

OFFICE OF CLIMATE CHANGE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY

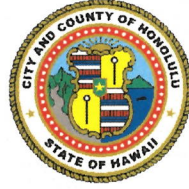
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July 15, 2025

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Climate Resiliency Fund

In accordance with Section 2-17.2(c) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, your approval of the attached resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the Climate Resiliency Fund to various departments and executive agencies is requested.

The requested transfer of \$6,850,000 in Fiscal Year 2026 Climate Resiliency Fund monies is needed to enhance the resiliency of the City and finance preventative, ameliorative, and educational projects and programming relating to climate change impacts. A full list of proposed projects and their descriptions is attached.

Your favorable consideration and approval are appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808) 768-2277 or b.sullivan@honolulu.gov.

Sincerely,

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Benjamin Sullivan
Executive Director and
Chief Resilience Officer

Attachment

APPROVED:

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Michael D. Formby, Managing Director
Office of the Managing Director

Climate Resiliency Fund (CRF) - Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Project Descriptions

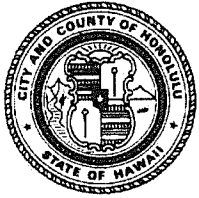
Agency	Project Title	Cost	CRF Alignment	Project Description
Department of Facility Maintenance	Comprehensive Storm Water Asset Management/Master Planning Study	\$ 2,400,000	(1) Finance preventative, ameliorative, and educational measures relating to experienced and anticipated effects of climate change.	This project is intended to help create the foundational framework for a long-range Capital Improvement Program (CIP) prioritization plan for addressing the City's aging stormwater infrastructure needs. It will identify future federal grant and funding partnership opportunities to help support the City's long-term financial plans. It will focus on sustainable workforce development and implementable strategies that will allow the City to adapt to the current labor shortages and a challenging local workforce environment. This planning framework will ultimately help the City weigh difficult investment decisions; educate the public and elected decision makers about system needs; and ensure proper and equitable allocation, distribution, and acquisition of funding for construction, operation, and maintenance.
Department of Facility Maintenance	Ka'elepulu Green Storm Water Planning Study	\$ 750,000	(2) Enhance the resiliency of the city to climate change impacts, including investments in green infrastructure, indigenous knowledge-informed solutions, invasive species prevention and control, renewable energy, coastal protection measures.	This project will produce detailed information essential for designing and building various Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) elements within the community with a consistent, transparent and programmatic approach. Upon the identification of GSI locations and types, the City intends to proceed with budgeting and developing necessary design and construction documents to build such infrastructure. The outcome of the project would be a list of prioritized GSI projects, types, locations, and estimated costs that can be implemented by the City for design and construction. The list will provide valuable information to assist the City in its long-term planning and budgeting strategy for future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) programming while also paving the way for broader implementation of GSI within the Kailua community and its impacts to Ka'elepulu Stream. More information can be found at: https://www.kaelepulustormwater.org/ .
Department of Design and Construction	Climate Change Design Guidelines Implementation Support	\$ 1,500,000	(1) Finance preventative, ameliorative, and educational measures relating to experienced and anticipated effects of climate change.	Capital projects within the City face impacts from climate hazards, such as sea level rise, storm surge, extreme precipitation, extreme heat, and drought. Impacts to capital projects, such as critical infrastructure and facilities, may result in physical damages and disruptions to critical services, potentially causing life safety impacts and/or economic disruptions. This project will provide implementation support for the Climate Change Design Guidelines project through the Department of Design and Construction. Using the Climate Change Hazard Exposure Screening Tool, projects will assess current and future exposure to climate change related hazards.
Department of Parks and Recreation	2026 Summer Recreational Programming	\$ 60,000	(4) Educate city residents about experienced and anticipated impacts of climate changes and the importance of resilience to foster a community-wide understanding of and response to this global challenge.	This project will bring climate resiliency programming to nearly 10,000 keiki at 200 City sites across O'ahu during Summer Fun 2026. Summer Fun is an affordable, City-operated, seasonal day camp where children are engaged in learning experiences in a fun and safe environment. These opportunities help build on soft skills, which promote leadership and future educational and lifelong success. Recreational programming will include educational opportunities for keiki enrollees through games, music, dance, arts and crafts, Hawaiian cultural activities, special events, and more. Educational opportunities will not only enhance our keiki's summertime, they will also provide the chance to develop essential job skills like teamwork, leadership, conflict resolution, childcare experience, and problem-solving all while connecting to climate resiliency topics in their own community with local guests and community-based organization involvement. Educational themes will include leadership, health and wellness, and sense of place through newly developed climate resiliency supplies and materials for the summer programming curriculum.

