Members, you received the report for the \$4 million that we appropriated from emergency funds, the \$2 million that we took from self-insurance that was used for the H.E.L.P program. And we'll also be discussing the plans for the CARES Act funding that was just voted on last week by the Legislature. And so, we'll be discussing those three items under this item today. And I'll ask the Administration for opening comments, whoever would like to go first. You can start --

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --with the 4 million. Okay, Budget Director Yoshimura?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, we'll give you updates on all of the appropriations that we have requested. We did request \$2 million for the H.E.L.P. program. The H.E.L.P. program is administered through MEO. So, \$2 million was appropriated through ordinance 5080, which was effective March 27, 2020. We executed a grant effective April 1st, and that's when they began taking applications. So to date they have received 2,584 applications requesting \$2.1 million. They have already processed 1,518 applications; 337 applications are still in process for a total obligation of \$964,478. So, that program still has funds available that could carry us through probably June 30th. And MEO also receives other types of funding that also helps the applicants, so this program will continue as . . . as long as we need to have it there. The \$4 million, that came out of the Emergency Fund. So, that was appropriated through ordinance number 5071, effective March 20, 2020. And because that one was an emergency appropriation and it was passed on one reading, there's a 90-day clock on that funds. So, those funds will expire June 19 of 2020. We did submit a report to the Council as of April 30th, and to date we have expended about \$1.8 million and encumbered another \$600,000. So, in that . . . what we have held off though is the reimbursement to the departments. A lot of the departments have expended their office budget or their department budgets prior to the Emergency Fund being allocated and so we're going to start processing the reimbursements back to the departments. Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Out of that four...oh.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Out of the \$4 million we did do a \$1 million appropriation to the Maui Chamber of Commerce for a micro business loan program. So, the

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Chamber has received 152 applications, 107 applications were reviewed for a total request of \$2.25 million. Fifty-nine applications were approved and we had disbursed \$1 million to those 59 applicants. Forty-seven applications were disapproved based on not meeting the criteria for the loan program. And we have one pending availability of funds. We also have another 45 applications that are still pending review and future funding availability. Okay. Do you want me to stop here and you want to go through questions? Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura. Okay, Members, so we'll take a pause there before we move on to the next item under this agenda item. And we'll limit questions to the 2 million that was used for the H.E.L.P. and then the 4 million emergency funds. And then we'll move on to the next portion of this discussion with the plan for the 66 million. And I wanted to also let Members know that your Chair's intention is to have this item in EDB every committee week. So, don't, you know, don't feel like you need to ask all your questions right now, if you come up with questions later every EDB meeting that we have I plan to schedule this item so that we can continue to have open lines of communication with the Administration. Okay. Okay. So, I'm going to take everyone in order. I'll start with Committee Vice-Chair King, and then I'll go to Member Sinenci. Committee Vice-Chair King? I'm going to --

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --give you each three minutes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you for the opportunity and thank you for putting this on every meeting. I think that's really helpful. I didn't see a report, was there a report that came to us on the 2 million and the 4 million? Because I was looking through . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. It came on April 30th. And I'm sorry it's not under this item. I'll make sure it's . . . *(inaudible)* . . . later.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, I guess my question for Ms. Yoshimura, my first question is, I wasn't really aware of this \$1 million for the micro grants for the Chamber of Commerce. But can you tell me if the 59 applicants that were approved how much that total was and what types of requirements you have for this grant? You said that the 47 were disapproved because they didn't meet the requirements. So, what are the requirements for these micro grants, what is the parameter, the maximum that businesses can get and how much have you approved so far with the 57 . . . 59 applicants?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember King, so 59 applications were approved and we disbursed \$1 million. I don't have the exact total per application --

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Oh, okay. That's okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --or breakdown of that. We did do a Chamber . . . the Chamber does have the criteria online and an application online. One of the criteria is ten or fewer employees. It's . . . the emphasis was on serving the small, economically disadvantaged businesses with the funds. The loans were in the amount from 7,500 to \$25,000. We can--

VICE-CHAIR KING: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. YOSHIMURA: --provide you more information on the micro business loan program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: I can go online, Ms. Yoshimura. I just didn't really know anything about this. But it was . . . was there a requirement as far as the length of time that you had to be in business to get . . . you know, here and geographically I'm assuming it's for Maui County. But was there a timeline requirement?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I believe so. And it . . . there was also a criteria on whether or not your business would continue post-COVID. So, it was a . . . a lengthy application process and a review process by the Chamber and . . . I think they put together a committee to review the applicants.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, are you . . . you're going to be asking for more money for additional grants or are you . . . is this the end of the program? Because you said --

MS. YOSHIMURA: No.

VICE-CHAIR KING: --you had four . . .

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yeah. So, upon receipt of the CARES Act funding we're looking . . . we are looking to continue funding this program.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, this will hopefully ongoing through the next fiscal year you're thinking?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then you said you spent 1.8 million of the 4 million, and then do you have the departments . . . do they have . . . have they submitted to you what they need going forward so that you can get this money expended before the end of the fiscal year?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. So, we do have all of their expenditures that they had prior to the Emergency Fund being approved. We also have their expenditures moving forward. So, we are looking at how we would utilize the Emergency Fund as well as the CARES Act funding for what departments are in need of.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Oh, I'm sorry my times was up. I didn't hear the timer go off. Thank you, Chair. Okay. Thanks, Director Yoshimura.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. And if you have more questions we can do another round. You know it's only what, it's not even 10:00 yet, so we have a lot of time. Okay. So, we'll go to Member Sinenci.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Ms. Yoshimura. Yeah, just couple questions. So, the first one was for the H.E.L.P. program it looks like there was . . . it seems like there's a second round of grants that are being given out. Is that correct? And if people are not given a chance during the first round are there people that was on the first round that's going to also be applying for the second round?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Sinenci, yeah, so you...we are ongoing, applications are ongoing. And you can also apply on a monthly basis, so you could've gotten in April and then now apply for May and upcoming in June.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you for that. Then it looks like the County Administration is conducting some food drives throughout the County. So, I was just wondering are those funds coming out . . . which account those funds are coming, and then is there a schedule of the food drives being . . . future food drives being conducted?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, I guess the food drives are two parts. One is we have been receiving a lot of donations on . . . from like Valley Isle Produce, and Maui Soda, other distributors throughout the island. The second part of it is we have put together a program with Maui Farm Bureau and Hawai'i Farmers Union United, where we would purchase produce from them and then use it to do the distribution to the community. So, as we get notification that we have products available and produce that come in from the farmers then we schedule a food drive or food distribution throughout the County. So, we don't have a set schedule. So, we've also started working with Food Bank and we will be working with Feed My Sheep on food distribution throughout the County.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Those funds are coming out of the \$4 million . . .

MS. YOSHIMURA: The \$4 million, yes. And it's coming through Economic Development through funding to Maui Farm Bureau and Farmers United.

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

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

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. And sorry, just for clarification again. Your process for questions right now is just to be primarily focused on the 4 million and not the CARES Act funding at this point, right . . . for this round?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes. Just the Emergency Fund --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --and self-insurance that we allocated last month.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right, thank you. I have more questions relating to the CARES Act but I'll wait. One question for Director Yoshimura. First of all thank you, Director. Got your breakdown for the CARES Act funding. But of this 4 million that we appropriated are you using any of it for incentives for businesses of that nature or is it more just for human services assistance?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Well, we haven't really set up any type of incentive program. We do have that business loan program. We are also looking at . . . I'm not sure if you've heard of the Kama`āina First program that we've set up. But the majority of the funds that are going to the businesses are through the loan program.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. All right, thank you. Okay, that's it for me for now, Madam Chair. I'll wait till we get the . . . to the appropriate time for CARES Act questionings. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay, Members, do you have the April 30th report? Okay. We received the report. So, I see Member Paltin has it. And if anyone doesn't have it and you would like to take a quick recess so you can access it because that's what we're asking questions on right now. And it has the breakdown on what was already spent. And so, that's a purpose of this part of the meeting is. We asked the Administration to provide us a report . . . a monthly report on how that 2 million and 4 million was spent. And so, if you don't have that report, if you'd like to go and look for it. And then it looks like Member Paltin is ready to ask questions on that report. Because it . . . again it has, you know, how their funding was used in the last, you know, one month, a little over a month for April. Okay. Member Paltin?

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COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I actually sent my questions in writing on May 11th, but I didn't get any response so I'll just ask them again. Could you please provide further information about the tiny homes for quarantine sites expenditures. Including the scope of work, location of work, and overall goal of the project. And I wasn't sure . . . like the sites look like the sights with your eyes but is it sites like . . . sites like a building site?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: A place.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Paltin, so Managing Director Sandy Baz has joined me in my office. So, he will respond to that question.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay, thank you.

MR. BAZ: Good morning, Councilmembers. Thank you for allowing us to join you. Sorry I was expecting to be here at 10:00 but I left my other meetings so I could be here. The site that we have identified and located some of those tiny homes or mobile homes, you know, type of facilities is . . . it's there for quarantine sites. So, if we have a need either from a visitor who needs to be quarantined that is, you know, tested positive right, so either a visitor or a maybe a resident who doesn't have the capability of quarantining or isolating in their own home. Or a homeless individual that needs to be again isolated. Those facilities are there for them and then we're also going to be expanding for specifically homeless area so they have the capability of sheltering in. I'm sorry what was it . . . is there a specific question you're asking?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, it was --

MR. BAZ: The site . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --. . . *(inaudible)*. . . the overall goal of the project. I was looking for scope of work and location of work also within that first question.

