On July 1, 2022, the County of Maui’s Fiscal Year 2023 Budget will take effect and will run until June 30, 2023. For the first time ever, the County’s budget is over $1 billion and reflects the County’s intention to lay a strong foundation for our future. Here are a few highlights:

### Operating Budget

- Operating Budget: $805.9 million
- REAL PROPERTY TAXES
- Finance $13.7 million
- Police $68.3 million
- Fire and Public Safety $48.5 million
- Housing and Human Concerns $35.6 million
- Management $22.3 million
- Office of the Mayor $29 million
- Parks and Recreation $38.6 million
- Personnel Services $2.2 million
- Liquor $3.4 million
- Prosecuting Attorney $8.2 million
- Planning $7.4 million

### Capital Budget

- Capital Budget: $263.8 million
- Sewer $55.5 million (21.0%)
- Sanitation $15.5 million (5.9%)
- Road Improvements $28.2 million (10.7%)
- Parks and Recreation $28.6 million (10.8%)
- Water Supply $29.4 million (11.1%)
- Drainage $21.3 million (8.1%)
- Government Facilities $32.9 million (12.5%)
- Other Projects $52.6 million (19.3%)

**NOTE:** TRUE SUM MAY BE DIFFERENT DUE TO ROUNDING

### Real Property Taxes

Real Property Taxes continues to be the largest source of revenue for the County. With property values continually increasing, adjustments were made to lower rates for owner-occupied homes valued at $1 million or less, which will be $2.00 per $1,000 of value, a notable reduction from the previous fiscal year. Rates for non-owner occupied homes and short-term rentals were increased in an attempt to prioritize owner-occupied homes.

To view all rates go to: MauiCounty.gov/Budget

### TOTAL FY 2023 BUDGET

**$1.069 BILLION**
INVESTING IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Housing continues to be the biggest cost for many families. The County remains committed to addressing the need for affordable housing and this long-standing issue.

- **First-Time Home Buyers Program** – the County will invest another $1 million for down payment assistance of up to $30,000 for new homeowners.
- **Affordable Housing Fund** – this year, 7.5 percent of real property tax revenue, totaling $32.7 million will go towards supporting affordable housing. This is in addition to $5.5 million in grants for affordable rental housing programs and support to home buyers.
- **Investing in housing infrastructure** - $1.8 million to conduct feasibility studies on County-owned land to identify the infrastructure needs to provide attainable housing for our residents. This is in addition to the County's private-public infrastructure partnership with the Waikapū Country Town development to assist in developing of over 1,500 housing units.
- **Front Street Apartments** - $6 million for property acquisition to keep 142-units in a multifamily rental project in West Maui affordable in perpetuity.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In FY 2023, the County of Maui is slated to grant approximately $43 million in grant subsidies to non-profits that will assist in the areas of social services, agriculture, economic development, culture and the arts. A few highlights include:

- **Grants for business development and technology** - over $5.7 million for programs such as Maui Economic Development Board, Maui Economic Opportunity (MEO), sports and events promotions, Lahaina Town Action Committee, and Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike.
- **Grants for culture, arts, and tourism** - $2.3 million for programs such as Binhi At Ani Community Center, Hui No'eau Visual Art Center, Maui Arts and Cultural Center, and Maui Film Festival.
- **Grants for food, shelter and safety** - $1 million for underserved communities.
- **Grants for early childhood programs** - $2.2 million for programs such as MEO, Imua Family Services, and Maui Family Support Services.
- **Grants for health, human services, and education** - $6.7 million for programs such as Feed My Sheep, Habitat for Humanity Maui, Hale Maha'olū, Hale Makua, and the J. Walter Cameron Center.
- **Grants for substance abuse prevention and treatment** - $1.2 million for programs such as MEO’s BEST program, Youth Alcohol Education, and Aloha House.
- **Grants for Youth Centers and Programs** - $3.5 million for programs such as Boys & Girls Club of Maui, and Youth Centers in Hāna, Pā'ia, Moloka'i, Lāna'i and Kihei.

UPGRADING OUR PARKS

Well-maintained park facilities help our community stay active and fit. A few highlights of the improvements this coming year include:

- **War Memorial Complex** - $10 million to repair the gym’s structure, flooring, and bleachers, and the installation of air conditioning, and $7.2 million for the rehabilitation of the stadium and track. This is a continuation of previous investments of $15.2 million in FY 22.
- **Velma McWayne Santos Center** - $1 million to install air conditioning and other general upgrades.
- **West Maui Parks** - $1.3 million for facility upgrades at Nāpili Park and Lahaina Recreation Center along with planning for the new 50-acre County Park
- **Enhanced beach park services** - 24 personnel and funding to expand services at beach parks, including increased ocean safety services and, hours; and adding lifeguards at Pu'u Keka'a in Kā'anapali.

