

BF Committee

From: Terryl Vencl <tvencl@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:42 AM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Maui Lani Roundabout

Aloha Chair Riki Hokama and Council Members,

My name is Terryl Vencl and i speak for myself in that I support the proposed Maui Lani Roundabout. The traffic at that 4-way stop is terribly dangerous. I travel that road everyday and try to avoid and take long way around during certain times of day because of the traffic and people's aggression getting through the 4-way.

Additionally, I have been known to call county offices regarding the dangers of stacking the traffic in and around the athletics fields. It sets up a very dangerous situation for our kids.

I agree with comments that we will adapt to the Roundabout and that method of traffic control works in other places.

Please approve the Roundabout request in the 2019 fiscal year budget before we have a tragedy.

Aloha Terryl

BF Committee

From: ozzyozbrn <ozzyozbrn@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 7:43 AM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Please support the Kihei Youth Center

Thank you for supporting the Kihei Youth Center for the past 35 years and please consider supporting them for the upcoming 2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$276,054. Your support will allow the Kihei Youth Center to continue to provide a safe and positive place for the youth of Maui.

Thank You,

Larry and Jann Arevalo

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BF Committee

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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 7:55 AM
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BF Committee

From: Maui Manjookies <mikes.minimart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:09 AM
To: BF Committee
Cc: info@hightechmaui.org
Subject: Re: BF-1 Maui Economic Development Board OED Grant

To whom it concerns:

My name is Janelle Fukuoka, owner of Maui Manjookies. I am a local born Maui resident and opened up my business in 2014. We sell manjookies, cookies and packaged snacks that can be purchased at my store in Kahului. We also wholesale my products to a few retailers on Maui.

I was a vendor who participated in the Made in Maui County Festival in 2017 and through that I was introduced to the UHMC-Maui Food Innovation Center. I enrolled as a student for the MFIX Cohort and graduated as the 5th class on March 29, 2018. MFIX has voluntary guest speakers who share their wealth of knowledge and wisdom. Through this, it helped me build a better foundation to guide my business on the correct path to accelerated growth.

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I humbly ask that you support funding for the MEDB in 2019. I have built a partnership/friendship with Gerry and will be using his services to meet my business goals. Gerry is humble, trustworthy and dedicated to helping the County of Maui and small business like myself! We will all benefit from his services to the community.

Sincerely,

Janelle Fukuoka, Owner

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BF Committee

From: Maui Manjookies <mikes.minimart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:11 AM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Re: BF-1 Maui Economic Development Board OED Grant

Re: BF-1 Maui Economic Development Board OED Grant

April 9, 2018

To whom it concerns:

My name is Jannelle Fukuoka, owner of Maui Manjookies. I am a local born Maui resident and opened up my business in 2014. We sell manjookies, cookies and packaged snacks that can be purchased at my store in Kahului. We also wholesale my products to a few retailers on Maui.

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Jannelle Fukuoka

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BF Committee

From: Alexander D. Bevil <alexdbevil@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:12 AM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

Honorable Members of the Council:

Although my wife and I are not residents, we have supported the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens since 2003.

Whenever we visit Maui, we look forward to visiting the Gardens.

So much so, that she lets me get my hands dirty as a member of the Weed 'n Pot Club.

I had never been so after picking kalo and replanting their keiki back into a planter bed.

However, besides getting to play in the wet dirt, I learned one aspect on how ancient (and not so ancient) Native Hawaiians sustained themselves.

That is why it is important to keep the Gardens going so that thousands of local students (and visiting friends of the Gardens) can have the same experience as I.

Hopefully, they will take what they've learned at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens and help create a sustainable environment on Maui.

For that reason alone, I would like to ask you to please support Mayor Arakawa's budget request funding for the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

Mahalo

Alexander D. Bevil
San Diego, CA

BF Committee

From: evan ryan <evnryan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:44 AM
To: BF Committee
Subject: re Biodiesel Tax

Writing in against the mayor's proposed \$.23 per gallon on biodiesel. Seems ridiculous that this discussion even needs to happen. Any locally produced product that supports the tenants of agriculture and takes good care of the land should be supported by our local government. This is jobs, good land stewardship and more money circulating in Hawaii. I propose a \$.23 per gallon subsidy instead to make biodiesel more affordable. This will pay for itself.

Mahalo-

Evan Ryan
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BF Committee

From: Shelley Maddigan <shelley@kula.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:06 AM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Maui Lani roundabout

I 100% support this round about and think there are many many more areas roundabouts should be instead of signals and stop signs. So much more sensible. Keeps traffic flowing rather than backing up and crating grid lock.

Anytime a Roundabout is proposed I support the expense verses signals.

Respectfully w hope of a more intelligent traffic flow for Maui.

Shelley Maddigan

Member of Kula Community Association.