MR. BAZ: Okay. So, the site is S-I-T-E, that's the location. I'm hesitant to provide that in a public venue because it is a secured location that Department of Health has maintained the services for. And so, that they're the ones that . . . really the scope of it is that we're assisting the Department of Health in providing quarantine and isolation sites. The partnership that we provided with them; the other counties are as well. You know, it's . . . again this whole pandemic response is a partnership generally with the State, the different counties, and the Department of Health in particular.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And then my second question was could you please provide insight as to who is using the three RV homes for quarantine. Is that

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separate from the tiny homes? Has the County rented or purchased the RVs? And if it's been rented what is the duration of the rental?

MR. BAZ: So, actually they're all currently empty. They have been utilized in the past. You know, as you are aware we haven't had any recent cases. So, they stand by ready to be utilized. We did acquire them . . . purchased, we did not rent them. They're all on one location, so whether they're RV type of a facility or, you know, a stick built kind of tiny home facility they are all utilized for the same purposes on same location. As well as an actual building on that location that can provide services.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you so much. And then I don't know if my time is up but I have three more . . . or more than . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Is my time up?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, your time . . . your time is up. Okay, Members, I just e-mailed the document to you, the April 30th report. So, if you'd like to check that out. Does anyone else have questions on the report or do we need a couple minutes to review that? Committee Vice-Chair King, do you have questions?

VICE-CHAIR KING: I would appreciate a couple minutes to review.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, Members, we'll just take a quick recess. Okay. Or we can allow Member Paltin to continue asking her questions and then you can review while Member Paltin asks her questions. Okay. Member Paltin, go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Members, you're so kind. So, my third question was about the 15 week ferry service between Lāhaina and Lāna'i. The 6,084 amount, is that the cost per week or per day? That's the first part of the question so I'll pause.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Paltin, okay, so the Expedition charge . . . I think it's about . . . roughly about \$6,000 per week. So, Expedition was going to reduce their services to two times a week. We have requested that they do three times a week, so they do Monday, Wednesday, Friday. So, that's for the additional one day per week.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And then . . . so is it . . . at one point we didn't want interisland travel. So, are people being transported or is it goods? And then . . . I guess based on that answer I'll ask a follow-up question.

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Paltin, so primarily it was because of our first responders that needed to be traveling back and forth, so Police, Fire, emergency workers. So, that's the purpose of the additional one day.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And was it limited to our first responders or could additional passengers go on?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I think they're being screened and it's very limited. Primarily the first responders. Sometimes we, you know, need to send other workers to Lāna`i and so we use the Expedition service.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And what was the procedure to ensure that we weren't moving positive cases between the islands?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I believe they do have screenings set up at the Lāhaina Harbor and at Mānele to make sure we're sending over COVID-free people.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Awesome. My next question was what is a Forest River Quail ridge 3UKL [sic] park model quarantine facility?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So that's the one for \$125,000. That's a unit that we purchased for the quarantine site. So it's one of those tiny homes like a RV unit. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Do you know if these were brought into Maui specifically for purchase or if they were existing on the island?

MS. YOSHIMURA: I think they were existing . . . or three of them might have been existing, one of them was on its way to Maui. But we got . . . we purchased whatever we could at the time of availability because there was a need for quarantine services.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. And my last one . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay, go ahead, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Oh, sorry. Do the waived fees listed refer to late fees for Solid Waste Division and Department of Water Supply? Or for just in . . .

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. The fees that we have waived are the convenience fees, online payments and at the kiosks. Director Teruya may be able to expound a little bit more on that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Teruya?

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MR. TERUYA: Thank you, Chair. In regards to that, that is all convenience fees regarding to credit card payments online. Since the Mayor declared the pandemic he made it clear he was going to waive all online transactions till the end of the fiscal year to minimize people from coming into the County Building and making their payments from their existing location. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you so much, Members, for your patience with me.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, for . . . we didn't have to take a recess. So, let's see. We left off with Member Molina. And so we'll go to Chair Lee. Do you have questions on the 2 million and 4 million?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Madam Chair, I don't have any questions. Thank you.

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

VICE-CHAIR KING: Chair, point of information.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Committee Vice Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you. So, I got a report that says COVID-19 expenditures as of April 30, 2020. It doesn't differentiate between the 2 million and 4 million. Are there supposed to be two separate reports?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah, it does. It has . . . at the end it has the balance. So . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Is this for the 4 million or is this for the 2 million?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, it's for both. It . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, they're all . . . *(inaudible)* . . . together.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The report has a balance of 1.6 million at the end. And then on the end it has the 2.2. It has balances at the end.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah. But which ones are for the \$2 million pot of money, which ones are for the 4 million. This is all for the 4 million?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Budget Director Yoshimura?

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MS. YOSHIMURA: Sorry. So, the report that Councilmember King is referring to is only for the \$4 million. I believe Director Tshako may have submitted a report on the \$2 million. And I'm not sure what committee that has gone to.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura.

MS. YOSHIMURA: But I could send the report.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: I could send the report to EDB as well.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Ms. Yoshimura.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's see, we left off with Council Chair Lee. And after Council Chair Lee is Member Hokama. Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Hi. Oh, thank you. I thought Ms. Lee was going to ask a question. I apologize. No I don't really have that much really questions for these. I was also happy to answer any questions as in regards to Lāna`i. The small boat harbor has become the main primary critical transportation route for Lāna`ians, especially for Maui where most of the people are doing business. The key concern right now . . . and again we are using the National Guard regarding checking of temperatures, essential personnel travel requirements. It is still prohibited for recreational travel and needs to be followed . . . the Governor's travel restrictions. On Lāna`i I can tell you that the County has had great cooperation with DLNR, Small Boats Harbor Division, Ms. Aoki, and her other partners are taking their job very seriously. They know who is Lāna`ians who is not. They've been very responsible in ensuring that only required personnel is allowed to travel and those that travel follow the requirements of safety protective gear as well as all other social distancing requirements. So, for Lāna`i the question now is as we loosen it up, how can Lāna`ians utilize Maui services such as salons and other personal requirements in a safe manner because of limited . . . *(inaudible)* . . . So, we hope to work through this very shortly, other than that I appreciate the Members for allowing Lāna`i to have an essential transportation route during this period. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you, Chair. I really don't have questions. I appreciate this detailed report, and just looking at it you can just tell how active

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the County has been. And I appreciate everything that they are doing. If you go to the 9th Floor it looks like a COVID-19 special unit. So, appreciate all the hard work, Director Yoshimura, and your entire crew that you've been doing for the residents of Maui County. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Pro Temp Kama?

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. I don't have any questions about the report. But I feel very confident that if you're going to have this on the agenda more than today, gives an opportunity for me to look through that and actually write my questions down for the future. So, that we're not repetitive in our questions. So, thank you very much, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. I'll ask a couple of questions and then I'll check with Members again to see if anyone has additional questions on the 2 million and 4 million. Member Paltin asked a lot of the questions I had. So, perfect, mahalo. Okay. For the Maui County Farm Bureau and HFUU. So, Maui County Farm Bureau got 60,000 and the Hawai'i Farmers Union got 10,000. Are we expecting . . . or a report on how that funding was used?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, yes, we can send you copies of their invoices that they have been submitting for payment. What we allow Maui Farm Bureau is up to \$20,000 per week in produce. The Hawai'i Farmers Union we've also extended to them the purchase of produce. We've . . . during this we have helped them with their online ordering process. So, part of their funding went through to sustain their program.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: The Hawai'i Farmers Union --

MS. YOSHIMURA: Hawai'i Farmers Union, yeah. They deal with the--

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --. . . *(inaudible)*. . . online farm hub . . . food hub.

MS. YOSHIMURA: --online purchase. Yeah. Yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I saw it.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, I think the first 10 or \$20,000 went to supporting them on that project.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So . . . but we can send you a breakdown for the Farm Bureau funding and Hawai'i Farmers Union United funding.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. I'm really happy that funding went to support that food hub. It looks really popular and successful and on its way to being even better. So, for the 10,000 . . . all 10,000 of the Farmers Union money went to that and the Farm Bureau also put money into that project?

MS. YOSHIMURA: The Maui Farm Bureau put monies in . . . well, we've been just buying produce from the Maui Farm Bureau. And it ranges depending on what's available. And . . . so what the Maui Farm Bureau has done . . . has made the announcement. It's all farmers, you don't have to necessarily belong to the Maui Farm Bureau to participate in the farmers assistance program. So, all you need to do is contact the Maui Farm Bureau and . . . or even Hawai'i Farmers Union United to participate in their programs that the County has set up for them.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, so anyone wishing to get produce from the Farm Bureau would just contact that organization?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Those who want to sell to the Farm Bureau and then the County will get the produce and that's where we use it for our food drives.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay.

MS. YOSHIMURA: And to support Food Bank and Feed My Sheep.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo. Okay and then I'll check with Members and then I'll ask my last questions and then we can move on to the 66 million or 67 million from the CARES Act funding. Member Sugimura, do you have questions? And followed by Committee Vice-Chair King. And then Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, I don't . . . this question is . . . you had that presenter from . . . some professor from a university that talked about the municipal liquidity facility fund basically. And I noticed that it's on your agenda, and I don't . . . I would like to know if Mr. Teruya . . . it was on the status portion of your second item. It says, "The Committee may consider the funds already appropriated to assist with, da, da, da. And it notices that municipal liquidity facility fund. And I just wondered if Mr. Teruya might have a statement about that. EDB-85. Do you see it . . . under status?"

