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Notice of Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Remote Meeting with In-Person Location
(Board members will participate virtually.)

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Pursuant to section 92-3.7, *Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS)*, this meeting will be held using interactive conference technology (ICT). Board members, staff, persons with business before the Board, and the public may participate remotely online using ICT, or may participate via the in-person meeting site which provides ICT.

Interested persons may submit written testimony in advance of the meeting, which will be distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. If possible, we request that testimony be received by our office not less than seventy-two hours prior to the meeting to ensure that staff have time to disseminate it and that Board members have time to review it. Written testimony may be submitted electronically to dbedt.adc@hawaii.gov or sent via U.S. Postal Service, or delivered to:

Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC)
235 South Beretania Street, Suite 205
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Meeting ID number noted above. In the further event that connectivity is unable to be restored within thirty minutes, the meeting will be automatically continued to a date and time to be posted on the ADC website at <https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/adc/> no later than close of business the next business day. New ICT, telephone, and in-person access information will be posted on the website no less than twenty-four hours prior to the continued meeting date. Alternatively, if a decision is made to terminate the meeting, the termination will be posted on the ADC website.

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AGENDA

- A. Roll Call & Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. None
- C. Chairperson's Report
 - 1. None
- D. Committee & Permitted Interaction Group Reports
 - 1. Report by the standing Administration Committee regarding its review of proposed operating and capital improvement budget requests for fiscal years 2028 and 2029 for submission to the Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for inclusion in the Governor's Executive Budget. The report will summarize the Committee's review process, budget priorities, and recommendations, including proposed operating budget requests related to payroll, employee benefits, staffing, equipment purchases and replacement, general operating expenses, land and facility maintenance, and the operation, maintenance, repair, and improvement of irrigation, water delivery, and water storage systems. The report will also summarize recommended capital improvement budget priorities, including agricultural infrastructure, irrigation and water system improvements, development of the Food and Product Innovation Network (FPIN) and Entrepreneurial Food Manufacturing Facility (EFMF) on O'ahu, agricultural land acquisition, and other capital projects supporting ADC's statutory mission.
- E. Action Items
 - 1. **Request to Discuss and Approve Administration Committee Budget Recommendations for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029**

Request to discuss and approve the Administration Committee's recommended operating and capital improvement budget requests for fiscal years 2028 and 2029 for submission to the Hawai'i Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) for inclusion in the Governor's Executive Budget.

The Administration Committee's recommendations may include, but are not limited to:

Operating Budget Recommendations

- Payroll, employee benefits, and staffing requirements;
- General operating expenses;
- Equipment purchases and replacement;
- Land and facility maintenance;
- Operation, maintenance, repair, and improvement of irrigation, water delivery, and water storage systems; and
- Other operational requirements necessary to support ADC's statutory mission and statewide agricultural programs.

Capital Improvement Budget Recommendations

- Planning, design, construction, renovation, repair, and improvement of agricultural infrastructure;
- Irrigation, water delivery, water storage, and related utility infrastructure;
- Development of the Food and Product Innovation Network (FPIN) and Entrepreneurial Food Manufacturing Facility (EFMF) on O‘ahu;
- Acquisition of agricultural lands and related improvements on O‘ahu; and
- Other capital improvement projects supporting ADC's statutory mission, agricultural infrastructure, and food system resilience.

F. Informational Items

1. None

G. Adjourn

The Board may go into executive session on any agenda item pursuant to the exceptions provided under section 92-5, Hawai‘i Revised Statutes.

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Administration Committee

DATE: July 30, 2026

RE: Fiscal Year 2028 and 2029 Biennium Budget and Requests

Background:

A proposed biennium budget and associated requests for FY 2028 and 2029 was prepared and presented to the Administration Committee. The budget is based on the revenue and expenses for FY 2025 and remain flat except where adjusted for projected revenue increases and additional expenses. The budget is a best effort to understand and reflect the financial condition of ADC's operations. It does not include the financial information for projects funded through appropriation but payroll to manage these projects is included in the budgeted expenses.

The budget reflects ADC's three accounts -- General Fund G-161, Revolving Fund S-312 for lease revenue and expenses, and Revolving Fund S-325 for water system revenue and expenses. Appropriations for water system debt service and a pass through for the University of Hawaii and shown separately as they are not directly related to operations.

