

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 25, 2008

**Committee
Report No.**

_____ 08-13

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 January 7, 2008, makes reference to County Communication No. 07-348, 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 DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Appendix A, Part I, of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Budget, relating to grant revenues, as it pertains to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns by increasing the appropriation for the Home Investment Partnership Program from \$963,000 to \$2,998,481.

Your Committee notes that the purposes of the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program are to "expand the supply of decent, affordable housing for low and very-low income families with emphasis on rental housing, to strengthen the abilities of State and local governments and non-profit organizations in designing and implementing affordable housing programs, to create and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including non-profit and for-profit organizations in the production and management of affordable housing."

Your Committee further notes that the HOME Program provides funds for the American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) Program, which is a downpayment assistance program to help low-income families achieve homeownership, and for Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) projects.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director; the Director of Finance; the Deputy Director of Housing and Human Concerns; a Housing Program Specialist, Department of Housing and Human Concerns; and a Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

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The Housing Program Specialist stated that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation has previously made available to the County \$1,006,554 of FY 2005 HOME Program funds, \$996,172 of FY 2006 HOME Program funds, and \$995,755 of FY 2007 HOME Program funds. These funds will be distributed as follows: (1) \$900,000 for the Kenolio Leilani Subdivision (CHDO project); (2) \$1,800,417 for the Waiehu Mauka (CHDO project); (3) \$43,064 for ADDI programs; and (4) \$255,000 for administrative expenses.

Your Committee voted to recommend passage of the 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 OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI AS IT PERTAINS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND HUMAN CONCERNS", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and
2. That County Communication No. 07-348 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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