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So, right now we're talking about the 2 million and the 4 million.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. So, next question then. Okay. I'll ask when you go through your --

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It wasn't my intention --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --next phase.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --to discuss the municipal liquidity facility today. But I guess we can. So, I'll save that for the end.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. It's on your agenda, so okay. Thanks.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Committee Vice-Chair King, followed by Member Paltin.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. So, now I have the report on the 4 million and I have a couple questions. Because the encumbrances that I'm looking at . . . I guess are those for the 4 million too, Ms. Yoshimura? The encumbrances.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes. That's part of the \$4 million.

VICE-CHAIR KING: So, I see some social services on here and I guess I was confused about where those would go, the 2 million . . . the H.E.L.P. fund or this 4 million fund. And if you could speak to . . . because I looked on the requirements for the H.E.L.P. fund and it said you had to be a worker basically, you had to be an out-of-work worker. And so, I'm not . . . so I'm looking at the other 4 million covering some of these other social services and wondering . . . I don't see anything for like Food Bank or some of those other big groups that also are addressing the hunger issues. Did they not apply or is there some reason that they didn't qualify?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, the \$2 million for the H.E.L.P. program went directly to MEO to provide . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: . . .*(inaudible)*. . . I'm talking about the report that you sent in this . . .

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, this \$4 million on the . . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: I was just curious. I see Feed My Sheep and the Farmers Union and the Farm Bureau but I didn't see anything for Maui Food Bank on here. Unless I missed it.

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, what we've been supporting Maui Food Bank with is the produce that we get from the farm . . . from the farmer assistance program. So, it's not going to be a duplicate funding source actually. So, we'll . . . the funds go to the Farm Bureau or Farmers United and the produce will go then to the

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Food Bank. So, there hasn't been any cash funding or any additional grants that have been extended to the Food Bank --

VICE-CHAIR KING: But they didn't . . .

MS. YOSHIMURA: --because they're getting produce.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Did they request? Did they request it . . . did they apply?

MS. YOSHIMURA: So, they haven't requested any additional funding.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. And then . . . so is that . . . so is that . . . when I went on the homepage for MEDB for the H.E.L.P. program it did mention about, you know, if you lost . . . if you were working at least 25 percent and you lost your job or you lost a portion of your job. So, it that limited to direct assistance for the workforce?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. That was kind of my interpretation so I wanted to make sure that I was quoting that correctly when I tell people about it. But the other 4 million seems to be fairly flexible.

MS. YOSHIMURA: The other 4 million is . . . yeah, they're just as more of the expenditures by the departments, by the County and to direct services.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. So, you're not . . . you can go ahead and give the grants to . . . directly to the nonprofits as well because it's not limited just to the departments?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Correct.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Okay. That's what I wanted to see. All right, that's the extent of my questions, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I didn't write this question down but I really wanted to know the answer so I'm so glad we get to ask it orally. For the hydraulic cadaver lift I was wondering how much more capacity in cadavers we have with the top and bottom row. And did we not previously need to use that because we didn't have that kind of volume?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Paltin, I would have to check with the Police Department. I'm not sure on the capacity and what exactly that's for.

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MR. BAZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Because at one time . . .

MR. BAZ: Sorry. This is Sandy. So, just for the Committee's understanding when we initially started this pandemic, the Department of Health had told us that the high end of need on that incident would be about a thousand. And they did scale it back to about a hundred. So, that's generally what we're making sure we have capacity for, at least a hundred.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, with the hydraulic cadaver lift that expands our capacity to 100?

MR. BAZ: It's a part of the whole aspect. Where . . . you know, purchased a refrigerated container to go along with our forensic facility here in Wailuku. And we're actually looking at purchasing additional refrigerated containers for rural areas to make sure that we have the capacity should a major outbreak occur, that we can store them until getting them.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: I just was asking because Director Andaya had previously told us our capacity was six. And so, I was wondering with this hydraulic cadaver lift if that's more than six that is now . . .

MR. BAZ: So, Member Paltin, from my understanding the lift is just like a fork lift. It lifts the bodies up so we can put them into the refrigerated container.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, I understand that --

MR. BAZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: --the top and the bottom shelves were not accessible. So, does that make our capacity with this lift to be six or is it more than six?

MR. BAZ: We'll confirm the number with the Police Department. It's more than six already so I'm not sure where that number came . . .

MS. YOSHIMURA: In speaking with the Chief earlier, the capacity at the forensic facility I believe was like 55.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And so, then normally they use that only for investigation purposes, it's not a morgue for everyone. And then now because of this crisis they're opening up for more. Is that why forensic facility . . . or is the hospital the general morgue?

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MR. BAZ: Yeah. So, there is a morgue at the hospital, it's very limited space. And that might have been the six that the director mentioned. But the forensic facility does currently store bodies there and whether or not, you know, we perform the autopsies or waiting for somebody to claim them. Once in a while they do put out an announcement for . . . it sounds kind of morbid but unclaimed bodies. They are held at the forensic facility.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Sorry, I didn't mean to make you guys uncomfortable. I just had a desire to know the information. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Thank you to the Administration. You know I appreciate the report and I appreciate the efforts to quickly acquire those items on here that are for the safety of the County. Specifically those specialty items specific to COVID-19, like the N95 masks, those types of things. My question is there are some other services that might not be specialty items and could be . . . not contracted out but . . . you know, normally with the County will go ahead and get three quotes, stuff like that. So, is there a process that the Administration is using to . . . just for those services that . . . or at least an explanation of those services requested? Director?

MR. BAZ: I'm sorry, Member Sinenci, do you have a . . . I mean we have to still generally go through procurement and if it's a grant we still have to comply with the Maui County Code for grant program. You know --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay.

MR. BAZ: --and we do have . . . put out solicitations. You know, we make them basically emergency solicitations, sometimes they're only for a few days. . . .(inaudible). . . on the capabilities. You know, we still want to make sure we're spending the taxpayer money as wisely as possible and make sure that, you know, we're getting the best deal that we can within the emergency timeframe that we're . . .(inaudible). . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Yeah. Thank you, Director Baz, for doing that. Yeah, just keeping that, you know, the transparency as we go through this whole process. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci.

MR. BAZ: And FEMA, you know, we're hope to get some FEMA reimbursement for this. So, in everything that we've been doing we want to make sure we're following that criteria to be eligible for reimbursement if possible.

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COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. I appreciate that, Director. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Director Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: Hi. Thank you, Chair. Similar to what Managing Director mentioned. We still are requiring the departments to get bids for all services. Sometimes services are not available but we still need to note that down for reimbursement purposes. For us to get reimbursed we need to get . . . obtain three quotes at the best. Sometimes N95 masks may not be available and you only have one vendor but you still need to note that as your second and third quote that there was nothing available. But we are advising everybody for procurement purposes and reimbursement purposes that we follow proper protocol. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Teruya. Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay, so just to follow up on Member Sinenci. So, I understand the purchase of supplies and equipment. But with the nonprofits and other organizations how are they being selected, what process are we following to choose those organizations?

MR. BAZ: Thank you. So, the . . . for nonprofits, you know, we generally outreach to those organizations that can . . . we know that can provide that assistance. You know the way Maui Farm Bureau and Maui Farmers Union United could assist us. So, it's pretty unique to their organizations and there wasn't a lot of competition. For services . . . putting the shelter in place facility together. So, for homeless-type services, we know that there's multiple vendors so we had to do an RFP for that. You know, and . . .(inaudible). . . done. Again it's from . . . based on the level of intensity and the availability of who can provide the services to us.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Baz. Okay, Members, any other questions regarding the 4 million and 2 million? If not we can move forward and we'll get another report at the end of this month. So, the next time we have an EDB meeting . . . I guess it'll be June 4th. Do you think, Ms. Yoshimura, we'll get that report for May before the next EDB meeting?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, I think the period . . . although it ends May 31st, by the time Finance close I think it takes about 15 days. So, we could give you a preliminary report but the actual report will be after the 15th of June.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. I think . . . yeah, we'll just . . . when it comes up then we can see where we're at and answer whatever questions the Members have. Okay. So, we'll move on to the 66 million CARES Act funding, and the plan for that. So, Members, you received the report from Director Yoshimura

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this morning, it's dated May 15th. Budget Director Yoshimura, would you like to provide opening . . . or Managing Director Baz. Whoever.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, so this morning I emailed the Committee the letter that we had responded to Senator Dela Cruz, asking for a proposed plan for the \$66.6 million. So, what we did was generally put them in categories and estimated breakdowns. Of course, this is all subject to the needs. And we're still awaiting the MOU and the guidelines from the State Department of Finance. And I think the Senate is acting on the bill today at 11:30. So, the funds have not been released yet . . . or hasn't been approved yet I should say. So, we . . . that's still a process that we're waiting for. Director Baz . . .

MR. BAZ: The category breakdowns were a discussion that the mayors had looking at the different needs that are in our communities and understanding what the . . . well, at the time what the CARES Act could fund, we still don't know for sure. There is guidance from the Department of Treasury, the US Department of Treasury that is related to this. But since this pot goes through the State . . . sorry, I'm a little muffled, I'll take off my mask. Since this process goes through the State the State is adding some of their own criteria and issues to that. The City and County of Council of Honolulu got a direct funding allocation so they were able to . . . *(inaudible)*. . . So, each one of these categories we're evaluating in looking at different things that we can possibly do . . . *(inaudible)*. . . community service related assistance, public safety. All of these different areas have needs that are related to COVID-19 and so we're allocating those as best we can with what our need is at the moment. And looking forward to as the future of this event and possibilities of further cases, second waves, those kind of things to make sure that we have infrastructure in place to assist with any outbreak like that.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Baz. All right we'll go to the Committee Members for questions. And we'll take the same process, we'll do three minutes and then as many rounds as we need. Committee Vice-Chair King?