Sent from my iPhone

BF Committee

From: Joe Baranowski <joe@impactmaui.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:55 AM
To: BF Committee
Cc: info@hightechmaui.org
Subject: BF-1 Maui Economic Development Board OED Grant.

Aloha!

Wanted to take the time to let you know how awesome the people are at MEDB! The first contact I had with the group was at Startup Weekend a couple years ago and have greatly appreciated their insight and ideas for what it takes to start a business. It is a daunting task, but being able to talk it through with someone who is able to provide guidance is really amazing. They have been invaluable in getting ideas off the ground and greatly appreciate the work that they do!



Joe Baranowski

Creative Doer

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BF Committee

From: NaniFay Paglinawan <nanifay80kp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 12:52 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Maui Botanical Garden

Aloha Kakou,

I am writing in GREAT SUPPORT for funding for our Maui Botanical Garden by the Maui County Council. It is a place of quiet and peaceful leisure. It is quiet time for children and adults. The staff are all wonderful and helpful. I always feel very comfortable there..

Mahalo nui loa,
NaniFay Paglinawan

BF Committee

From: Ilima Smallwood <ilimasmallwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 12:53 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Roundabouts

Aloha,

I am writing in support of the proposed round about project at the intersection of Maui Lani Parkway and Kamehameha Avenue in kahului. I was quite involved in trying to get round abouts in kihei 12-14 years ago and think they are an amazing solution for safety, flow of traffic and safer commutes and communities. I am actually quite astounded to find this in my inbox today as just yesterday i was leaving a meeting at the planning commission and spent a good 10 minutes backed up at this very intersection, I kept thinking why didn't they put a round about in here?!? It's the perfect and ideal location for one and this traffic back up would not exist if there was one here instead of a four way stop. I have travelled and driven in Europe where large, multi-lane roundabouts are quite common and function quite well. They do take a little getting used to, at least the multi-lane version but I was surprised at how fast it became second nature.

While you are at it I would like to petition for and **STRONGLY** suggest a round about being installed at the intersection of Hansen Road and Pulehu (the dump road) I travel through this intersection frequently and can't tell you how many near accidents I have seen. Since the re-paving of Hansen road this intersection has become vastly more dangerous as the new grading of the road does not allow the visibility necessary to turn onto hansen road, a road many people travel fast on.

Mahalo,

'Ilima Smallwood

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BF Committee

From: Robin Kerr <leihuanani@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:19 PM
To: BF Committee
Cc: info@mnbg.org
Subject: Maui Nui Botanical FY2018 Budget Request
Attachments: Maui Nui Botanical Gardens Letter of Support.pdf

Robin Leihuanani Kealiinohomoku
Project Specialist, Title 3

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April 12, 2018

Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council
Budget Chairman, Riki Hokama
200 South High St., 8th Floor
Wailuku, HI 96793

Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2018 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens is a vital part of our Maui Community! Tamara and her co-workers work very hard to up-keep the grounds and native Hawaiian plant life, provide a place for our keiki from various schools across the island to learn about native Hawaiian plants and their uses, and provide a place for native Hawaiian workshops and community events. Without Maui Nui Botanical, many of the native Hawaiian cultural educational opportunities for our community would not be possible.

As a community member, Maui Nui Botanical Gardens has also been so generous with providing plant donations to the Kamehameha Schools Maui Ho'olaule'a, free-of-charge. In fact, they have donated various plants for our Country Store this year. The monies raised from the sale of these plants will pay for activities not covered by the school, as well as scholarship monies for graduating seniors. All of the monies raised go back to our keiki to further their education.

In closing, Maui Nui Botanical is an integral part of our island's educational and cultural sustainability. If we can learn how important plant life is to our human existence, we will be able to sustain, care for and mālama ourselves in this generation and the generations to follow. I support Mayor Arakawa's FY2018 budget request for MNBG. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Kealiinohomoku
University of Hawaii, Maui College
Institute of Hawaiian Music

Chair-Kamehameha Schools Ho'olaule'a Country Store
Kamehameha Schools PTSO

BF Committee

From: George & Janet Allan <allans@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:37 PM
To: BF Committee
Cc: Maui Nui Botanical Gardens
Subject: FY2019 County Budget

Aloha Chairman Riki Hokama and Committee Members,

I've been a volunteer at Maui Nui Botanical Gardens for over 15 years and have seen its programs, community outreach, and state-wide accomplishments grow by leaps and bounds. What started as merely a botanical garden is now a wide-ranging community jewel that presents full workshops on Hawaiian history, native plant botany, uses, and cultural significance, as well as free community events that always welcome 1,000-2,000 participants, visitors and our community 'ohana.

Many UH-MC classes use its facilities and plantings for field studies. Over 1,000 elementary school students take field trips there yearly. Its central site makes it easier for teachers to transport students at less cost than many other sites.