PERPETUATING OUR CULTURE

Maui County has a strong commitment on perpetuating our Native Hawaiian culture. The County will invest in programs and facilities that will benefit our community for generations to come:

- **Hālau of ‘Oiwi Art** - $43 million for the design and construction of a facility in Wailuku that will foster the art of hula and other cultural practices, along with $500,000 to start the planning and coordination efforts for the center.
- **Nearly $1 million** to support programs such as: Hālau Ke‘alaokamaile led by Kumu Keali‘i Reichel - to continue construction of a Hawaiian heritage and culture center; Festivals of Aloha for each island community; renovations to Ka‘ahumanu Church; renovations to the Bailey House Museum; continued restoration of Moku‘ula and Mokuhinia.
VISITOR MANAGEMENT
As tourism returns, the County understands that more must be done to strike a balance between visitors and local residents enjoying what Maui Nui has to offer. Investments this year include:

- **Park Maui Project** - $3.8 million for the Maui County Department of Transportation to proactively control County owned parking at beach parks, in business districts, and on streets throughout the County’s most heavily utilized areas.
- **Tourism Management** - $500,000 in grants for programs to assist in managing tourism in Maui County, including a $100,000 grant to the Maui Nui Marine Resource Council for reef protection and visitor education on Maui County’s coral reefs, clean ocean water, and native marine life.

INVESTING IN OUR ROADWAYS
One of the top concerns of residents continues to be the conditions of our roadways. The FY 2023 budget proposes to appropriate $28.2 million for road improvements. The following projects are included in the budget:

- **Lower Kula Road pavement** - Lower Kula Road from Kula Highway to Po‘ohina Road.
- **Pukalani Terrace Subdivision pavement** - Hālaulani, Hanalana, 'Ehili, and Ikalani Streets.
- **Kamehameha Avenue and Wakea Avenue upgrades** - improvements include intersection configuration, traffic signal upgrades, and drainage.

The following projects are slated to begin the design phase in FY 23 with construction in future years:

- **Lower Main Street Resurfacing** - from Hala Place to Waiehu Beach Road.
- **Lahainaluna Road Pavement Rehabilitation** - Lahainaluna Road from the intersection of Honoapi‘ilani Highway to the northeast end.
- **South Kihei Road Pavement Rehabilitation** - South Kihei Road from the intersection of Uwapo Road to Ka‘ono‘ulu Street.
- **Makawao Avenue Pavement Reconstruction Phase 2** - Makawao Avenue from Apana Road to Pi‘iholo Road, including improvements to Kalama Bridge and Balthazar Bridge.
- **‘Imi Kālā Extension** - ‘Imi Kālā Street between Lower Main Street and Mill Street and between ‘Ehā Street and Kahakili Highway. This project is aimed at helping to alleviate the traffic congestion on Kahakili Highway.

INVESTING IN OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES
Maui County is a tri-isle community, and it is important that we invest in all of our regions. Projects include:

- **LĀNA‘I**
  - **Skate Park & Youth Center** - $1.5 million for a new Lāna‘i Skate Park.
  - **Fifth Street Courts Resurface & Improvements** - $350,000 for upgrades.
  - **Lāna‘i Agricultural Park** - $1 million for land acquisition costs.

- **MOLOKA‘I**
  - **Puko‘o Fire Station** - $500,000 for renovations.
  - **Moloka‘i Rural Health Community Association** - $600,000 to diversify the Moloka‘i workforce on through certification and licensing, with an emphasis on providing kupuna care services.
  - **Moloka‘i Robotics** - $25,000 to allow this long-time program at Moloka‘i High School to continue.

- **HĀNA**
  - **Old Hāna School Improvements** - $1 million for the renovation of the existing buildings.
  - **Kalepa Revetment and Seawall Repairs** - $700,000 for replacing the existing rock revetment and seawall along Hāna Highway at Kalepa Point.

PROMOTING AGRICULTURE
Investing in local agricultural producers is critical to meeting the counties long-term food sustainability goals. Programs this coming year include:

- **Agricultural Promotion and Technology** - $1.3 million for programs that provide education, skills, and a community support network that beginning farmers need to be successful in their agriculture enterprises.
- **Agricultural Micro Grants Program** - $3 million to provide grant payments in support of farming operations through infrastructure upgrades, packaging, farm equipment, marketing, and professional development. This is a continuation of $1.5 million in FY 22.
- **Feral Animal Relief and Recovery** - $1 million to assist farmers and ranchers with feral animal mitigation and recovery with sustained economic losses resulting from the loss of pasture forage for cattle, destruction of farms, reduced crop yields, and other agriculture property damages arising directly from the excessive axis deer population and other feral animals. This is a continuation of a previous investment of $1.5 million in FY 22.
- **$750,000** to programs such as the Kula Agricultural Park to establish a UV water treatment system to wash produce to meet food safety standards; Maui Nui Botanical Gardens to promote and conserve Native Hawaiian plants; University of Hawai‘i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) to support Maui County agricultural research and assistance to the farming community.
Aloha,

As we look ahead to the upcoming Fiscal Year, which officially begins on July 1, 2022, I am proud to see how far we have come. Our economy is back on track, families and friends are gathering again, and our community has continued to demonstrate its resiliency and fortitude during some of the most difficult times.

Now more than ever, the cost of living in our community is at the forefront of many people's minds. Inflation, compounded with supply chain issues, have stretched our household budgets. We must continue to assist and support our local working families, who are the backbone of our County.

My focus has been and will continue to be investing into the health and well-being of our community. This includes creating new job opportunities, economic diversification, mitigating climate change impacts, and infrastructure development. It means properly managing tourism and its impacts in our community, and protecting existing units and providing more affordable housing inventory for local residents.

The purpose of this newsletter is to highlight some of the plans we have in store for the upcoming fiscal year to help better our community.

We all want Maui County to thrive. We need to remain focused and united so we can make our community better Together.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel to reach out to me or my office.

Mahalo,
Mayor Michael P. Victorino