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair. These are pretty broad categories with large amounts of money and really no breakdown within . . . I mean a pot of money that's \$26 million and has a list of five or six items under it, is a little bit scary to me to know exactly where that's going. But can you . . . you've got departments under here on . . . and I'm assuming those would be the departments that would be disbursing this money, Mr. Baz. The community is . . .

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Thank you. So, the departments that are listed under there are the original discussion of who it is would be disbursing the funds or receiving the funds for activities related to COVID-19. So, DHHC and OED, you know,

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obviously are being community services divisions that, you know, really. . .*(inaudible)*. . .to grants to nonprofits and direct services to people would be receiving majority of funds within the \$26 million community service. On Tuesday, we can provide you a more detailed list of activities and things that we will be functioning with. But it's similar to what we're doing now with the. . .*(inaudible)*. . .to, you know, for small businesses and food production distribution. That kind of thing as well as some direct . . . like elderly care support for those organizations that are providing elderly . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. But . . .

MR. BAZ: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: It's just not very well broken down. And, you know, for instance what would . . . what would DEM be doing in this list?

MR. BAZ: I prefer if we can go over that on Tuesday. We do, you know, have this . . . there . . . our Environmental Protection and Sustainability program has requested community service type funds. So, that's what we've allocated in this. What we prodded the State Legislature was just a general idea of activities that we would be using the funds for. They didn't request specific detail yet, but I'm aware that Council's going to want to know more details. So, when we discuss this on Tuesday we'll have a detailed breakdown for you that you can read through.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Are you going to give that to us ahead time so we can review it or are you going to expect us to review it on the fly as you're going through it?

MR. BAZ: We'll try to get it to you ahead of time. Making . . . you know, understanding that everything within this is going to be subject to the Federal guidelines and State guidelines and fluid based on how we understand the need needs to be met, right. So, what I don't want to do is give you a list of exact activities and think that's going to be the only thing that we do and use it for up until December 30th.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. Okay, Members, I'm sorry. I should have explained this a little better. So, what we received from Director Yoshimura this morning is what was asked of each county from the Ways and Means Chair, Senator Dela Cruz. And it . . . there was a really tight turnaround time after learning of how much we will be receiving in SB75 with the CARES Act funding. And the Administration was . . . was under a lot of pressure to, you know, get this to the Senator in less than a week. So, you

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know, I commend them for their work on, you know, turning this around as quickly as they did. And so, I had discussions with Budget Director and Finance Director to see if we'd be able to except the \$66 million in two portions in FY '20 Budget and FY '21 Budget. So, that the Council would have more of a say in how this funding is used. And it . . . the way that the Senate Bill 75 was written the funding would need to be accepted in FY '20 because it's 2019, 2020 funding. And so, we would need to amend the 2020 budget . . . FY '20 budget to receive \$ million. And to give our members an opportunity to provide feedback and to provide the Administration ideas on how to best use these funds, that was my intention in scheduling this item in every EDB Committee meeting. That way we can share our ideas and work collaboratively with the Administration. And then we would have an opportunity to then follow up on the ideas that we suggested to get a status report from the Administration. So, my apologies for not explaining that a little better before asking . . . opening the floor up for questions. So, that's the intention with this and mahalo to Administration for, you know, working so collaboratively with the Council on this. Okay. We'll go to Pro Temp Kama. Followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you for that explanation because what was troubling to me was . . . so the money that we're getting comes out from the Legislature from SB75. So, anytime I talk you can correct me if I'm mistaken. So, when I read SB75 especially the section that pertains to us Part 2, Section 9(1)(2). So, in the . . . so what it says it says Section 9 talks about the 66 million and how we are going to be needing to expend that or the County. Then it says in (1) that the County of Maui--and usually when they say that they talk about the Administration, right--shall coordinate with the Department of Health. And so . . . you know, that's been done because we've heard reports from the Dr. Pang and all the things they're doing. That's really wonderful and great. But then in (2) it says the Mayor of the County of Maui shall consult with Maui County Council before expending it. Okay, so those two different things say different things, right. One is what . . . so when I look at the word "coordinate" and I look at the word "consult," it's like coordination is like we're all working together like what we're all doing right here right. And the consultation part is, well this is . . . I'm going to come and tell you what I'm doing with it and it's all good and great right. But what I just heard you say--and right now I'm on a different path--is that this is really the time not to be . . . to ask what you're going to do with the money. But this is what I believe I'd like to see done with these funding's because there're nine people on this Council who represent a constituency of all these people from the different communities we represent. And we come from nine different places in our head and spaces and therefore with the Mayor who has his team of people around him. It's the Administration and sometimes when you have nine people around that's a lot of ideas that's just coming forth all over the place. And to me that's so great because you can actually give some greater input. So, getting back to now where I'm going is this is what I'd like to be able to see the Mayor do with

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some of the funding. I want him to be able to not just talk about . . . and us not just telling him we want you to do this but actually go out throughout the entire spectrum. So, when I think about the homeless I know that we have places like, you know, Family Life Center, Ka Hale A Ke Ola. And that's where homeless begins right, when they're on the streets, want to keep moving them from one place to another and hopefully that they have someplace in the end. We talk about quarantining these people should something happen, but after they come out of quarantine what do we do, put them right back onto the streets. So, we have to something at that very end of the spectrum. So, I'd like to be able to see that as we're putting up temporary structures for just not quarantining but for the homeless that can we actually expedite so many of the other things so that we can actually do housing in a way that doesn't take three or five years. Anyway, so I think that was my timing right? Okay. So, I'll move on to the next round. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. I also failed to mention that it's also been a little bit of a moving target. Because we still . . . our County . . . all the counties don't have the memorandum of understanding with the State yet. So, that guidelines on how to spend the funding, the CARES Act funding hasn't yet been solidified. And so, you know, we're all trying our best.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: But this allows us the opportunity to give input on what's in the memorandum of understanding too. Correct? This discussion that we have.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: I don't . . . I'm not sure. Director Yoshimura?

MR. BAZ: I'm sorry. Sandy. So . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Baz?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. You know, I really appreciate Member Kama providing her recommendations. And I believe that's what the intent of consult with meant, is so that, you know, you can share with us what you desire for this funds to be utilized for, you know. And you have some different constituencies . . . well not constituencies but different eyes basically of what's going on so we . . . *(inaudible)* . . . that input. I don't know if it's going to have too much impact onto the MOU with the State though. Because that is really something that, you know, Legislature's directing and I'm sure the attorneys are going to be hammering out--

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Yeah.

MR. BAZ: --with broad enough categories. That then we'll have the ability to spend it how we see fit in our different communities.

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COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Right. . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Baz.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you very much. This is an important meeting. So, I'm curious whether the funds that we spent of the 4 million, 2 million then can be reimbursed through the 66 million. Or is that completely separate and we . . . I'm trying to figure out how . . . do we get to replenish our County coffers with this?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Thank you for the question. So, from our gathering there's a possibility of any expenditures that have . . . the Federal legislation is from March 1st of 2020 to December 30th. And everything that we do has to be COVID-19 or Coronavirus related right. So, those activities that we did with the Emergency Fund theoretically might be eligible for reimbursement but we're not quite sure if . . . there's some language in there about . . . well, if it was previously budgeted or not and that kind of stuff. So, we're not quite sure if it's exactly going to be able to get reimbursed but we are going to try our best to make sure we're getting . . . *(inaudible)* . . . Again, you know, just to let you know to, I did poll the departments on, you know, their needs related to COVID-19, their costs they project. And it's significantly higher than the \$67 million that the Federal government has allocated. So, you know, we are going to definitely have to prioritize the request and prioritize the funding to where, you know, we see that it's going to be the most beneficial to our community.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you. And I have another question. So, I'm particularly concerned and wondering if these funds could be used for that . . . of the . . . for example, the hotel workers that got furloughed. And they were furloughed versus terminated because the hotels were still paying for their health insurance. So, they could file for unemployment, but yet their health insurance, which is a huge expense as we know, is being covered right now by their employer. But I'm wondering if this . . . our travel or visitor industry is as small as it is now, what impact that's going to have on the many workers that will . . . or may have their health insurance then be cutoff and no longer covered by their current employer. So, I wonder if any of that can be used or these funds can be used to help those kinds of workers. That --

MR. BAZ: Yes. Thank you

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: --that benefit I guess.

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MR. BAZ: Yeah. So, from our understanding that is what we're planning on using some of this community service pot for, the money for. Working with those workers that have either been, you know, dislocated completely or furloughs. Some kind of lost income and also, you know, like with the H.E.L.P program itself it. . . *(timer bell ringing)*. . . there are . . . and capability of funding things like health insurance if need be. Whatever need that they have up to a certain amount, it would be a similar type of appropriation.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. Thank you very much. I look forward to hearing more about that. Thank you very much, Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. I think my question is similar along the lines of, Member Sugimura. You know, because of the Coronavirus situation and, you know, all the short-term rentals and hotels being pretty much shut down and rental cars. The highway funds, the sewer funds and the water funds are kind of getting changed around, and I mean with less cars on the road, maybe we didn't need all the projects we're doing. But if we're planning for tourism to come back and the bypasses and whatnot, we should still do it. Can some of the funding be used to offset the losses in those different categories because of . . . if it weren't for the Coronavirus we would probably be going on like the normal tract.