Now that MNBG has become a participating member of the Hawai'i Seed Bank Partnership and Laukahi-Hawai'i Plant Conservation Network, it has become very important to add the necessary components for seed banking to our limited space, particularly now that Rapid 'Ohi'a Death, or ROD, has become a very real threat. MNBG's growing significance in plant conservation has been recognized throughout the State and it was welcomed as part of HSBP with great enthusiasm.

MNBG is no longer the little native plant botanical garden on Maui from many years ago. It now has state-wide credibility and importance. I hope you'll recognize its many accomplishments and needs and give it the full funding noted in Mayor Arakawa's FY2019 budget request.

With gratitude,
Janet Allan

BF Committee

From: Jorrie Ciotti <jorrieciotti@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:38 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Continue Funding for Maui Botanical Gardens

Aloha,

I would like to express how important it is and how fortunate we are to have the Maui Botanical Gardens. Hawaiian history is displayed before our eyes! There are so many amazing native plants that grow there and share their aloha with us.

Have you attended their “Hawaiian Canoe Plants and Pollinator” workshop? It is Hawaiian history at it’s best. You can see, touch, and feel the history. It’s also a place to find aloha and have it fill your heart.

It’s imperative to keep funding the Maui Botanical Gardens not just for the kapuna but also the keiki. Let this historical place continue to fill all our hearts with aloha and give thanks.

Mahalo nui loa,

Jorrie Ciotti
A Wailuku Resident

BF Committee

From: Raphael Wellerstein <raphael.wellerstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:39 PM
To: BF Committee
Cc: laksmi Abraham
Subject: Testimony on behalf of support for the Maui Lani Parkway Roundabout

Aloha Members of the Maui County Council,

Unfortunately, I could not attend the meeting Friday morning at the Council Chambers due to work obligations. I am writing on behalf of my families support in the solution and construction of a round about at the very busy intersection. I currently have two children attending Pomaikai elementary school and we live in the parkways at Maui Lani. We are fortunate to be so close to school and really enjoy being able to walk or ride bikes, rather than drive. Unfortunately, riding bikes or even walking is an unsettling process at the intersection, especially in the morning, when many residents are using this busy intersection to get to work or wherever they need to be. I have witnessed many close calls and stressful moments crossing the intersection, as well as watching other children and families trying to figure out the right way to traverse. I accompany my kids everyday to school along with a few other kids from my neighborhood. I enjoy taking my children to school, but most importantly, want to make sure they arrive safely.

I will not elaborate in detail, but mornings are stressful for commuters trying to get through this intersection, and the kids and families trying to utilize the pedestrian walking paths, are sometimes in harms way. I would hate to see an accident occur and am very confident that a roundabout would alleviate 99% of the current problems.

I recently returned from a trip to Europe where roundabouts are almost as common as regular interactions with traffic lights. I witnessed high volume vehicular areas along with many pedestrians, and the traffic, flow and ease there use was very evident.

Thank you for addressing this very important issue and look forward to hearing the decision to approve the roundabout.

Raphael Wellerstein
Resident at Parkways in Maui lani
Cell: 808-385-3992

BF Committee

From: Shannon Paapanen <shannonpaapanen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:01 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Letter in Support of FY19 funding for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens
Attachments: MNBG_support_letter.pdf

Please accept my attached letter in support of funding for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

Mahalo,
Shannon Paapanen

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Shannon Paapanen
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April 12, 2018

Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council
Budget Chairman, Riki Hokama
200 South High St., 8th Floor
Wailuku, HI 96793

Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2018 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

I feel the Garden is a valuable cultural and natural resource for the community of Maui and visitors. MNBG is the best place on Maui for visitors and residents to learn the cultural history of Maui County's unique plants.

Please support this project

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Paapanen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Shannon Paapanen
PO Box 1451
Makawao HI 96768

BF Committee

From: Jen Maydan <jenmaydan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:29 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Proposed FY 19 Budget
Attachments: Testimony_FY19 Budget_DPW_Roundabout.docx

Dear Committee Staff,

Please accept the attached testimony for the April 13, 2018 Budget and Finance Committee meeting regarding the proposed FY19 budget.

Mahalo,
Jen Maydan

To: The Honorable Riki Hokama, Chair
The Honorable Mike White, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Maui County Council Budget and Finance Committee
From: Jennifer Maydan, Chair, Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Coalition for Maui, Molokai & Lanai
Date: April 13, 2018
Re: STRONG SUPPORT for Department of Public Works Proposed Maui Lani Roundabout

Aloha Committee Chair and Members.

My name is Jen Maydan, and I am the Chair of the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Coalition for Maui, Molokai & Lanai. I strongly support the Department of Public Works Proposed Maui Lani Roundabout.

Roundabouts are a safe, efficient, and cost effective alternative to stop sign and signal-controlled intersections.

Roundabouts:

- Reduce fatal collisions by 90%
- Reduce traffic flow delay by 65%
- Reduce pedestrian collisions by 40%
- Reduce annual maintenance cost by 80%

Many communities across the country have used roundabouts for decades to solve traffic and safety issues. Kauai County has retrofitted a few intersections with roundabouts with great success.

