

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

# BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

February 20, 2004

Committee  
Report No.

04-28

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 27, 2004, makes reference to County Communication No. 04-10, from the Budget Director, transmitting the following:

1. A proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT RELATING TO EDI-SPECIAL PROJECT NO. B-03-SP-HI-0186".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize acceptance of a \$670,613 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the EDI-Special Project No. B-03-SP-HI-0186.

2. A proposed bill entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 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) 2004 Budget, relating to grant revenues, as it pertains to the Department of Housing and Human Concerns, by appropriating \$670,613 from HUD for the EDI-Special Project No. B-03-SP-HI-0186.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Budget Director, the Director of Housing and Human Concerns, and the First Deputy Corporation Counsel.

There was no public testimony.

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Your Committee expressed concern that the transmittal letter and Exhibit "1" to the proposed resolution, which referred to a grant called "EDI - Special Project No. B-03-SP-HI-0186", did not include enough information for your Committee to determine the purpose of the grant.

Your Committee requested that the Budget Director and the various departments receiving grant funds provide more descriptive information about the grants in the transmittal letters and related documents.

The Director of Housing and Human Concerns informed your Committee that the grant was recommended by the Office of Senator Daniel K. Inouye. The funds will be applied to the Housing Division's new office and a senior housing project planned in Kahului. The Director further explained that the Housing Program currently pays \$95,000 a month to rent office space, which is paid with Federal funds. In order to address the Housing Program's office requirements and the senior housing needs, the Department is working on a plan to construct a building to accommodate the Housing Division and provide additional senior housing. The facility is planned as a County, Federal, State, and private cooperative project. Currently, a land donation is being reviewed. She stated that once all aspects of the project are resolved, she will return to Council for approval.

Your Committee expressed concerns that: (1) a policy decision regarding the construction of a new building and senior housing project is being made without Council input; (2) when the project is referred to the Council, the Council will be placed in a difficult position because it is often too late to make changes; and (3) other proposed locations, possibly in Wailuku, should be considered.

The Director stated that she would be updating the Council through meetings with your Housing and Human Services Committee and that the grant is not tied to a site specific.

Your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, passage of the proposed bill on first reading, and filing of the communication.

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Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT RELATING TO EDI-SPECIAL PROJECT NO. B-03-SP-HI-0186", be ADOPTED;
2. That Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ (2004), attached hereto, entitled "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 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
3. That County Communication No. 04-10 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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**G. RIKI HOKAMA** **Chair**

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