MR. BAZ: Thank you. That is one of the things that is defined in the Federal legislation. Is it cannot be utilized to supplant revenue loss. So, if we've lost revenue in Water Department or Wastewater, Fuel Tax, or whatever revenue we lost, even GET . . . I mean Real Property Tax, we cannot use this money to supplant that and. . . *(inaudible)*. . . this is additional revenue.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: So, then being that we're probably not going to be able to expend \$66 million by June 30th is it . . . *(inaudible)*. . . and we have until December 30th, it's carrying over some into the Fiscal Year '21 Budget. And then some of the expenditures that we put in the Fiscal Year '21 Budget to help with the Coronavirus situation, could we then supplement these funds and then take the other general funds that were going to be used to keep a balanced budget into those other funds, like move it around a little?

MR. BAZ: So, yeah. So, the grant revenue when . . . as you know from the budget is not . . . it doesn't expire or lapse on June 30th. It's . . . every grant revenue that we've received is based on the project period of the funding source. There may be appropriations that were budgeted in FY '21 that could possibly be spent out of this. But as I mentioned there was way more money requested by the

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departments than the allocation from the Federal government. So, if there's no other additional monies received we will be utilizing County funds.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Okay. Thank you.

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

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Okay. So, for Mr. Teruya, the key of all of this is executed agreements by the fiscal deadlines, that's the key document we need to have executed to take care of the funding? Is that the primary requirement? Or must we show a percentage of completion as well?

MR. TERUYA: Chair? Maybe I might need assistance from both the Budget Director and the Managing Director on this. But my understanding of this is it's a grant and it's to be used or at least encumbered. So, as long as we're working on the project, my understanding is that should be able to be funded if that's the question. If I misunderstood that question if you could . . . maybe I might need some assistance on that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Yeah, I apologize. So, this is how I see it, yeah. And I understand it from the visual perceive, yeah. They sent the State our money with Federal guidelines and requirements and they have a . . . deadlines, the window . . . the CARES window or whatever they call, and so the State is the pass through. So, I just need to know that again, yeah, we being' watched by the government by Congress on how we're moving through that with this allocation. And whether or not especially Senate Republicans is going to consider another stimulus bill that is intended to come potentially direct to the counties. How we operate now will determine that fate of the next legislation about direct payment to counties and municipalities. So, my thing is I don't see us having much besides consult and advise at this point in time. And so my point is can the Administration execute and provide your end of the follow-up of this funding so that it doesn't jeopardize our next round for the direct funding. You understand --

MR. TERUYA: Managing Director . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --what I'm saying? I need for you . . . I need to know what is the plan to get the money squared away so that we can move forward instead of us ending up in multiple discussions on how we want to use the money but the clock is still ticking. Yeah. While the clock ticking --

MR. BAZ: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --. . . *(inaudible)* . . . to be happening.

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MR. BAZ: Right. Thank you, Member Hokama. So, yes the clock is definitely ticking. You know, the Federal government gave us, you know, the ability to spend the money from . . . theoretically back to, you know, back dating it to March 1st. And we have to spend it. From our understanding it has to be spent by December 30th, but that's still a question that's going back up the chain to see if it needs to be . . . is spent meaning encumbered. Madam Chair, if I might just add a little bit . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Please go ahead, finish up.

MR. BAZ: So, yeah, so what we need . . . and maybe if . . . *(inaudible)*. . . ask, but what we need from you is to be able to go ahead and allow us to enter into this agreement with the State, you know, for the Federal money by recognizing it as grant revenue so that we can go and start applying this to our expenditures as soon as possible. I agree with you that they're going to be looking at, okay so what have you guys spent so far. The Senate Democrats and the . . . the House Democrats already passed additional legislation but the Senate Republicans have sat on it. I don't know that it would pass as . . .

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Mr. Director . . . *(inaudible)*. . . one yes or no clarification and that's it, yeah. Does the funding allow us to replace something we've already budgeted? That's --

MR. BAZ: No.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: --the big thing for this Committee. So, if the, you know, your answer is going . . . I mean can we supplement what we budgeted for with CARES money?

MR. BAZ: We . . . okay, so the short answer is no, we cannot supplant. We can supplement but not supplant. Very different terms, so yeah, we can't replace money that we had already budgeted for response to, with this money.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Mr. Director. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. Okay. Next we have Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Baz, welcome to our BlueJeans meeting. I have several questions that kind of go together so it counts as two. You know, you talked about the departments requesting more than the monies available. Well, in reality they always do, for every budget. Every single budget they ask for more. So, I don't really see that as an impediment at all. So, the other thing is, you know, when you talked about consulting . . . and I appreciate you folks having a broader view of what

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consulting is. Because we were hoping that you weren't going to say that consulting was reporting. Because reporting is in retrospect, you're reporting on something that happened generally. Consulting is prospective, it hasn't necessarily happened yet, and that's where we believe that we can play a major role in helping the Administration come to the best possible priorities and projects. Because one of . . . to me, one of the major priorities . . . and I'm hoping, Mr. Baz, this is correct, that the number one priority for you and for all of us is public health and safety. So, before we start talking about all these other projects . . . I mean, are we prepared for a surge? Are we prepared for prolonged practices of suppression? You know, the monies have to be allocated for that. So, before we start talking about, you know, replacing or assisting with benefits, et cetera. Are we fully prepared to take on any surge for any prolonged . . . an issue with keeping the suppression of the curve down? That's my question.

MR. BAZ: Yeah. Thank you, Chair Lee. So, always from the very beginning of this incident the public health and well-being has been the number one priority. You know, working with Department of Health we have objectives that we review and define and kind of address each week as we move forward in this event. We learn from every time that we've had a . . . you know, every aspect of this we learn from so that we can get better at and be prepared for. And yes, we. . . *(timer bell ringing)*. . . are preparing for a second wave, a surge, whatever you're going to call it we're preparing for that. And we . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay, Sandy. Sandy, my time is up. So, you know, can you just say that yes or no, that you are prepared and you have allocated sufficient funds to deal with any kind of surge or unusual spike?

MR. BAZ: I'd say yes we are prepared as we could be and we've allocated as much funds as we think might be necessary. But depending on the size of it, you know, I'm always going to hedge. Sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. No, that's a good answer. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Council Chair Lee. Okay. Members, Committee Vice-Chair King needs to step away for her niece is graduating. So, she's going to be stepping away in a moment. Are there any objections to allowing Committee Vice-Chair King to ask her last question?

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Members.

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VICE-CHAIR KING: Okay. Thank you, Members. I really appreciate that. I'm trying to listen to two meetings at one time is probably not good. But thank you, Chair. I had really quickly one suggestion since we're talking about where we'd like to see the funding going. And I . . . you know, I'd like to just put this in your mind, Mr. Baz, that we need more direct funding for the homeless issues that are happening and are continuing to suppress that part of our population. And I would like . . . would love it you guys could look at the issue that came up in the last term which was trying to find a parking situation for people to park overnight. Because there's a lot of people that just don't know where to go at night but this might be the opportune time to start dealing with that. The other question I wanted to bring up and I . . . somebody texted me while this meeting is going on, which is the benefit of livestreaming on Facebook, because people can be directly involved. But there's a . . . there was a concern about some of the organizations getting funding from the County taxpayer money when their political organizations are doing endorsements. And so --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: --are you guys screening that? Because I know Maui Chamber of Commerce does endorsements and the fact that they're getting funding from their person that they endorse. Is that . . . have you looked into that to make sure that's not a conflict?

MR. BAZ: I don't personally know if that's been reviewed. But we do provide funding to the Chamber of Commerce, have been for years. Made in Maui County festival is one of the larger things that we do. Not . . . I guess we could address . . . we could request an opinion from the Board of Ethics or from . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: . . .*(inaudible)*. . .

VICE-CHAIR KING: Yeah, I think that would be good to just, you know, make sure that we're clear on that with OIP.

MR. BAZ: I don't know that it would be OIP. It would be either. . .*(inaudible)*. . .or Corporation Counsel. Okay. Thank you.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Committee Vice-Chair King. And congratulations to your niece.

VICE-CHAIR KING: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Next is Member Molina.

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COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good morning, Mr. Baz and Director Yoshimura. With regards to community service funds I see 39 percent of that 66 plus million is being set aside for that. Specifically the grants for households, you know, is it . . . is this going to be modeled somewhat like after the stimulus checks we're getting from the Federal government? I guess qualifying families depending on their income level. What's the amount of the grants you're looking at at this point and I guess what is the maximum amounts families can receive? Have you guys come up with that plan yet or whoever the pass-through agency is?

MR. BAZ: So, I . . . no, not completely. We are getting feedback from MEO as far as the different criteria that have been placed on the distribution of funds as well as the level of funds available to each family. So, we are going to be working with them on that specific criteria.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. So, would you say what, maybe 25, 40, 50 percent of the . . . this 26 million is going towards that? I noticed also you have a . . . I guess rapid response vehicles as part of this. Is that to replace our existing rapid response vehicles, can you comment on that as well?

MR. BAZ: Sorry, I don't have the letter right in front of me. The rapid response vehicles are for the Police Department, and no that was not to replace existing ones. The exact allocation or even estimated . . . how much is going to go specifically to workers versus businesses versus, you know, homeless I guess. I can't really provide you but those are the main categories for the community services or community assistance type of grants, that 39 percent. You know, it's going to be assisting those that have either lost their jobs or have problems and need that assistance.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Probably for those I guess what Member Sugimura had mentioned the hotel folks that really need the help that have been laid off as well. So, okay now quickly my last question before my time is up. On property acquisition, you know, can you at this point share what specifically what major property the Administration is looking at or equipment? And also can we on the 7th and 8th floor use these funds as well for social distancing improvements for the 7th and 8th floor?