The proposed Maui Lani roundabout is a great opportunity for the Central Maui community, and broader Maui community, to learn firsthand about the benefits of roundabouts. It will provide safety for the nearby elementary school kids and other pedestrians and bikers, and ease of travel for the neighbors and others passing through the area.

Roundabouts support healthy and livable communities and the Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition fully supports the proposed roundabout.

I respectfully ask that you include the proposed Maui Lani Roundabout in the FY19 budget for the Department of Public Works.

Mahalo,

Jennifer Maydan
Haiku, HI

BF Committee

From: Andrea Buckman <andrea@lhwrp.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:33 PM
To: BF Committee
Cc: info@mnbg.org; Tamara Sherrill
Subject: support letter from LHWRP for MNBG
Attachments: MNBG Letter of Support from LHWRP.docx

Aloha no,

Please find a letter of support for continued funding of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. The services they provide our community are invaluable and are deserving of County monies.

Respectfully,
Andrea

Andrea Buckman
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April 12, 2018

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Honorable Members of the Council:

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2019 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

MNBG provides our community and visitors with a valuable opportunity to interface with and learn about Hawai'i's native species and Polynesian introduction plants. Not only can visitors to the Gardens see first-hand beautiful and rare native species, they can participate in ethnobotanical workshops and community events to go deeper into traditional practices and modern uses for native and Polynesian species. The Gardens also serves as a beautiful meeting space for other community groups and organizations, such as the Ho'omau Festival, as well as provides many schools the opportunity to connect students with native species and practices.

MNBG is a positive community asset that is deserving of continued support from County funds. I appreciate the County's past and continued support of MNBG.

Sincerely,

Andrea Buckman
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BF Committee

From: richele lesa <rlesa65@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:00 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Maui Lani Roundabout SUPPORT

To The Maui County Council:

As a resident of Traditions at Maui Lani for the past 3 years, I am in FULL SUPPORT of a ROUNDABOUT at the intersection of Maui Lani Parkway and Kamehameha Avenue in Kahului as compared to a traffic signal.

First of all, the traffic at this intersection is not continuous and basically spikes a few times a day. During the off-peak hours I would find it frustrating and a waste of time to sit waiting for the light to change when there are no other cars around. I can also foresee cars speeding to beat the light which would result in an increase of accidents to occur.

Secondly, traffic signals are unattractive and I would think it costs more to install and maintain traffic lights compared to a roundabout. This intersection has the space for it and it would blend so nicely to the surrounding neighborhood.

Most importantly, the safety of our community is of the highest priority. Just this morning, I witnessed a Maui Waena Intermediate School student riding his bicycle to school, **almost** getting hit by a car who did not see him crossing the second lane of traffic. I, myself have had close calls trying to cross this intersection with my family. With a roundabout, pedestrians only cross one lane at a time where they can make sure they are seen by the drivers before they proceed through.

I know there is a lot of resistance and unknowns about roundabouts here in Central Maui, but I feel once everyone is educated and introduced to this concept they will understand how it can be such a great benefit in appearance, costs and most of all SAFETY. I've used the roundabouts in Kihei and Pukalani and even on the Mainland and traffic flows nicely even during the peak times.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I hope you all will agree that a roundabout would be the best solution for our intersection here in Maui Lani.

Mahalo - Richele Lesa

BF Committee

From: Perry Chapman <pchapman2149@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:18 PM
To: BF Committee
Cc: info@mnbg.org
Subject: Support for the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

April 12, 2018

Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council
Budget Chairman, Riki Hokana
200 South High St., 8th Floor
Wailuku, HI 96793

Honorable Members of the Council,

I am writing to urge you to support Mayor Arakawa's FY2019 budget request for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens.

Volunteering at the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens has been an educational and rewarding experience and I feel fortunate and privileged spending time there helping to maintain this site. Not only do we volunteers get to enjoy this special place but so does the community with the workshops and special events that are held there. The staff are committed and have taught me the importance of the propagation and preservation of native plants and I can't express enough how much I look forward to my time there each week.

Thank you for your time and allowing me this opportunity to write to you.

Sincerely,

RoseAnn Chapman
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BF Committee

From: Irene Newhouse <einew@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:21 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Letter of support for Maui Nui Botanical Garden
Attachments: 4MNBG.docx

Attached please find the Native Hawaiian Plant Society's letter of support for Maui Nui Botanical Garden.

Irene Newhouse
NHPS Sec'y



NATIVE HAWAIIAN PLANT SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 5021 , KAHULUI, MAUI, HAWAII 96733

Nanea nā puu o ka 'āina aloha

12 April 2018

Budget and Finance Committee, Maui County Council
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200 South High St., 8th Floor
Wailuku, HI 96793

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MNBG is the best place on Maui for visitors and residents to learn the cultural history of Maui County's unique plants.

