

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 17, 2003

Committee

Report No. 03-123

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 September 30, 2003, makes reference to County Communication No. 03-231, from the Budget Director, transmitting the following:

1. A proposed resolution entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RELATING TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION NONURBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM".

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to authorize acceptance of a \$685,900 grant from the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation.

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 TRANSPORTATION".

The purpose of the proposed bill is to amend Appendix A, Part I, of the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, relating to grant revenues, by appropriating \$685,900 from the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program.

At its meeting, your Committee met with the Deputy Director of Transportation and a Corporation Counsel.

Your Committee received oral and written testimony from Victor Reyes, Administrator of the Transportation Division of the Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. (MEO) in support of the grant. Mr. Reyes informed your Committee that the

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funds will be used to reimburse the MEO transportation program for the Federal Fiscal Years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003.

The Deputy Director of Transportation stated that the grant is a pass-through from the Federal government, to the State, then to the County for reimbursement to MEO. The FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program reimburses operational costs associated with providing general transportation services and transportation services meeting the special needs of the elderly and disabled persons. The grant is used for staff salaries, insurance, and supplies relating to the transportation program.

The Deputy Director of Transportation informed your Committee that historically, the Federal funding is delayed one or two years, and that the three-year delay was unusual. He also explained that bus replacement is funded through a different Federal grant program.

Your Committee requested that the Department of Transportation provide an updated bus replacement schedule, and a report including the number, the cost, and the funding sources for buses replaced during the County's Fiscal Years for 2001, 2002, and 2003.

After a brief discussion, your Committee voted to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution, passage of the proposed bill on first reading, and filing of the communication.

Your Budget and Finance Committee RECOMMENDS the following:

1. That Resolution No. _____, attached hereto, entitled "AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RELATING TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION NONURBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM", be ADOPTED;
2. That Bill No. _____ (2003), 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 TRANSPORTATION", be PASSED ON FIRST READING and be ORDERED TO PRINT; and

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3. That County Communication No. 03-231 be FILED.

Adoption of this report is respectfully requested.

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