MR. BAZ: Yes, thank you. So, as far as property acquisition goes, we are mulling over a few different options and don't necessarily want to let any landowners be made aware that we're interested in their properties at this point when the allocations are still being setup. But there's some criteria, and the Mayor's been looking at some different needs and some of it's for social distancing and some of it's for homelessness. The social distancing requirements and those

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kind of options for your offices, yeah, we can . . . let's take a look at those and see what we can integrate. Some of it's for--

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay.

MR. BAZ: --plexiglass screens and, you know, things like that too. So, definitely. I'll work with Chair Lee.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Great. Thank you, Mr. Director. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Molina. Okay. Member Sinenci?

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. Okay thank you, Director Baz. Looking at this list I really appreciate, you know, where money was put towards our priorities. I like that it's going to community services, the quickest way to get to our constituents and our County residents. So, thank you for putting the bulk . . . the 39 percent towards our people. And like Chair Lee, I also, you know, support the next one, the public health and safety. Especially if we're going to be looking at additional protections for our communities, our remote communities, maybe the continuation of quarantine, the use of the National Guard, the airports . . . security at the airports. So,, you know, this section, the 28 percent it wasn't something that was part of the Administration's strategic planning as I remember. And so I really appreciate it if, you know, if the administration did come up with some of their priorities . . . more detailed anyway for the second item. My question I guess would be maybe is there a room for jumpstarting the economy . . . is there room to address the economy this budget?

MR. BAZ: So, thank you, Councilmember Sinenci. And yeah, those are obviously, you know, where your money is, your priorities are. So, those allocations you can see were our top priorities. As far as the needs, you know, those will again be defined . . . and we'll provide you a more detailed list. A lot of it's related to their functions and what we see in the future could be overtime costs, it could be recruitment costs for additional police if we can get them while they're unemployed, PPE, you know, equipment sanitation, as was mentioned before, rapid response vehicles, other training, you know, getting stuff prepared, emergency management preparations. You heard from Herman on Monday about the hurricane preparedness and how we're going to deal with COVID, stuff like that. So, those are kind of wrapped in the public safety piece of it. The community support does . . . you know, we want to continue the business loan, micro business loan program or some activities like that. But we're working with the small businesses on Maui to support . . . may not be so much of money . . . just throwing money at it. But what we're doing with kama`āina first and really trying to help promote that let's work together, buy local, you

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know, shop local and utilize our local services so that we can help to jumpstart our own economy. And get things, you know, smoothed out as . . . I don't know if you want to call it a soft opening, and then once we do have our economy ramped up again . . .(inaudible). . . utilize . . .(inaudible). . .

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. So . . . okay, my question . . . my first question is regarding . . . it's a follow-up to what Member Hokama was asking. So, I guess I was always of the understanding that some of the 66 million that we're getting from the CARES Act would be used to, you know, reimburse the County for funding that we spent on Coronavirus response. And if that's not the case anymore what is the Administration's plan for that? Are we going to request for FEMA reimbursements for those purchases?

MR. BAZ: Madam Chair? Yeah, thank you. So, as I mentioned we're going to try our best to get the CARES Act to reimburse the emergency funds that we've spent already. And what we can't we'll go ahead and try to get reimbursed from FEMA. And then . . . yeah, what we can't get reimbursed from CARES or FEMA then we're going to . . .(inaudible). . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Baz?

MR. BAZ: Did you hear me? Sorry, was I muted? Did you hear my response?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: It didn't show that you were muted but I couldn't hear you for a few seconds.

MR. BAZ: Okay. So, basically I said yeah, we're going to try our best to get reimbursed using the CARES Act funding and FEMA. But if we can't then it'll have to be utilized out of our Emergency Fund.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director Baz. And my last question before my time runs out. So, City and County of Honolulu launched their community health plan . . . I forget what it's called right now. Anyway it's similar to the stimulus checks that everyone received the \$1,200 checks. City and County of Honolulu is doing I think like \$1,000 a month or depending on how many dependents you have . . . oh, it's called the Household Hardship Relief Fund. Is that something that the Administration is considering doing for Maui County as well?

MR. BAZ: We haven't discussed that. I don't think that it would be something we'd really want to do. Mayor has really wanted to make sure we're addressing those that are in need and not just providing a check to everybody. So,, you know,

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because . . . well City and County of Honolulu got significantly more funding than we did on a, you know . . . so, yeah. Mayor wants to make sure that we're prioritizing to those that are unemployed and either, you know, needed . . . persons in need.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director Baz. Okay, Members, would you like to do another round or should I just ask if anyone has questions? Okay, it looks like another round. Okay. Oh, okay, all right. We'll start with Pro Temp Kama, followed by Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Okay. Well, thank you very, very much, Chair. And thank you, Mr. Baz, for coming. So, I just wanted to . . . to just ask you, I guess, point blank that this . . . as the Administration takes a look at all the needs of our community. Are you guys prioritizing what you think is really, really important and then just kind of like go like that? I mean as I look at all the money that's coming I realize that's going to be an end to this at some point in time. And I'd like to be able to see us, you know, putting a whole bunch or a ton of money into the diversification of our economy. And I know that we're doing some small business, micro-loan things but, I mean, I'd like to see us do a whole bunch of stuff that could actually look at diversifying our economy. So, is there a plan or is there a priority to do that? Thank you.

MR. BAZ: Short answer is yes. I know I talk a lot but yeah the short answer is yes. And that's part of what we're doing with the farm programs and other activities and things that we're trying to really look at. You know, the investment that we made in small medical manufacturing opportunities, if we can do more and more of those type of things to diversify our economy that's a really good goal that we have. Yes, the money will end, COVID-19 will . . . praying that it ends and we want to make sure that, you know, we have capabilities to move forward and learn from this both economically and socially. You know, understand that we also have a significant amount of other monies coming in that are Coronavirus relief, you know, from . . . you've heard about transportations and CDBG. . . *(inaudible)* . . . from Office of Aging in Section 8, and justice programs, different things like that. So, you know, there is going to be other Federal monies that are going to be helping us to respond to COVID.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Baz.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, thank you very much. This is what we needed all to get together and talk about. So, can I ask my question about the municipal liquidity facility or you want to wait till we're after . . . done about this?

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: We're talking about the 66 million CARES Act funding.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Yeah, so I think that it's related because if we wanted to that's where the money can be put into this bond fund that you had, you know, in that previous committee meeting. But I'll wait on that because I want to hear what the Director has to say because that was part of . . . even Senate Bill 75. I think Big Island is using that liquidity fund for these monies. But I wanted to know what the . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Ask your question, Member Sugimura.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, okay. So I can?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, that's my question then. What is . . . what can Director Teruya say about us using that municipal liquidity facility funding, which is bond funding. Is he still there?

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Director Teruya?

MR. TERUYA: Chair, yeah. My understanding is the Big Island did request to Chair Luke about possibly having them borrow some money for the Hawai'i County. My understanding is there's just two very big parts of it. First of all in order to qualify you need to get a certification that allows you to borrow, meaning you have to show that you cannot get financing on your own at a more favorable rate. So, you need to get a certification first. So, it's not simply that you want to, you got to be able to show that you cannot, that is the first part. If you get a certificate, you know, it is not cheap, for us it's not . . . it's a lender at last resort in my opinion because first of all the County can borrow at a better rate than the State can and on top of the State's rate you're going to have to pay ten basis points. So, you know, it's not something that's cheaper for us. So, like I said it's kind of at the last resort where you cannot go out and get a good rate on your own, therefore you might qualify for it. So, right now it's not like whether we want to or not, right now we probably couldn't get that certification. So, thank you, Chair.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: So, one last question then. So, you're saying that we couldn't get the certification . . . I always thought we had a great bond rate and that, you know, we probably would not have to rely on this type of funding. Director?

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MR. TERUYA: Yeah, that's exactly what I'm saying. So, we can get a better rate so we never could borrow under this program. Thank you, Chair.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Oh, that . . . oh, okay. So, that's why it's something you wouldn't want to do for Maui County because we can do better on our own?

MR. TERUYA: That's correct. We --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

MR. TERUYA: --can do better on our own, --

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Thank you.

MR. TERUYA: --and we wouldn't qualify. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Okay, Member Paltin?

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Director Baz. I heard that you said that we may be getting other Federal funding towards the Office of Aging and things like that. But I was wondering under the category of community services, is there anything specifically setup for mental health services? Because, you know, a lot of people are under emotional distress at this time, more so than usual, and, you know, the uncertainty and the changes. Are we specifically addressing it or is it just tucked in there?

MR. BAZ: Yeah, no. The Mayor has wanted to identify some funds out of the community services for mental health, domestic violence prevention, those kind of activities. He does understand that this is a definitely growing need in our . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: And . . . is there any look as to, you know, how to . . . because it's an ongoing need that's intensified because of the situation we're in as to how to . . . once the funding stops, how to not . . . not like wean people off the service but like to have them stand up on their own and be stronger. Based on the short duration of time that these funds are available only till December 30th or however long the grant is in progress. Is there a plan to not just give them the help and services that they desperately need now but to set a path for the future to make folks . . . or help them be more resilient than before?