MNBG provides a place for students of botany and Hawaiian culture to learn plant identification and experiment with traditional uses. MNBG's workshops in kapa making, kapa dyeing, ipu making, traditional imu, all foster the continuation of Hawaiian culture. With its central venue, it would be difficult to reproduce this breadth of activities in another location.

This organization has consistently more than doubled the funding provided by the County.

MNBG is a centrally located field trip site for more than 1,500 Maui students each year.

Sincerely,

Irene Newhouse

NHPS Sec'y

BF Committee

From: Martha E. Martin <mauimarttha@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:32 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Strongly support funding Maui Nui Botanical Gardens

April 12, 2018

Maui County Council Budget & Finance Committee
Riki Hokama, Budget Chairman
200 South High Street 8th Floor
Wailuku, HI 96793

Honorable Members of the Council:

I strongly support more funding for Maui Nui Botanical Gardens in 2019.
Keeping it going benefits both residents and visitors, as it is the best place on Maui to see many Native Hawaiian plants and to learn about Hawaiian Culture.
It is a well used field site for young and old students.

Mahalo,
Martha E. Martin
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Kahului, HI 96732

BF Committee

From: Jolie Strickland <cirquejolie@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:58 PM
To: BF Committee
Subject: Paia Youth and Cultural Center

Aloha County of Maui Officials!

My name is Jolie Strickland. My son, Jet, has been a member of Paia Youth and Cultural Center since he turned 9 on April 25th, 2011.

This Youth Center means SO much to us both. It provides a safe and positive environment for our youth to spend their time out of school. The programs they have are enriching and educational. The kids have multiple ways to get involved and learn skills in the tech-lab, in the radio station, or in Ben's coking program! This is somewhere the kids WANT to be. The staff are wonderful and supportive role-models that REALLY care about the kids. This place changes lives and supports so many Maui Families!

My own son was recently hired as the paid intern for the radio station. It helped give him more responsibility, and it boosted his communications skills. Laura, that runs the radio station, has had a lasting and beneficial impact on my son for which I am eternally grateful!

This program needs and deserves the continued support of Maui County. It is something crucial to myself and my family, and I know many other families feel the same way!

Mahalo for keeping Paia Youth and Cultural Center alive and thriving.

I don't know where we would be without it!

Jolie Strickland
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HALE MAKUA HEALTH SERVICES

COMPASSION COMMITMENT COMMUNITY

**Maui County Council
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Council Chambers**

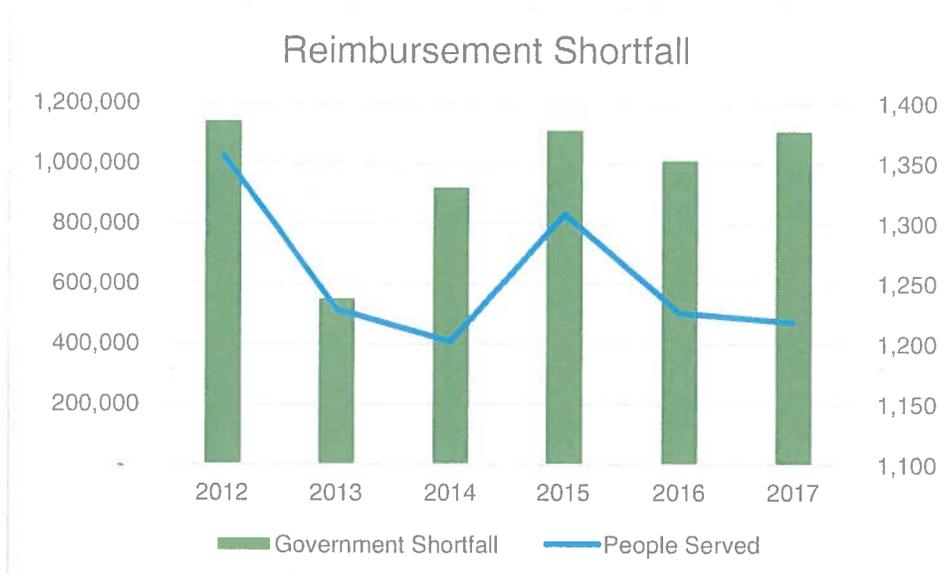
Chair Hokama and Members of the Budget and Finance Committee,

I, Wesley Lo, CEO of Hale Makua Health Services, am testifying in support of Hale Makua Health Services' receiving \$200,000 in funding in the FY2018-19 Maui County budget. These funds will provide some much needed relief for the cost of providing physician services to Maui residents who need to be admitted to and attended in our two nursing homes.

