

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 11, 2008

Committee
Report No.

_____ 08-1

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 December 17, 2007, makes reference to County Communication No. 07-324, from the Budget Director, transmitting a proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Budget, relating to grant revenues, as it pertains to the Civil Defense Agency by appropriating \$10,000 for the FY 2007 Citizen Corps Program; \$400,310 for the FY 2007 Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program; and \$663,867 for the FY 2007 State Homeland Security Grant Program.

By correspondence dated December 13, 2007, the Budget Director transmitted the following:

1. A revised proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY".

The revised proposed bill reorganizes the grant appropriations to reflect both FY 2006 and FY 2007 grant funds under each of the following programs: Citizen Corps Program, State Homeland Security Program, and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program.

2. Correspondence dated October 4, 2007, from Robert G. F. Lee, Major General, Director of Civil Defense, informing the Mayor that the State of Hawaii has been awarded the FY 2007 Homeland Grant Program funds and transmitting the "Memorandum of Agreement for the FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program".

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Your Committee notes that Homeland Security Grant Program funds are administered by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Preparedness Directorate Grants and Training, through the Hawaii Department of Defense, Civil Defense Division. These funds are provided to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from threats and incidents of terrorism.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director, the Civil Defense Administrator, and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

The Civil Defense Administrator stated that a large portion of the FY 2006 and FY 2007 grant funds is designated for improving the County's microwave communications for "first responders", and will be spent over a period of several years.

He further stated that the two full-time positions in the State Homeland Security Program will be funded by Homeland Security grant funds and not by the County's General Fund.

Your Committee was concerned that the existing emergency shelters in West Maui do not have a secure source of water during periods of heavy rain.

The Civil Defense Administrator explained that the Civil Defense Agency is assessing the storm-related problems at the emergency shelters, which are State-owned facilities. He said that the State is aware that water was not available at the emergency shelters during the most recent storm because debris blocked the water intakes.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the revised proposed bill and filing of the communication.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed bill, approved as to form and legality by the Department of the Corporation Counsel, incorporating your Committee's requested revision to change the year of the bill from "(2007)" to "(2008)".

Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Bill No. _____ (2008), as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A

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OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI
AS IT PERTAINS TO THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY”, be PASSED
ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and

2. That County Communication No. 07-324 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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