MR. BAZ: So, the funding is specifically for COVID-19 and its impact to, you know, a wide variety of areas in our community. As far as need beyond that, you know,

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that's what's really going to have to be working with you, the County Council on your . . . you know, you guys are . . . we proposed funding for to . . . you know, our proposal for our budget. But really it's working with you guys on what you want to appropriate, how you prioritize and, you know, what's available as far as the services . . . *(inaudible)*. . . County funds. But another aspect of that is it's really dependent on our economy and what we're looking at for revenue and needs of our community in the future . . . *(inaudible)*. . . beyond December are kind of foggy right now. So, we want to make sure, you know, do the best we can right now to hopefully restore everybody to . . . as much to solid as we can but for just making it dependent on County services.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Yeah, I guess part of my concern is, you know, like we do want offer the most help that we can. But when the funding runs out I think to not get them to the point where they're more resilient or self-sufficient and just, you know, possibly drop folks from the service might be more harmful in the long run. So, if we can kind of brainstorm on how to address not only . . . *(inaudible)*. . . to people but supporting them once the funding runs out for the long term.

MR. BAZ: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Paltin.

COUNCILMEMBER PALTIN: Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Member Hokama?

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Appreciate you allowing us additional rounds. So, for me I'm going to use my time a little different, Chair. Thank you. So, for the Administration, Mr. Teruya. Thank you, Budget Director, Managing Director. This is what I would like to see if we can within the parameters and I depend on you guys to follow-up. I would like us to . . . see if we can expand the Lāna`i Agricultural Park project then by doubling the acreage for purchase from 50 to 100. As well as the ability to consider a processing plant with government inspection requirements whether it's for USDA, Department of AG. The site we're looking at is currently being cultivated by our entrepreneurs close to the State airport, close to the landfill. So, for me I'm looking at maybe expanding that where with the landfill we would look at a waste-to-energy project, tie that to the Ag park and in the intermediate connecting point would be our Lāna`i Technology Development Park. So, I'm looking at \$10-15 million for all three components. I would also like to consider a new community disaster response facility. I think our rural districts need to be . . . needs to move forward on this type of pre-disaster planning. And I think for Lāna`i I wouldn't mind considering a new community center that has the disaster response capacity with Wi-Fi and other

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requirements. That might be an 8 to \$10 million project. And then my final wish list if it can be done, a consideration of a cooperative purchase between the County and the State of Hawai'i for the Lāna'i watershed. Thank you very much, Chair. That is . . . my time for this round, I appreciate it. Thank you so much.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Hokama. My intention was to ask Members to put their ideas in writing and then we can track it better that way. So, if you'll bring your ideas in writing through EDB, EDB Committee will send it to the Administration and then we can get a response. And then that way we can continue our discussion on status updates on what your ideas are for the districts or Countywide.

COUNCILMEMBER HOKAMA: Thank you, Chair. Appreciate it.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chair Lee?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Baz, I have . . . well first of all I do have some ideas. But first I need to know what is the status of your plans to build a baseyard and County offices on the Wai'ale land?

MR. BAZ: So, we have some master planning that's been done and my staff is analyzing that for future. But it's not an immediate priority . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Well, you know, I was thinking that our emergency center should be a priority. Where is that going? Where --

MR. BAZ: Yeah, so we are . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: --in your immediate plans . . .

MR. BAZ: Yes. The new emergency operation center or that type of need is definitely an immediate need. We've had discussions with the . . . our Congressional delegation actually prior to COVID about getting some funding for that. My . . . have a preliminary plan for a project that would cost probably between 12 and \$15 million for . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Okay. But where is it going?

MR. BAZ: We're looking at having it on this campus.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: This campus. This campus that doesn't have enough parking right now. Okay. And then so the other thing is what . . . I'm sure that Brian Schatz and our Federal representatives and US State representatives asks for your suggestions as they craft their legislation. So, when they consult

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with you what are some of the priorities that you have conveyed to them on the Federal and State levels?

MR. BAZ: Related to COVID-19?

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: Yes.

MR. BAZ: Yeah, so pretty much everything that we've talked about. Yeah we have had telephone meetings with most of the Congressional delegation and we're providing them the same, basically the same information we're providing to you as far as what we need to support our community. And what we need to respond specifically to COVID-19 as far as . . .

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: And have they followed your suggestions?

MR. BAZ: Well, the one piece of legislation that they've been working on that would have included some of what we had proposed was the COVID 4.0. The House again passed it but the Senate hasn't.

COUNCILMEMBER LEE: All right, thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Chair . . . oh, sorry. Mahalo, Chair Lee. Okay. And then Member Molina. Member Molina?

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Yep. Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Baz, just a quick question related to community service funds again. We had a group called Autism Maui seeking matching funds to help needy families, will this be the appropriate program for them to apply for funds that they need?

MR. BAZ: I suppose. You can have them contact us, but I'm not sure what their need was. But you can have them contact us.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Okay, great. And then my last question, I was kind of inspired by Chair Lee's comments earlier about the need to emphasize these funds for health and safety. COVID-19 is spurring the growth of diseases in the mental health variety. We're seeing people getting stressed out. Like just the other week we had a guy in Makawao climb up on a telephone pole related to COVID-19 stress. Getting back to the rapid response vehicle, my question, I don't know if you can answer, but maybe if we get a response from Police. But why is there a need for more rapid response vehicles if they're not replacements? Is it because the Police is anticipating a spike in violence the longer we keep these quarantine policies in place which, you know, as you see on the mainland, in other states people are freaking out, they're protesting in front of buildings. Dr. Pang, the other day told us Hawai'i people are a little different in terms of expressing their stress and concerns, they will tend to do

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more things like suicide instead of going in front of the Capital building and start yelling and screaming. So, this is something that I'm really concerned about, so if some of these funds can be channeled to help our mental health people provide additional services. So, it is for me getting to be kind of worrisome. And so, when I saw this additional need for rapid response vehicles, what is this going to be used for? So, what are they anticipating down the road? Any comments to that, Mr. Baz?

MR. BAZ: Yeah. So, as I mentioned . . . I think Councilmember Paltin had asked. But yes we are going to be using a portion of this funding for community services for mental health, domestic violence and other . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And again it's for . . .

MR. BAZ: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Oh, sorry.

MR. BAZ: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: And just lastly . . .

MR. BAZ: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. And last thing on that, again something else for the rapid response vehicle thing too is that maybe they're also going to need these additional vehicles to help monitor citizen activity to make sure people are following the laws in place. Some people have told me it seems like marital law, I hope it doesn't get to that point. But if, you know, that question can be asked of the Police as well, why we need more rapid response vehicles as it relates to COVID-19. So . . .

MR. BAZ: Sure. And . . . *(inaudible)* . . . sorry, Member Molina. That was a small portion of their request but . . . yeah, they definitely need that to be able to monitor adherence to the Governor's proclamation and they Mayor's rules as it relates to . . . you know, the main thing of all of this is preventing spread, right? So, I understand that it's a very big burden on people's families and well beings to be, you know, stay at home, and be restricted from certain activities. But really important that those happen so that we don't have . . . we see on the mainland and other countries where, you know, it's been. . . *(timer bell ringing)* . . . opened back up and we have significant amount of cases coming back. So, that's really what we're trying to prevent.

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: Okay. Great. Thank you, Mr. Director. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you, Chair. I just had a clarification question. You know the Legislature, they had . . . it looks like they had put some of their funding, majority of their funding within a rainy day fund. So, I don't know if anybody can answer this. Is this the same . . . is our CARES Act funding different from the legislature who has put some of their funding for later? Does anyone want to answer?

MR. BAZ: I'm not 100 percent positive on what they're doing with their funds at the State level. But they have . . . they have to spend it the same timeframe by December 30th. So, I'm not sure if they would be putting money into specifically a rainy day fund. It may be that they're going to be allocating it differently but it's all appropriated in Fiscal Year '20.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Okay. So, they have a deadline of December 2020, yeah?

MR. BAZ: Correct, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Thank you. And then, you know, Councilmember King brought up an interesting point and it just kind of reminds me. At the national level we're seeing a lot of . . . and I'm not saying that Maui County is like our national counterparts. But, you know, as far as monies being placed and maybe using partisan. . . *(inaudible)*. . . to politicize maybe how we go about. So, I mean just considering now that our community is stuck on, you know, on the news the majority of the time. And we've got these types of open-ended meetings. I mean is there a plan for the Administration, just to set some protocols as we move forward in budgeting the CARES Act?

MR. BAZ: I'm not sure what protocols. It really is based on the requirements of the Federal government and the State, and as far as the allocated use of the . . . *(inaudible)*. . .

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Oh, okay. So, the County is already bound to restricted guidelines on how to use the funding.

MR. BAZ: Yes, yeah. I mean and the main thing is it has to be COVID related. And beyond that --

COUNCILMEMBER SINENCI: Right.

MR. BAZ: --you know, that's what we're looking for.

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

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sinenci. Okay. Okay. Okay. Director Baz, so my last question during the first round was regarding the household hardship relief funds that the City and County of Honolulu has established. And so, you said that the Administration is not considering that because it's for those that need. So, this program is need based, so it's a hardship relief fund. And then there's a criteria involved where applicants would have no more than \$10,000 in liquid assets and AMI less than 100 percent and that their economic hardship would be due to COVID or related business closures. And so, I know a lot of the stress that our community members are going through right now is financial stress. And that, you know, aside from, you know, being like locked up it's also, like how are we going to pay the bills if you know they're not . . . they don't have income right now. And so, it's a thousand dollars per month and it's 15 percent of what they received. So they put \$25 million of their 387 million and 15 percent of our 66 million is 10 million. So, I know you said that they got more money than us but they didn't, they put 25 million towards this program. So, if you looked at that model, but . . . okay, go ahead.

MR. BAZ: Madam Chair, I apologize. I get it . . . related it to the Federal stimulus check which was just given --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Sorry, that was my fault.