Why Hale Makua Health Services is requesting County support:

1. Community physicians no longer follow their patients to the nursing home.
 - 15 years ago, nearly all of the community physicians on Maui, with the exception of Kaiser Permanente, stopped admitting and attending their patients at Hale Makua and Maui Memorial Medical Center (the Hospital) because of the shortage of primary care physicians in the community and declining reimbursement for physician services.
 - Hale Makua Health Services is in the unique situation of having to provide a physician for the 240 plus residents who are not covered by Kaiser and whose community physician would not follow them to the nursing home. If Hale Makua did not assume this responsibility, admissions from the Hospital and the community to Hale Makua nursing homes would stop because there was no admitting physician. This would result in further exacerbating the Hospital wait-list, tie up beds needed for acute care, and keep patients in a much costlier hospital bed.
 - To meet the ongoing need of providing an admitting and attending physician for nursing home residents, over the years, Hale Makua Health Services initially contracted with some community physicians, and when we could not find physicians to hire locally, we have been forced to contract with temporary physician staffing companies on the mainland at a cost of over \$450,000 annually.
2. Hale Makua is not fully reimbursed for the cost of care by the majority of payors.

- For 75 - 80% of the frail elderly and disabled individuals who reside at Hale Makua nursing homes, Medicaid reimburses Hale Makua for services provided. However, Hale Makua loses an average of approximately \$13 per Medicaid recipient per day.
- Unlike other industries, because healthcare services are reimbursed by private insurance companies, Medicare and Medicaid, Hale Makua Health Services does not have the ability to simply raise prices to cover costs.
- Starting in 2009, and for the subsequent six years, the Medicaid reimbursement rate was frozen, further increasing the gap between the cost of providing care and reimbursement.
- In 2017 alone, there was a \$1.1 million gap between the cost of providing care and what Medicaid and other government payers reimbursed. As shown in the below graph, over the last six years, Hale Makua Health Services absorbed the over \$5.8 million in Medicaid reimbursement shortfall, completely depleting the organization's cash reserves.



3. The inability for Hale Makua to admit and attend patients would be devastating to Maui's community.
 - If Hale Makua were to stop admitting patients from the hospital, due to a lack of a physician resource, the backlog would seriously jeopardize the hospital's ability to admit patients who need acute care. Over 85% of Hale Makua's patients are admitted from Maui Memorial Medical Center.
 - Without an attending physician, over 225 existing residents would have to be transferred to other nursing homes across the State because Kula Hospital with 104 nursing home beds would not be able to absorb all of the displaced Hale Makua residents.

- Hale Makua would not be able to meet Federal and State nursing home regulation requirements to have an admitting and attending physician, which would result in the closure of both of its nursing homes, totaling 344 of the 448 nursing home beds on Maui, and displacing over 465 employees.

Efforts Hale Makua Health Services is taking to ensure a self-sustaining future

Hale Makua Health Services has made many efforts to work with willing community physicians to solve the problem, but over time they have had other interests. We have also tried pulling together a team of three community physicians, but found that the quality and continuity of care was sacrificed when physicians were rotated on a weekly basis, and the physicians did not feel that the arrangement was suitable for them.

Further exacerbating the situation is an overall shortage of physicians on Maui. As stated in the April 9, 2017 issue of *The Maui News*, "Late last year that shortage was reported to have grown to 101.71 full-time doctors, or 25.3 percent. Maui County's estimated population was increased to 165,386, generating a demand for 401.9 full-time doctors, but with only 300.19 available."

This year we are requesting \$400,000 in State funding to help cover the cost of providing care for the uninsured/underinsured.

Hale Makua has been in conversations with Maui Medical Group to create a long-term physician solution, which would improve the continuity of care for residents, and increase our payor mix by taking higher acuity patients and increasing skilled days, which are reimbursed by Medicare at a higher rate than Medicaid. Previously we had hoped that with Kaiser Permanente taking over operations of Maui Memorial Medical Center and Kula Hospital there would be an opportunity to collaborate on physician services with Kaiser. Unfortunately Kaiser has been rightfully focused on the transition of the hospitals, and is unable to collaborate with us on physician services at this time.

We are asking for the County's support in continuing funding for Hale Makua physician until we are able to work with Maui Medical Group (MMG). MMG has conveyed that the soonest they would be able to assist with providing a physician would be in late 2018/early 2019, so we would need to continue flying in a temporary physician for the remainder of 2018. We are also actively trying to secure funding from numerous private foundations.

About Hale Makua Health Services

Hale Makua Health Services is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, established in 1946 to provide a home for elders who had no one to care for them or means to pay for care. It is the only Eden Alternative registered home in the state of Hawaii, and is one of Maui's largest non-

government employers. Over 465 employees serve two nursing homes; a home health care agency; a rehab center that specializes in both in and out-patient physical, occupational and speech therapies; an adult day health center; and an adult residential care home. The organization cares for over 1,200 frail elderly and disabled individuals and contributes over \$36 million to the economy annually. For more information visit HaleMakua.org.