Financial Summary:

The budget projects an operating shortfall of \$1.9M in FY 2028 and will require an appropriation from the Legislature. The primary recurring factor is that revenue consists of lease rents and water fees, but expenses include payroll for the entire agency that manages both operations and projects. There are no project management fees that are credited to revenue. Other contributing factors for FY 2028 are the Kawaiele pump replacement and NPDES testing. The budget projects an operating shortfall of \$1.1M in FY 2029. The improvement from FY 2028 is due to increases in leased acres and a step up in lease rates.

Budget Requests:

Budget requests focus on improving our ability to hire and retain staff to allow for the agency to manage operations and current and future projects. This includes a request to increase the spending ceiling by \$637,960 to allow the corporation to

increase salaries when the corporation has the funds to maintain the ongoing costs and the salary and benefits. The requested ceiling increase provides the upper limit of the potential payroll costs. In addition, there is a request to increase the ceiling by an additional \$6,000,000 to address the potential cost to operate and staff the water systems on Oahu and Kauai.

Requests are also planned for property and infrastructure improvements that will allow for future growth. These include \$700K for security, \$800K in FY28 and \$450K in FY29 to support the initial needs to operate and maintain the Oahu properties and water systems, \$13M through FY28 and 29 to complete the improvements to reservoir 155 for in Kunia, \$19M in FY28 and 29 for improvements to the Wahiawa irrigation system, \$10M in FY 28 and 29 for improvements to the East Kauai Irrigation System and \$2M in FY28 to purchase and install equipment and \$80K in FY29 to complete the monitoring system for reservoirs.

Major requests that focus on furthering the Food and Product Innovation Networks include \$60M for the Entrepreneurial Food Manufacturing Facility (EPMF), \$7M for planning FPIN and EPMF on Maui, and \$5M for planning on Hawaii.

AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FY 2028 BUDGET (G-161)

ADC G-161		Revenue	Expense	Revenue Less Expense	
	Legislative Appropriation for Operations	1,900,000		1,900,000	Appropriation needed to cover projected operating loss
	Legislative Appropriation for FPIN	2,800,000	2,750,000	50,000	Assume continued appropriation for FPIN
	Restriction	-	-	-	Potential to be subject to administrative restrictions
	Subtotal	4,700,000	2,750,000	1,950,000	
Kauai	Kekaha	-	25,000	(25,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	East Kauai	-	80,000	(80,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Kalepa	-	80,000	(80,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Kauai Total	-	185,000	(185,000)	
Oahu	Galbraith	700,000	700,000	-	Security for the Bott Well pumps; subject to receiving an appropriation
	Misc.	-	70,000	(70,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Whitmore 24	-	80,000	(80,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Whitmore 256	-	-	-	
	Dole	-	-	-	
	Paalaa Uka	-	80,000	(80,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Kunia	-	1,683	(1,683)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Kalaeloa	-	-	-	
	Oahu Total	700,000	931,683	(231,683)	
Statewide	Personnel Services	-	-	-	
	PR contract	-	150,000	(150,000)	Public Relations consultant
	Accounting Consultant	-	60,000	(60,000)	Book keeper support
	IT Support	-	63,000	(63,000)	IT support for ADC remote locations
	Other Expenses	-	117,844	(117,844)	PP&E, fuel, etc.
	Statewide Total	-	390,844	(390,844)	
	ADC G-161 Subtotal	5,400,000	4,257,527	1,142,473	
	Legislative Appropriation for University of Hawaii	2,058,118	2,058,118	-	Pass through for UH Act 99 SLH2026
	ADC G-161 Total	\$ 7,458,118	\$ 6,315,645	\$ 1,142,473	

AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FY 2028 BUDGET (S-312)

