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## COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CBED) ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 10:00 a.m.**

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# CBED Advisory Council Meeting AGENDA

*August 25, 2026, 10:00 AM*

## I. Call to Order

i. Introduction of Council Members and guests

## II. Old Business

i. Approval of CBED Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2026 and July 28, 2026.

## III. New Business

i. Recommendation/Approval of a CBED Loan of $75,000 to To Be Organics, LLC, dba To Be Hawai‘i. To Be Hawai‘i is a Maui-based, Hawai‘i-inspired natural personal care company founded in 2018 by Karli Rose Suprea-Wilson. Sourcing ingredients directly from several Maui farms, personal care items are manufactured in their Wailuku factory and sold direct-to-consumer and to a few wholesale accounts. The company is seeking financing to grow and transition from artisan-scale to mainstream manufacturer thus increase their wholesale production capacity and ability to meet international production specifications. Co-lending with Feed the Hunger Fund (FTHF), which will also make a loan of $75,000; loan total will be $150,000. CBED loan would cover the cost of manufacturing equipment and working capital with the following terms: 6 years at 5.5%. Underwriting review by Eric Bowman, Loan Officer, FTHF.

ii. Nominations and Vote for Chairperson of the CBED Advisory Council

iii. Review and discussion of the CBED EDA Revolving Loan Plan

iv. Recommendation/Approval to adopt the updated CBED EDA Revolving Loan Plan

## IV. Next Meeting: September 15, 2026, 10am

## V. Adjournment

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