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To whom it may concern,

I want to put out a word or more to thank 'Ohana Makamae for all that they have done for me. I grew up here in Hana with all of what I would call a community hanai family. We all know and look out for each other, our children, families and friends.

Without the strong support of each other our community would not be the same as it is in such a loving and acceptable way. We all have been through so many good, bad and challenging times together. We always find a place in our hearts to support, understand and be there for each other and our close net family community. We live each day with the beliefs of no abandonment, no child, adult, or family left behind...with this feeling in our hearts we certainly can thrive.

'Ohana Makama has been a major part of this stride in our lives. With an open heart and mind all are accepted as they are without judgement or guilt they support so many of us in need to be better, happier, healthier people. With arms spread warm, wide, and welcoming 'Ohana Makamae provides a special safe haven for so many of us to get on and maintain a positive healthy way of living.

They do this by offering programs such as NIA, AA, treatments, mental health therapy, food bank, a safe house, knowledge, support, understanding and a willingness to be there

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for us all no matter what it takes. Everyone who works for and or with 'Ohana Makamae should be strongly commended for their continuous support. I thank them genuinely for taking the time out of their own lives to help make all of the people in Hana's lives better. I am ssoc ssoc appreciative for the wonderful people whom have helped me through the journey of sobriety. James, Kawea, Brian, Cynthia, Mona, Gerard, and so many more. Without the support of 'Ohana Makamae I could very well have gotten lost in my own disease of alcoholism, but knowing they are all there for me gives me hope for all things good. As I continue my sober journey, every day is better than the last.

I know that with the guidance of god and my special 'ohana I can do this! I can be the me I know I was always meant to be and born to be. A positive, happy, healthy, productive human being.

Much Much Mahalo
to 'Ohana Makamae

Peace be with everyones
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Aloha Chair Hokama & Members of the Maui County Council,

My name is Lehua Cosma, a Hana resident, who would like to thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns and support to the wonderful services and programs provided in our isolated and remote community of Hana.

I apologized for not being able to attend the 2019 Fiscal Budget hearing at Helene Hall, due to having the flu.

I thank you for your continuous support in helping our Nonprofits in Hana to continue providing the essential services to a Community in dire need. Through your Kokua we are able to meet our Mission.

Please continue to support the following Nonprofits:

1. MEO Bus services
2. Hale Hulu Mamo Senior Home
3. Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike
4. Hana Youth Center
5. Ohana Makamae
6. Hana Canoe Club
7. Kipahulu Ohana
8. Kaunoa Senior Services
9. Hana Arts
10. Micronia Crew
11. Kui O Hana
12. Ke Ao Hali'i (A new Nonprofit created in Hana to protect and preserve our historical Hana Coastline. Please support this organization with County open space funds.
13. Hui Laulima O Hana for Hana Dialysis Home. The Nation's First-of-its-kind communal dialysis. Thank you all so much for your genuine love & support to our young and old who needs dialysis treatment here in Hana.

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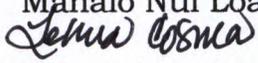
CONCERNS:

*What is the Budget to haul our green waste from Hana Landfill to the other side?

Please check in to a Chipper so that the community of Hana can benefit from its mulching. What would be more cost efficient to the Budget, a Chipper or having it haul out? I followed a huge truck hauling it out on the Hana Hwy.

*Commercial Kitchen in Hana: We rent from Parks & Recreation its facilities for luau and we are the only community with no commercial kitchen. All the other Community Centers throughout Maui have one, but not Hana.

* Nahiku Community Center: A long overdue project that the People & Tourist could utilize as a shelter due to road closure, landslides, falling trees blocking both lanes. It is a safety measure when looking in to this project. People have to remain for hours in the vehicle while the State Crew clear the Hana Highway. It is so dangerous to wait in any vehicle for hours because you never know what else can come down. I would like to know that I have a safe place to go to, such as the Nahiku Community. Please help to expedite this project, too many road closures and plenty heavy rains creating a dangerous Highway.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Lehua Cosma

Aloha Council,

Would like to have support for the following for the Hana District.

Hana Parks & Recreation:

- 1) One New Utility Cart – This piece of equipment will be used at different park locations to help with multiple work assignments from clearing debris on our beach shoreline, maintain tennis & basketball courts, side walks, ball field maintenance, areas where our regular vehicles are not able to maneuver in tight spots. Having this piece of equipment will make work assignment much more efficient and to prevent possible injuries to staff. Currently using dump truck to remove debris on shoreline, using lawn mower to drag our infield, etc. Recreation staff will also utilize equipment to set up playing fields and recreational facilities for programs and activities.