ADC S-312		Revenue	Expense	Revenue Less Expense	
Kauai	Kekaha	241,107	150,000	91,107	
	East Kauai	107,596	14,988	92,608	
	Kapaia, GF	200,000	12,000	188,000	Assume full year rent from new GF tenants
	OHA/DHHL	-	274,352	(274,352)	Assume 50% of revenue
Kauai Total		548,703	451,340	97,364	
Oahu	Galbraith	533,076	150,000	383,076	
	Misc.	70,894	70,000	894	
	Dole	252,000	1,200	250,800	Assume full year lease upper Helemano parcel
	Paalaa Uka	256,405	12,000	244,405	Assume full year lease after extending water infrastructure
	Agricultural events	200,000	150,000	50,000	Ag. Event prep costs, Farm Fair, Rodeo, Aina Kalikimaka
	Kunia	-	1,683	(1,683)	
	Kalaeloa	27,840		27,840	
Oahu Total		1,340,215	384,883	955,332	
Statewide	Cash Balance	-	-	-	
	Payroll	-	1,333,205	(1,333,205)	
	Other Expenses	-	383,537	(383,537)	PP&E, fuel, etc.
Statewide Total		-	1,716,742	(1,716,742)	
ADC S-312 Subtotal		1,888,918	2,552,965	(664,047)	
Kauai	NPDES special counsel legal fees	\$ 929,500	929,500	\$ -	\$845K plus 10% annual interest from 6/26; subject to receiving appropriation
	Kawaiele Pump Replacement		675,000	(675,000)	\$225K spent in FY27
	Operation of Kawaiele Pump	1,150,000	500,000	650,000	
	NPDES testing		650,000	(650,000)	Potential for a portion of cost of to be covered by other users
ADC S-312 Total		\$ 3,968,418	\$ 5,307,465	\$ (1,339,047)	

AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FY 2028 BUDGET (S-325)

Water System S-325		Revenue	Expense	Revenue Less Expense	
Kauai	East Kauai Irrigation System	-	70,000	(70,000)	
	Kekaha Irrigation System	-	20,000	(20,000)	
Kauai Total		-	90,000	(90,000)	
Oahu	Waiahole Water System	1,200,000	200,000	1,000,000	Expand on improvements and maintenance, funding permitting
	Wahiawa Irrigation System	1,100,000	855,000	245,000	
Oahu Total		2,300,000	1,055,000	1,245,000	
Statewide	Cash Balance	685,622	-	685,622	Balance at the end of FY27
	Payroll	-	1,048,011	(1,048,011)	
	Other Expenses	-	569,884	(569,884)	PP&E, fuel, etc.
Statewide Total		685,622	1,617,895	(932,273)	
Water System S-325 Subtotal		2,985,622	2,762,895	222,727	
Appropriation to pay debt service		3,558,620	427,832	3,130,788	Remaining reserve for WWS debt payment
Water System S-325 Total		\$ 6,544,242	\$ 3,190,727	\$ 3,353,515	

	Revenue	Expense	Revenue Less Expense	
Total *	\$ 12,354,040	\$ 12,327,887	\$ 26,154	* Not including appropriations for UH and water system debt service

AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FY 2029 BUDGET (G-161)

ADC G-161		Revenue	Expense	Revenue Less Expense	
	Legislative Appropriation for Operations	1,100,000		1,100,000	Appropriation needed to cover projected operating loss
	Legislative Appropriation for FPIN	2,800,000	2,750,000	50,000	Assume continued appropriation for FPIN
	Restriction	-	-	-	Potential to be subject to administrative restrictions
	Subtotal	3,900,000	2,750,000	1,150,000	
Kauai	Kekaha	-	25,000	(25,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	East Kauai	-	80,000	(80,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Kalepa	-	80,000	(80,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Kauai Total	-	185,000	(185,000)	
Oahu	Galbraith	700,000	700,000	-	Security for the Bott Well pumps; subject to receiving an appropriation
	Misc.	-	70,000	(70,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Whitmore 24	-	80,000	(80,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Whitmore 256	-	-	-	
	Dole	-	-	-	
	Paalaa Uka	-	80,000	(80,000)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Kunia	-	1,683	(1,683)	Operational cost for S-312 and S-325 but reported in this account
	Kalaeloa	-	-	-	
	Oahu Total	700,000	931,683	(231,683)	
Statewide	Personnel Services	-	-	-	
	PR contract	-	150,000	(150,000)	Public Relations consultant
	Accounting Consultant	-	60,000	(60,000)	Book keeper support
	IT Support	-	63,000	(63,000)	IT support for ADC remote locations
	Other Expenses	-	117,844	(117,844)	PP&E, fuel, etc.
	Statewide Total	-	390,844	(390,844)	
	ADC G-161 Subtotal	4,600,000	4,257,527	342,473	
	Legislative Appropriation for University of Hawaii	2,058,118	2,058,118	-	Pass through for UH Act 99 SLH2026
	ADC G-161 Total	\$ 6,658,118	\$ 6,315,645	\$ 342,473	

AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FY 2029 BUDGET (S-312)

