August 2, 2021

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair
Committee on Executive Management
The Honorable Esther Kia‘ana, Chair
Committee on Housing and the Economy
and Members
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters, Chair Kia‘ana and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Expenditures

Thank you for the opportunity to share with the Council expenditures to-date from the CARES Act CRF.

As a follow-up to Thursday’s concurrent meeting, we would like to take this opportunity to explain the “Reclassification” line items listed on both the 2020 and the 2021 list of CRF expenditures. Basically, as allowed by the federal government, these “Reclassification” line items represent funds that were reclassified from General Fund to CRF for expenditures made due to or in response to the Coronavirus disease.

Specifically, Councilmember Elefante was interested in the February 9, 2021, “Reclassification” of $387,942.49 for “CV Relief for Police” line item on page 21 of the 2021 expenditure report. This particular item was to cover Honolulu Police Department’s (HPD) overtime payroll expenses for employees responding to Coronavirus incidents, such as direct response from an officer to Coronavirus related dispatch, any task directly related to Coronavirus incident (i.e. sanitizing patrol vehicle), staff shortage due to employees needing to quarantine, POST program, incidents involving known positive citizens where officers suit up in more protective gear, Coronavirus hotline, surge testing support, food drive support, and modified operations to stay in compliance with Coronavirus orders.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Formby
Managing Director