The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is the chief legal office of the Government of Guam. We are empowered to prosecute all crimes, provide legal advice and representation to the government of Guam, enforce child support, protect our children and manåmko’ from abuse, support victims through the justice process, and protect consumers of Guam from fraud and deceptive business practices.

The OAG built up its full infrastructure to include financial, personnel, and programs, which has required the recruitment of staff. The Competitive Wage Act (CWA) impacted the OAG’s ability to recruit and retain experienced attorneys at competitive salary levels.
**Our Performance**

**Rate of Return for 2016: $3.09**
- Litigation Recoveries, Punitive Damages, Reduction in or Denied Government Claims, Restitutions $33,432,093
- Disbursed Child Support Payments $10,818,094
- Public Assistance Recoveries $348,704
- CCIC Funds from Court $333,438
- White Collar Recoveries $1,237,061
- Grants Subgranted $1,447,346
- Tobacco Settlement Recoveries $2,411,860

**THERAPEUTIC COURTS***
- Drug Charges, 235, 23%
- Driving Under Influence, 350, 34%

**Crimes Against Persons***
- Aggravated Assault, 31, 14%
- Harassment, 18, 8%
- Terrorizing, 23, 11%
- Stalking, 1, 1%
- All Homicide, 5, 2%
- Criminal Sexual Conduct, 59, 27%
- Child Victims of Abuse, 14, 6%
- Assault, 67, 31%

**Crimes Against Property***
- Theft of Motor Vehicle, 46, 33%
- Home Invasion, 5, 4%
- Criminal Trespassing, 25, 18%
- Burglary, 24, 17%
- Robbery, 16, 12%

**Child Support Division**
- Collected: $10,881,598
- Served: 11,232 Children
- Number of Established Paternity Cases 7,750 or 54%
- Open/Active Cases 6,654 or 46%

**Family Division***
- Juvenile Drug Court, 197, 34%
- Juvenile Delinquency, 208, 36%
- Special Proceedings, 94, 16%
- Restorative Justice, 80, 14%

**Litigation Division**
- Amount Disbursed to Claimants, 221,631.00, 8%
- Amount from Claims Denied, 2,398,784.31, 86%
- Amount Disbursed from Dormant Accounts, 161,951.79, 6%

**Solicitor Division**
- Number of Case Filings
  - Administrative Proceedings
  - Civil Service Commission Proceedings
  - Office of Public Accountability Proceedings
  - Administrative Rules & Regulations
  - Attorney Assistance
  - Contract Review
  - Opinions & Legal Guidance Requests
  - Procurement
  - Special Assistant Attorney General Procurements

* Based on Calendar Year
Significant Changes to Revenue

General fund revenues are primarily driven by the appropriations made by the Guam Legislature. In FY2016, the Legislature authorized carryover funding from FY2014 and FY2015 appropriations.

A total of $338,645.92 was recouped from prior year revenues primarily impacting increased Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (CICC) funds. Non-appropriated funds are derived from the Consumer Protection Fund, Notary Fund, CICC Fund, and OAG Clearances.

Significant Changes to Expenditures

Contractual and capital improvement expenditures have been reduced from the prior year by $710,071.00. Equipment expenses have increased by $238,867.00 primarily from efforts to revitalize and replace decades old furniture, office technology, and equipment to increase efficiencies. Federal matching expenses increased due to a corresponding increase in federal grants received in FY2016 totaling $1,290,271.00.
OUR CHALLENGES

Challenges the Office of the Attorney General faced during FY 2016:

- Maintaining recruitment of senior attorneys in all Divisions to sustain demand for civil and criminal prosecution, motions, appellate work, and jury trials
- Increased reliance and confidence of government agencies, and demand for more services of attorneys to appear at administrative hearings, assist in rule making, and for other agency matters.
- Difficulty in recruiting hard to fill positions within legal support staff (paralegals, legal secretaries, legal clerks) due to limited human resources on island
- Limited expertise in specialized fields of law (i.e. tax law, environmental law; correctional mental health)

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Developing and strengthening the agency’s technology infrastructure is critical to achieve operational efficiencies. Objectives include:

- Better service crime victims by procuring and implementing an Automated Victim Information Notification System (AVINS) to further enhance services provided by the OAG to crime victims
  - Build electronic data capacity for the OAG’s Criminal Injuries Compensation Program (CICP) to better serve crime victims by procuring an automated case management system that links victims to Victim Service Center (VSC) services and to restitution payments
  - Build a collaborative working relationship with the Judiciary of Guam to analyze current restitution practices and identify ways to improve
  - Develop a case management system (CMS) for Victim Service Center, Family Division, and Litigation Division
- Upgrade the case management system (CMS) for Child Support Enforcement Division and Prosecution Division
- Launch an electronic filing system and improve online access to resources and service
- Ensure procurement for technology-related priorities are timely to safeguard investments and data, and mitigate potential risks
- Strengthen juvenile justice reform efforts and continue to implement the Restorative Justice Program (HERO)
- Fully implement Pathway to Justice

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