ADC S-312		Revenue	Expense	Revenue Less Expense	
Kauai	Kekaha	241,107	150,000	91,107	
	East Kauai	107,596	14,988	92,608	
	Kapaia, GF	280,000	12,000	268,000	Assume licensing an additional 200 acres
	OHA/DHHL	-	314,352	(314,352)	Assume 50% of revenue
Kauai Total		628,703	491,340	137,364	
Oahu	Galbraith	1,164,876	150,000	1,014,876	Step up in lease rent
	Misc.	70,894	70,000	894	
	Dole	252,000	1,200	250,800	Assume full year lease upper Helemano parcel
	Paalaa Uka	256,405	12,000	244,405	Assume full year lease after extending water infrastructure
	Agricultural events	250,000	150,000	100,000	Ag. Event prep costs, Farm Fair, Rodeo, Aina Kalikimaka
	Kunia	-	1,683	(1,683)	
	Kalaeloa	27,840		27,840	
Oahu Total		2,022,015	384,883	1,637,132	
Statewide	Cash Balance	-	-	-	
	Payroll	-	1,373,201	(1,373,201)	
	Other Expenses	-	383,537	(383,537)	PP&E, fuel, etc.
Statewide Total		-	1,756,738	(1,756,738)	
ADC S-312 Subtotal		2,650,718	2,632,961	17,758	
Kauai	Operation of Kawaiiele Pump	1,150,000	500,000	650,000	
	NPDES testing		650,000	(650,000)	Potential for a portion of cost of to be covered by other users
ADC S-312 Total		\$ 3,800,718	\$ 3,782,961	\$ 17,758	

AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FY 2029 BUDGET (S-325)

Water System S-325		Revenue	Expense	Revenue Less Expense	
Kauai	East Kauai Irrigation System	-	70,000	(70,000)	
	Kekaha Irrigation System	-	20,000	(20,000)	
Kauai Total		-	90,000	(90,000)	
Oahu	Waiahole Water System	1,200,000	200,000	1,000,000	Expand on improvements and maintenance, funding permitting
	Wahiawa Irrigation System	1,100,000	855,000	245,000	
Oahu Total		2,300,000	1,055,000	1,245,000	
Statewide	Cash Balance	222,727	-	222,727	Balance at the end of FY28
	Payroll	-	1,079,451	(1,079,451)	
	Other Expenses	-	569,884	(569,884)	PP&E, fuel, etc.
Statewide Total		222,727	1,649,335	(1,426,608)	
Water System S-325 Subtotal		2,522,727	2,794,335	(271,608)	
Appropriation to pay debt service		3,130,788	428,556	2,702,232	Remaining reserve for WWS debt payment
Water System S-325 Total		\$ 5,653,515	\$ 3,222,891	\$ 2,430,624	

	Revenue	Expense	Revenue Less Expense	
Total *	\$ 10,923,445	\$ 10,834,823	\$ 88,623	* Not including appropriations for UH and water system debt service

FY 2028 & FY 2029

Operational and Other Current Expense (OCE) REQUESTS

Personnel Services (payroll)

