

Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

FY 2016 Citizen Centric Report



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About GALC

The Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) was created by Public Law 25-45 to serve as the conduit for conveying returned federal excess lands to their original land owners. GALC is known as the Land Claims Facilitator. In 2012, GALC merged into the Department of Land Management through Reorganization Advisory No. 9.

Administer the Guam Ancestral Lands Act in order that ancestral landowners, their heirs and descendants may expeditiously exercise all the fundamental civil rights in the property they own; establish a land bank to provide just compensation for dispossessed ancestral landowners; and when appropriate, assume the role of Claims Facilitator to assist ancestral landowners in pursuit of just remedies. (21GCA §80102)

Board Members

Anthony J.P. Ada Chairman	Ronald F. Eclavea Commissioner
Ronald T. Laguana Vice Chairman	Anita F. Orfino Commissioner
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Increase the number of federal return parcels and provide just compensation to the families who will not benefit from the returns.

OUR MISSION

OUR GOALS

As of September 30, 2016 GALC returned a total of 34.49 acres to three (3) original landowners. The properties returned are located in the Radio Barrigada, former Naval Air Station, and Agana areas. This increased GALC cumulative total of returned property to 2,628.39 acres.



In addition to the increase in returned property, GALC received an “unmodified clean” opinion on its 2016 financial audit report on internal control and compliance with no findings by the Office of Public Accountability.



FY 2016 Finances

Guam Ancestral Lands Commission
Combining Balance Sheet
Period Ending September 30, 2016

Guam Ancestral Lands Commission
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance
Period Ending September 30, 2016

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,355,798
Receivables, net	257,586
Time Certificates of Deposit	1,117,310
Total Assets	\$ 4,730,694

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 13,706
Security Deposits Payable	75,310
Unearned Revenues	81,145
Total Liabilities	170,161
Fund Balance:	
Restricted	4,560,525
Committed	8
Total Fund Balance	4,560,533
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 4,730,694

Revenues:	
Lease Rentals:	
Base Rent	\$ 554,119
Participation Rent	17,895
Government of Guam Appropriation	91,093
Interest Income	21,326
Other	96
Total revenues	684,529
Expenditures:	
Salaries and Wages - Regular	49,307
Salaries and Wages – Fringe benefits	12,511
Health Benefits	8,356
Contractual Services	20,965
Management Fee	83,234
Tenant Improvement Allowance	8,107
Miscellaneous	207
Total expenditures	182,687
Net change in Fund Balances	501,842
Fund Balances at beginning of year	4,058,691
Fund Balances at end of year	\$ 4,560,533



To view the GALC financial audit, go to the
Office of Public Accountability website:
opaguam.org

Future Challenges

FY2016 ended on a progressive tone, GALC continues to experience the challenge of providing access to returned properties because of the lack of resources. Moreover, the disbursement of Land Bank funds to original landowners who will not benefit from return properties remains a challenge because of the prolonged approval process of the Land Bank Rules and Regulations.

Outlook

The GALC Board and Director will continue to work cohesively with the Office of the Attorney General and the Guam Legislature to ensure that the board approved Land Bank Rules and Regulations is enacted soon. Furthermore, management will continue work on legislation that would allow GALC to expend a percentage of commercial revenue to fund administrative costs. Also, in FY2017 management will work with DLM's Survey Division to create an Easement Masterplan that would be the initial phase in addressing the challenge of providing access to returned properties.



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