

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

September 5, 2008

**Committee
Report No.**

08-105

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

Chair and Members:

Your Budget and Finance Committee, having met on August 18, 2008, makes reference to County Communication No. 07-306, from the Prosecuting Attorney, transmitting a copy of a Grant Award letter dated November 5, 2007, from the State Department of the Attorney General for the Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. The Grant Award letter transmits an executed contract to the Prosecuting Attorney in the amount of \$122,480 for the VWAP.

Your Committee notes that funding for the VWAP is through a Federal Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant administered by the State Department of the Attorney General, Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division. Your Committee further notes that the goal of the Federal VWAP is to ensure that victims of Federal crime are treated with fairness and respect.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Assistant Budget Director, Office of the Mayor; the Director of Finance; the Prosecuting Attorney; the Administrative Officer, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; the Victim Witness Director, Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; and the First Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Director of Finance noted that the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget included an appropriation for the VWAP.

The Prosecuting Attorney stated that the four positions funded by the grant are currently filled.

Your Committee voted to recommend filing of the communication.

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Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS that County Communication No. 07-306 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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