MOF		Request		Base Request	Fringe	Total	Comments
BED170 KB	1	Request ceiling increase	Request to increase the salary for the ADC Project Manager Position	48,000	30,720	78,720	State of Hawaii Comp - \$72,516 - \$88,212 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$121,300 - \$149,300
BED170 KB	2	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the ADC Asset Manager Position	18,000	11,520	29,520	State of Hawaii Comp - \$72,516 - \$88,212 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$97,796 - \$121,189
BED170 KB	3	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the ADC Property Manager Position	35,000	22,400	57,400	State of Hawaii Comp - \$64,428 - \$78,420 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$73,000 - \$116,000+
BED170 KB	4	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the ADC Kauai Property Manager Position	35,000	22,400	57,400	State of Hawaii Comp - \$64,428 - \$78,420 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$73,000 - \$116,000+
BED170 KB	5	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the ADC CRFPIN Manager Position	20,000	12,800	32,800	State of Hawaii Comp - no comp Hawaii Private Industry Comp - no comp, executive director scale \$83,000 - \$183,000
BED170 KB	6	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the ADC Commodity Coordinator Position	24,000	15,360	39,360	State of Hawaii Comp - \$59,532 - \$95,424 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - no comp, used program and project manager scale \$104,881 - \$137,808
BED170 KB	7	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the ADC Secretary III Position	24,000	15,360	39,360	State of Hawaii Comp - \$56,904 - \$72,036 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$74,000 - \$85,000+
BED170 KB	8	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the Waiahole Water System Manager Position	24,000	15,360	39,360	State of Hawaii Comp - no comp Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$82,300 - \$97,700
BED170 KB	9	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the Waiahole Office Manager Position	24,000	15,360	39,360	State of Hawaii Comp \$66,876 - \$84,696 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$74,000 - \$85,000+
BED170 KB	10	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the Senior Water Worker Position	18,000	11,520	29,520	State of Hawaii Comp - \$60,936 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$64,000 - \$65,000+
BED170 KB	11	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the Senior Water Worker Position	18,000	11,520	29,520	State of Hawaii Comp - \$60,936 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$64,000 - \$65,000+
BED170 KB	12	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the Water Worker Position, Oahu	12,000	7,680	19,680	State of Hawaii Comp - \$58,308 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$57,852 - \$60,000+
BED170 KB	13	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the Water Worker Position, Oahu	12,000	7,680	19,680	State of Hawaii Comp - \$58,308 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$57,852 - \$60,000+
BED170 KC	14	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the ADC Kauai Water System Manager Position	35,000	22,400	57,400	State of Hawaii Comp - no comp Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$104,881 - \$137,808+
BED170 KC	15	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to redescribe one of the Water worker positions on Kauai to Senior Water Worker Position with the comparable salary	18,000	11,520	29,520	State of Hawaii Comp - \$60,936 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$64,000 - \$65,000+
BED170 KC	16	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the Water Worker Position, Kauai	12,000	7,680	19,680	State of Hawaii Comp - \$58,308 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$57,852 - \$60,000+
BED170 KC	17	Request ceiling increase	The funds will be used to increase the salary for the Water Worker Position, Kauai	12,000	7,680	19,680	State of Hawaii Comp - \$58,308 Hawaii Private Industry Comp - \$57,852 - \$60,000+
						637,960	Request Admin Comm approval to request increase in expense ceiling. ADC will need to manage costs and increase revenue to fund the increase. ADC will not increase to the maximum unless the performance and or service years warrant the increase.

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FY 2028 & FY 2029**Other Current Expense (OCE) REQUESTS**

MOF, Method of					
	Funding	Request	FY 2028	FY 2029	
1	Request ceiling increase	Request increase of the ceiling to allow for the operation of the WIS, and additional costs related to Kauai land and water systems	6,000,000	6,000,000	Request to increase the ceiling based on final approval of HB1800 SLH2026. \$6,000,000 is an estimate. Staff will update once the final budget is approved
MOF, Method of					
	Funding	Request	FY 2028	FY 2029	
2	A	Request general funds to pay cost of salary and OCE shortfall	1,900,000	1,100,000	Request appropriation to cover projected operating loss. Funds need to cover payroll and regular operating costs until the corporation can become self sustaining.
3	A	Attorney to manage the ADC's NPDES permitting in Kekaha	240,000	-	ADC requests funding for specialized legal services associated with compliance, permitting, enforcement defense, and regulatory proceedings related to the West Kaua'i NPDES Permit. The permit imposes extensive federal and state compliance obligations, monitoring requirements, and potential liabilities, including penalties of up to \$60,000 per day per violation. Given the complexity of the Clean Water Act, environmental permitting requirements, and ongoing regulatory and legal matters, ADC requires specialized environmental counsel to protect the State's interests, ensure compliance, reduce financial and operational risks, and support the continued operation of critical agricultural drainage and irrigation infrastructure serving West Kaua'i agriculture and public safety. Funding request may change pending the outcome of the current permit discussion.
4	A	Funds to be used to pay the cost of the special attorney to support the NPDES permit.	929,500		\$845K plus 10% annual interest from 6/26; Funds to be used to pay the cost of the special attorney to support the NPDES permit
	A	Security for Bott Well and pump	700,000	700,000	Cost to maintain security for the Bott Well pump and well facility. Funds to be used to pay security costs to insure the Bott Well pumps and well are kept secure.
5	A	Equipment for Oahu Water System and Property maintenance	800,000	450,000	Funding is requested for purchase of equipment to support the improvements and deferred maintenance of the Oahu land and water systems. ADC staff will return to the Admin Comm regarding specific equipment specs. Property security and Homeless cleanup
5	A	One (1) Replacement vehicle for Waiahole Water System (WWS) and One (1) vehicle for Wahiawa Irrigation System Manager	180,000	-	Planned vehicle purchase for replacement of old and unserviceable vehicle.
6	A	One (1) New vehicle for ADC main office use	-	70,000	New vehicle purchase, ADC staff frequently goes to site and field visits and must use personal vehicles for these purposes. The vehicle will also be used by visiting ADC staff from other islands opposed to renting a vehicle.
7	A	Property management software consulting	36,873	37,979	Funding is required in order to manage over \$50M of state assets, including ceded lands that generate revenue for OHA and DHHL. The funds will be used to pay for the cost to support the ADC's Yardi property management system.
			FY 2028 Total	FY 2029 Total	
			3,156,873	1,657,979	