- 2) Full Time Building Maintenance Repair Position – Currently the district has a HT (Half Time) BMR (Building Maint. Person) works 20 hours a week. HT BMR does not meet the needs of the district to do regular repairs, special projects to up keep parks facilities from Kipahulu to Keanae. We need a FT BMR to maintain parks facilities on a regular basis. Painting, plumbing, electrical, post and rails, picnic tables, patch holes, broken waterline, fencing, door locks, doors, repair toilets, urinals, etc, traveling time to and from work site as well as pick up materials from Kahului to do repairs. The age of facilities and demographics a FT BMR is needed.

- 3) New Recreation Vehicle – This equipment will be used for all recreational programs and activities transport equipment, meetings & pick up supplies in Kahului. Lock facilities at night, banking & mail runs, etc. Currently borrowing maintenance vehicles after they are done working, or using personal vehicles. Employees are compensated through county mileage program but it no compensation for wear and tear on personal vehicles.

Currently we have

2015 F150 from 2015 & 16 Budget for maintenance,

Just received new 2017 F350 dump truck from 2017 & 18 budget for maintenance.

F150 truck borrowing from our East Maui department 3 years ago for maintenance section.

2005 F350 dump truck. 50,000 miles.

2000 F250 mileage is 125,000 miles. truck has been out of commission for last two to three years bed frame is non repairable sitting at parks base yard.

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1998 F150 188,000 miles truck in and out of maintenance shop due to repairs because its old.

Maintenance has 4 vehicles in working condition that is shared between 4 park caretakers and 1 BMR and 3 recreation staff. We would like to get 2 more vehicles to replace the 2000 F250 and 1998 F150.

4) Monies put in the Hana District budget to do maintenance at the Hana Community Complex.

-Facility needs to be fumigated. Last time facility was tented was about 10-12yrs ago.

- Facility needs repairs done to, stairs, railings, walkways, hall ways, accessible ramps, painting, etc. Complex needs repairs and a maintenance plan to up keep facility.

- Upgrade the complex main community hall. Need new stove, icebox, flooring, fans, tables and chairs, windows and screens, paint.

Also want to ask for council's support to keep funding all of our non profit & county programs, entities, our community young and old rely on these services they provide.

Hana Youth Center, Hale Hulu Mamo Senior Center, Alu Like, Hui No ke Ola Pono, Hana Arts, Hana Dialysis Center, Ma Ka Hana Ka Ike, Kipahulu Ohana, MEO Bus Services, Kaunoha Senior Services, Ohana Makamae, WIC. Continue to support/ fund our Miconia Program. If I missed any county funded programs please continue to support all programs for our Hana Community.

Mahalo!

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Aloha Mr. Mayor and The Budget Committee,

My name is Milton Gerard Oliveira and I am writing my testimony in support of Ohana Makamae Inc.

I was a former client of Ohana Makamae's drug treatment program and sought help from them when I got arrested for dealing drugs. My family and I was separated for five years when I went away to prison, but when I returned I was offered a job as house manager for Ohana Makamae's soberliving home in Nahiku. I am forever grateful for this job because it has helped me stay within the recovering community by helping other addicts and alcoholics and assist them into getting their lives back into society. I have dealt with a lot of men who have come into the home and have been working for Ohana Makamae for ~~1~~ years now. I would not be where I am today if not for Ohana Makamae.

Please take into consideration my letter of support for Ohana Makamae because I believe in the good it does for our rural community of Hana. Our services continue to be needed here in Hana and without it, a lot of our clients would be driving out to Kahului to do their treatment. Please put us into your budget for FY 2019.

Mahalo Nui Loa,


Milton-Gerard Oliveira

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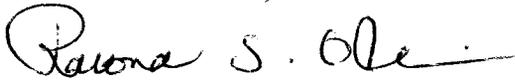
Aloha Mai Kakou,

My name is Ramona Oliveira and I am writing a testimony in support of our non-profit organization in Hana called Ohana Makamae Inc.

I am a recovering addict who's life was consumed with drugs and alcohol. My addiction and alcoholism got so bad that I ended up selling crystal meth and marijuana. My life came to a halt when I was arrested, along with my husband for distribution of a dangerous substance, drug paraphanelia, and growing marijuana. We both was in the judicial system, I was enrolled into drug court and my husband did prison. Before going to drug court I enrolled in the substance abuse program at Ohana Makamae, where my family and I was able to receive substance abuse treatment and care. Ohana Makamae staff and counselors basically helped me get my life together before I entered drug court. I went into drug court, did their program and returned to Hana 13 months after. Ohana Makamae was there for me and offered me a job. This is the beginning of a life I am totally always grateful for because they helped me stay within the rooms of recovery by working with clients who went thru the same deal as I did. Today I am 17 years clean and sober and I wouldn't have been able to do it without the support from Ohana Makamae. and the awesome staff who work there.

I am writing all this because we need to keep funding this wonderful organization who has helped lots of families within the Hana district. We are a rural community, and organizations like this is needed in our community. I hope we will be part of the funding for FY 2019.

Mahalo Nui Loa,



Ramona S. Oliveira, Substance Abuse Counselor

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