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Department of Parks and Recreation	Water Refill Station Pilot Project	\$ 25,000	(2) Enhance the resiliency of the city to climate change impacts, including investments in green infrastructure, indigenous knowledge-informed solutions, invasive species prevention and control, renewable energy, coastal protection measures.	This project will increase availability of public drinking fountains and increase access to drinking water to enhance the City's resiliency to climate impacts at approximately 16 comfort stations. Repairing drinking fountains and installing new ones creates opportunities for people vulnerable to the negative health impacts of heat to cool off and avoid dehydration. The City will assess the condition and locations of 32 existing public drinking fountains to determine maintenance and operational needs, and opportunities for expanded services such as water bottle refill stations. This effort will strengthen equitable water access island-wide, while maintaining the ability for City parks and public spaces to be used for recreational activities as temperatures rise. The retrofit of existing public drinking fountains to include devices capable of refilling reusable water flasks, cups and containers helps promote waste prevention and implements Action 8.5 from the City's Climate Action Plan.
Department of Transportation Services	Biki Commuter Transit Fare Integration	\$ 1,000,000	(2) Enhance the resiliency of the city to climate change impacts, including investments in green infrastructure, indigenous knowledge-informed solutions, invasive species prevention and control, renewable energy, coastal protection measures.	Integrating commuter transit fares with bikeshare services supports O'ahu's climate, resiliency, and sustainability goals by enabling more efficient and environmentally responsible travel. By allowing riders to use a single fare system, such as the HOLO card, to transfer seamlessly between TheBus, Skyline, and bikeshare, the City can encourage more people to complete the "first and last mile" of their journey by pedal bicycle rather than car or bus. To the extent that more residents rely on bikeshare for short trips or to connect to transit hubs, the demand for traditional transit service can be reduced, particularly on routes currently served by large diesel-powered buses can be reduced. This shift contributes directly to O'ahu's climate goals by lowering fossil fuel use, cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing the wear and maintenance burden on city streets. Moreover, the increased use of pedal-powered bikeshare has significant public health benefits that complement the City's broader sustainability efforts. Active transportation promotes cardiovascular health, reduces obesity, and improves mental well-being. By encouraging residents to integrate biking into their daily commute, the City can help lower long-term healthcare costs and ease pressure on the healthcare system. This integrated approach aligns with the goals of the Climate Resiliency Fund by enhancing affordable, healthy mobility options for residents across all income levels.
Office of Economic Revitalization	The Global Mayors Challenge	\$ 500,000	(5) Safeguard the city's residents, economy, natural environments against climate change impacts for future generations.	This project will support implementation of strategies and projects that address public health and improve the resiliency of the local food system within the Kūwili Transit Oriented Development corridor and greater Iwilei area. O'ahu's systems are failing to provide the food supply needed to support the health of residents. Food security is a priority area to safeguard the City against climate impacts and disasters. This project is part of a comprehensive effort to reimagine access to affordable, nutritious, locally grown food in the heart of TOD communities through an approach which combines housing development, multi-modal transit, food resilience, and economic development.
Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency	Energy Audits for City Owned Affordable Housing	\$ 400,000	(5) Safeguard the city's residents, economy, natural environments against climate change impacts for future generations.	This project will assess all City-owned housing sites and develop energy audits for projects determined to be the best candidates for energy efficiency retrofits. This project will lay the foundation for future implementation of energy efficiency measures to improve the operations and resiliency of the City's affordable housing portfolio. This project drives implementation of Action 6.4 of the City's Climate Action Plan.