MR. BAZ: --. . .*(inaudible)*. . .

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

MR. BAZ: Yeah, and just looking at the news article on their program right now. And it really looks like our H.E.L.P. program. They've, you know, they're utilizing Aloha United Way and. . .*(inaudible)*. . .and Helping Hands to basically provide that same type of . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: But the amount is a lot less. I thought our H.E.L.P. program was only giving a hundred dollars a month.

MR. BAZ: It's . . . it depends on the family size. It's up to \$800 a month depending on your family size and your need. But --

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: So . . .

MR. BAZ: --and as I mentioned before that we, you know, would like to . . . we're discussing with MEO about changing the criteria. And one of those changes might possibly be increasing the amount for each individual family.

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CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mahalo, Director Baz. And I'll give my time to Pro Temp Kama who looks like she really wants to chime in on this. Go ahead, Pro Temp Kama.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you, Chair. So, yes, you're correct. You know but the thing that is troubling about the H.E.L.P. program is that if we created it to help those who had become unemployed during this time. But even before COVID we already had people who were having and going through hard times. These are people who are unemployed and who are now at the end of their unemployment and now they can't get any more unemployment because when COVID came that's when it stopped. Because . . . I mean I know people who were unemployed and then in January they fell off the unemployment because they just ran out, I mean right. So, now they're not employed they got go look for jobs, there's no jobs to be found and so people need to be, I think, retrained. If this is what they were doing and now there's nothing in that then they got to go do something else. So, my sense is . . . so, to help these people in their time of hardship right now maybe it means not just giving them money but actually giving them training. It's like, I will train you to do something else aside from the profession that you're in but I will give you X amount of dollars if you go do this. I mean I don't want to just give people money just because I know they're suffering. But let's help them to retrain them or retool them so they can be more productive prior to COVID. So, I want to make sure that, you know, we know that the H.E.L.P. money was for people who were working that became unemployed and there is a limited amount of money that you can qualify for. So, there's always these people in the gap who don't qualify here but there's nothing for them. And that's why I think what we're trying to do in term of is there something that we can do similar to Honolulu. Because I don't think it's the same as the H.E.L.P., I think it's very, very different and so I just want to make sure that we have a deeper dive into the conversation so we can really get to the people to whom we really want to help. So, thank you, Chair. Thank you, Mr. Baz.

MR. BAZ: Yes, thank you. And that is part of the funding that OED had requested. You know, a section of OED is workforce development and job training. So, they wanted to focus some money towards that specific thing, especially if we're going to be changing our economy, you know, or trying to diversify our economy. We're going to have to do . . . make sure that our employment base has the skills needed to address that versus the skills need maybe for tourism-related jobs. And I believe that there's allocation in FY '21 funding for that as well.

COUNCILMEMBER KAMA: Thank you. Excepting that, you know, the FY '21 comes in two more months. We're talking about people today because technically some of these people have been suffering since yesterday. So, I think we're

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trying to be able to take care of immediate-immediate kinds of needs. And as each day goes by . . . and as a former pastor people still call me. And what I do with them . . . and I always believe that, you know, if you have a faith then that's where you need to go back to because there's nothing else that's going to save you. But we as government leaders certainly have the potential to be able to delay some of that tension, to be able to decrease some of that. I mean what Dr. Pang told us the other day was you know our job is to keep people calm. That's our job, is to keep them calm but we're not going to help keeping them calm if we ourselves is over . . . if we get over excited about stuff, like not taking care of our people. So, my sense is we should do all that we can to help to mitigate the stresses on our people, and you know, money helps to relieve some stresses, so does prayer. But in combination that always is the answer. So, thank you, Chair. Thank you for your time.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Pro Temp Kama. I agree. I support your idea. Okay, Members, any other questions? We have two more quick things to go over after this. Okay. Seeing no other questions, so let's . . . I heard everyone suggest ideas, so if you would like to, you know, put that in writing. And if you want to submit those ideas today to EDB, if you want to e-mail EDB then you can. If not I'll accept your ideas in writing at our next EDB meeting on June 4th, okay. Okay. Okay, so we're going to move forward. I don't see any need for questions. Oh, Member Molina?

MR. BAZ: . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

MR. BAZ: Sorry. I'm going to leave then. Thank you, Madam Chair and Members, for the opportunity.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Baz. Okay. So, the last couple items that we just need to discuss before we adjourn, is the \$13 million COVID grants item that we have in . . . on the next Council meeting that I'm looking at passing on the floor, the budget amendment. And then putting in a \$10 million COVID grants line item in the FY '21 Budget that will also be next week Tuesday's Council meeting. I wanted to ask Director Yoshimura to provide any comments on that.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Chair, thank you. So, originally we did ask for a \$3 million budget amendment to Appendix A so that we could receive grants related to COVID that weren't anticipated but were coming to the departments and, you know, to expedite the process. And we put it all under the Department of Finance so that we could have a good tracking procedure. Subsequently we asked for another \$10 million because we did get additional grants. So, the additional 10 million is up for approval I think on May 26th, the final approval. The

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departments have been receiving grants, we did get a total of about \$10.3 million of grants outside of the CARES Act. And that's what we're using this appropriation for. So, we did get community development block grants, \$1.1 million. FTA gave us a grant through the Department of Transportation at \$7.8 million. Office of Aging have received Title 3 program monies and about \$720,000. Section 8 Housing has gotten additional voucher program grants in the amount of \$340,000. And the Office of Justice has given the Police Department and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office a total of \$260,000. So, those . . . the notifications of grant awards have been submitted to the Council with the specific uses for those funds. And having the umbrella item in Appendix A has helped us to expedite the acceptance and the use of the funds. So, if we could request that in Fiscal Year 20 we have another umbrella item put in there for 10 million. And we would follow the same reporting criteria that we've been using to send you the notification of the grant award and then what the criteria of the expenditures are. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director Yoshimura. Okay. Members, do you have any questions regarding those two items? Chair Lee? Oh, did you have a question? Oh, okay. Okay. So, that's going to be something that . . . an amendment I'll propose next week Tuesday at our Council meeting when we take up the budget, the 10 million in grants. I do have a question regarding the current grants that we received, Dr. Yoshimura. I . . . maybe I missed it but for SNAP did DHHC receive any additional funding's for SNAP benefits?

MS. YOSHIMURA: Okay. So, so far what we got for DHHC is home-delivered meals and family caregiver support funding. And all . . . that's primarily for congregate meals, home meals, and caregiver support. But I can follow-up on SNAP, yeah.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Mahalo, Director Yoshimura. Okay. I think . . . I think that was everything. Director Yoshimura, was there anything else that we discussed needing to provide to the Committee? I think that . . . *(inaudible)* . . .

MS. YOSHIMURA: No. I think we covered all the different sources of funding that the Council has approved for us. And we'll continue to update you with the reports and look forward to Tuesday's meeting. Thank you.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Director. Okay, Members, we're at the end of the agenda. The intention is to defer this item and, you know, continue to schedule --

COUNCILMEMBER MOLINA: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: --it at every EDB meeting. Mahalo, Member Molina.

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COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

ACTION: DEFER pending further discussion.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. Okay. So, are there any other questions before I adjourn? Okay. Oh, Member Sugimura?

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Appreciate the Budget Director's summary of this 13 million or 10.3 million. So, the new umbrella item that is going to come before us for another 10 million, is there a reason why we don't just make it for a higher amount or are you basically staying at that 10 million level? Or is there a need to . . . unless if I don't understand what it's for, the umbrella item.

MS. YOSHIMURA: Councilmember Sugimura, I had requested through Chair Rawlins 10 million. I felt that that was a number that we'd be comfortable with. If we do need to increase it during the fiscal year we can always come in with an amendment. Or if you want to increase it more that's fine too.

COUNCILMEMBER SUGIMURA: Okay. It just seems all this money is coming in and . . . you easily are reaching the cap. And we get informed of it as it happens. So, I just wondered if, you know, we needed to have a higher umbrella, but thank you. You answered my question.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Member Sugimura. Mahalo, Director. Okay. Members, any other questions? Okay. Seeing none, okay, so EDB-85 has been deferred. And again we'll bring up the item to discuss at the June 4th meeting. And if you would like to submit via e-mail today your written . . . your ideas in writing. I'll be happy to receive that and ensure that it gets to the Administration. Otherwise I will receive your . . . any ideas that you would like to submit in writing on the June 4th EDB meeting, okay. Okay, great. Okay. So, we are done for today and I want to thank you all so much for not asking for a break or complaining that we didn't get one, I'm sorry about that and I'm happy that you just left when you needed to go. So, mahalo for bearing with all of us. And we have a meeting today at 1:30, Healthy Families and Communities chaired by Member Hokama. So, at 1:30. Okay, Members, so if there are no objections I will adjourn our meeting.

COUNCILMEMBERS: No objections.

CHAIR RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ: Mahalo, Members. It's 11:46 on May 21st and Economic Development and Budget Committee is now adjourned. . . .(gavel). . .

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ADJOURN: 11:46 a.m.

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Keani Rawlins-Fernandez

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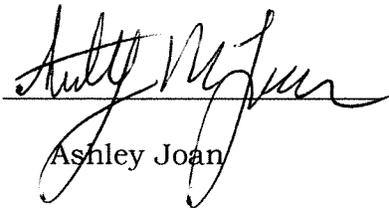
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CERTIFICATE

I, Ashley Joan, hereby certify that the foregoing represents to the best of my ability, a true and correct transcript of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not in any way concerned with the cause.

DATED the 12th day of June, 2020, in Pukalani, Hawai'i


Ashley Joan