FY 2028 & FY 2029**Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) REQUESTS**

	MOF	Description	FY28	FY29	Justification
1	C	Reservoir 155 Lining Funding Gap, Kunia, Oahu	7,000,000	5,000,000	Public Safety & Legal: Failure to fund this item could result in significant fines and penalties associated with non-compliance under a legal settlement agreement and may place human lives at risk. Funding is needed for long overdue repairs to the Reservoir 155 lining required to bring the facility into compliance, as well as spillway upgrade design work requested by Dam Safety following impacts and risk concerns identified during the Kona storm event. The reservoir system is critical for public safety, wildfire response, and irrigation water delivery necessary to sustain and increase local food production.
2	C	Wahiawa Irrigation System Repairs, Oahu	8,000,000	11,000,000	Repairs recommended in 2007 & 2023 study
3	C	East Kauai Irrigation System Repairs	5,000,000	5,000,000	Repairs recommended in HDOA study
4	C	Monitoring equipment for all reservoirs	2,000,000	80,000	One each: Wahiawa (3), EKIS (2), Grove (2) @ \$40k/each
5	C	Improve Hanamaulu Ditch earthen tunnels, Lihue Kauai	350,000	-	The funding is needed to fulfill state mandates and ADC statute. Funding The funds will be used to address deferred repair and maintenance of the Hanamaulu earthen tunnels that supply irrigation water to the Lihue area agricultural operations. The tunnels have collapsed several times and are in need of improvements. The funds will be used to hire a consultant to plan, design, and construct a solution to protect the ditch from soil collapsing into and blocking the ditch. The likely solution will be to insert a large pipe to protect the water flow.
6	C	AAHOAKA Dam Improvements, Kalepa, Kauai	100,000	-	The dam improvements fulfill the ADC Statute of supporting the economic, environmental and social benefit for the people of Hawaii. Necessary to address dam safety violations in order to reclassify dam from jurisdictional to non-jurisdictional. Improvements required for Aahoaka Dam (clearing perimeter, staff gauge w/ real-time remote monitoring, and dam stability/hydrology analysis)

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	MOF	Description	FY28	FY29	Justification
7		Oahu-Build out of the FPIN/EPMF Concept, Central Oahu	60,000,000	-	Funding the Entrepreneurial Food Manufacturing Facility (EPMF) is critical in providing shelf stable food that insures food stability during natural disasters, displaces imported food, grow more local food to meet state mandates, but most importantly provides 6 months to 2 years of food security for Hawaii's people . The funds will be used for plans, designs, construction, and equipment to build the Food & Product Innovation Network / Entrepreneurial Product Innovation Center. As part of Hawaii's need to diversify the economy, the FPIN/EPIC project area will provide the infrastructure for Hawaii based businesses to create new products from agricultural products grown in Hawaii. Hawaii once was a major producer of agricultural products and exported products.
8	C	FPIN/EPMF Maui	7,000,000	-	Request planning and Design for Maui County EPMF/FPIN
9	C	FPIN/EPMF Hawaii	5,000,000	-	Request planning and Design for Hawaii County EPMF/FPIN
10	C	Environmental remediation Whitmore projects	550,000	-	Funds to be used for costs associated with testing and remediation of environmental matters at the Whitmore project area.
11	C	Design for new office space Oahu	-	250,000	Funding is requested to design office space that better supports employee recruitment, retention, productivity, and the operational needs of ADC's growing organization. The current office configuration no longer adequately accommodates staff, lacks sufficient meeting and collaboration space, and limits opportunities for employee engagement and efficient workflow.
12	C	Purchase of Land, Oahu	58,204,000	-	Acquisition of the Dole property would preserve 3,000 + acres of prime agriculture land in central Oahu.

	FY 2028	FY 2029
Total Requests	153,204,000	21,330,000