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Agency	Project Title	Cost	CRF Alignment	Project Description
Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency	Climate Champions Program	\$ 350,000	(1) Finance preventative, ameliorative, and educational measures relating to experienced and anticipated effects of climate change.	The Climate Champions Program pairs six community-based organizations with a Climate Champion Intern who will implement a project to help their community adapt to the impacts of climate change. This project was created in response to perspectives shared during the community engagement process for the City's climate adaptation strategy called "Climate Ready O'ahu." The City was awarded a \$1 million dollar grant from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Grant to continue this program through 2026. However, in March 2025 this program was terminated by the Trump Administration after one year of an intended three year project. This project funding will support years two and three of the project as initially planned. Climate Champions implementation projects all provide climate resiliency measures through direct service across O'ahu.
	Subtotal	\$ 6,985,000		
	Estimated FY26 Climate Resiliency	\$ 8,871,465		
	FY26 Balance	\$ 1,886,465		



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RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

WHEREAS, Section 2-17.2(c)(1), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH"), requires that the City Council ("Council") approve by resolution any transfer of funds between activities whenever the cumulative amount of transfers from or to an activity totals in excess of \$100,000 or 10 percent of the amount appropriated for that activity in the executive operating budget ordinance, as it may be amended, whichever is less; and

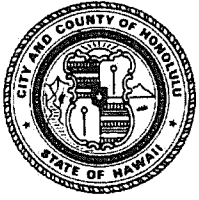
WHEREAS, ROH Section 2-17.2(c)(2) requires that the Council approve by resolution any transfer of funds between characters of expenditure within the same activity whenever the cumulative amount of transfers from or to a character of expenditure exceeds the lesser of: (a) \$100,000; or (b) the greater of: (i) 10 percent of the appropriation for either the originating or receiving character of expenditure; or (ii) \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu ("City") Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CCSR) has requested the transfer of \$6,985,000 from the Climate Resiliency Fund to various departments and agencies to implement climate-related projects that promote community resilience, environmental planning, green infrastructure, and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed \$3,150,000 from the Climate Resiliency Fund (CR) to the Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM), Storm Water Quality, Current Expenses (CE) for the Fiscal Year 2026 is required to conduct two storm water planning studies; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed \$1,500,000 from the CR to the Department of Design and Construction (DDC), Administration, CE for the Fiscal Year 2026 is required to support implementation of the Climate Change Design Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed \$500,000 from the CR to the to the Department of the Managing Director (MDO), Office of Economic Revitalization, CE for the Fiscal Year 2026 is required to support implementation of the global mayors challenge; and



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WHEREAS, as transfer not to exceed \$750,000 from the CR to the MDO, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, CE for the Fiscal Year 2026 is required to develop energy audits for City-owned housing projects and implement the climate champions program; and

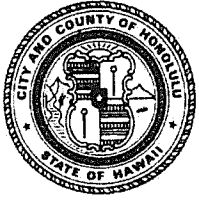
WHEREAS, as transfer not to exceed \$60,000 from the CR to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Recreation Services, CE for the Fiscal Year 2026 is required to develop climate change-related programming for the 2026 summer fun program; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed \$25,000 from the CR to the DPR, Maintenance Support Services, Equipment (E) for the Fiscal Year 2026 is required to pilot water refill stations at City park sites; and

WHEREAS, a transfer not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the CR to the Department of Transportation Services, Transportation Mobility, CE for the Fiscal Year 2026 is required to expand Biki options for transit commuters; and

WHEREAS, these transfers are necessary to enhance the resiliency of the City to climate change impacts, finance preventative, ameliorative, and educational efforts related to experienced and anticipated effects of climate change; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that \$6,985,000 in Climate Resiliency Fund (CR) monies be transferred between the following activities and characters of expenditure:



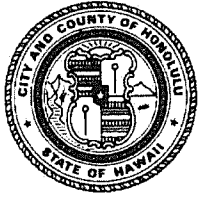
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From	To	Amount	Fund
Climate Resiliency Fund (CR)	DFM – Storm Water Quality (CE)	\$3,150,000	CR
Climate Resiliency Fund (CR)	DDC – Administration (CE)	\$1,500,000	CR
Climate Resiliency Fund (CR)	DTS – Transportation Mobility (CE)	\$1,000,000	CR
Climate Resiliency Fund (CR)	DPR – Recreation Services (CE)	\$60,000	CR
Climate Resiliency Fund (CR)	DPR – Maintenance Support Services (E)	\$25,000	CR
Climate Resiliency Fund (CR)	MDO – Office of Economic Revitalization (CE)	\$500,000	CR
Climate Resiliency Fund (CR)	MDO – Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (CE)	\$750,000	CR

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee, is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of this resolution; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, and the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:

Transfer of Funds; Climate Resiliency Fund; Department of Facility Maintenance; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Transportation Services; Department of Design and Construction; Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; Office of Economic Revitalization

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