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Angie R. Taitague
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April 8, 2025

The Honorable Frank Blas Jr.
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(via email: speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov)

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Title 1 Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 19, §1922(a), attached is the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency's FY2023 Citizen-Centric Report.

A copy will be forwarded to the Office of Public Accountability in electronic format and will be posted on our website <https://guamcaha.org/>.

Should you require additional information, please contact me at (671) 300-1207 or you can send an email to angie.taitague@caha.guam.gov.

Sincerely,


Angie R. Taitague
Director

Cc: Office of Public Accountability
Governor's Office



GUAM COUNCIL ON THE ARTS & HUMANITIES AGENCY

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About CAHA

VISION

“To inspire creativity and expression”

MISSION

“CAHA exists to encourage and promote the artistic practice of our artisans and create opportunities for Guam residents to learn, experience express and appreciate art and artistic talent in all its forms.”

MOTTO

“Weaving Arts & Humanities into our daily lives”

CAHA:

- **Builds** capacity in our community for the arts
- **Creates** awareness for arts and culture
- **Promotes** and showcases the arts and culture
 - **Encourages and Fosters** opportunities for participation in the arts
- **Advocates** cultural identity & preservation

The **Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities [CAHA]** was created by Public Law 16-122 as Guam’s state arts agency. CAHA is charged with administering federal and local monies in support of the arts in Guam. Its role is to ensure that the arts in the community will grow and play a more significant part in the welfare and educational experience of our residents. With a small staff and limited resources, CAHA remains actively engaged in the arts and maintains a presence in the community. Whether it be through CAHA initiatives or through its collaborations with the public or private sector, the arts and culture are thriving on Guam.

Our Performance - CAHA Programs

Grants Program: CAHA awarded 19 grants totaling \$141,495.00 in FY 2023 to individuals and organizations for projects in various artistic disciplines encompassing arts education (1), folk arts (1), media arts (2), special projects (3), visual arts (6), with emphasis placed on programs that benefit the underserved community (6). Grant and fellowship awards supported projects such as apprenticeships, arts instruction and presentations in schools, musical and theatre productions, podcasts, recordings and video documentation, literary works and publications, cultural and art events and contemporary and traditional art exhibitions. Here are some projects and programs that received funding from CAHA in FY 2023.



MARK DELL'ISOLA
PACIFIC DNA 2019-2022

NOV 4, 2022- JAN 6, 2023
OPENING FRIDAY | NOV 4TH, 2022 | 6PM-9PM
GUAM CAHA GALLERY
2ND FLOOR DNA BLDG HAGATNA GUAM

Art-in-Public Places a.k.a. Percent for the Arts

Enacted in 1979 through Public Law 15-50, the Art in Public Places Program also known as the Percent for the Arts. The program targets both public and non-public development projects supported by either federal or government of Guam funds, as well as, those administered through Qualifying Certificates (QC) tax rebates, incentives, loans guarantee, bond financing or other subsidy arrangements. The program's purpose is to foster culture, arts and the development of local artists by which a portion for capital expenditures, specifically one percent (1%) of the construction, renovation or remodeling costs be set aside for the acquisition of works of art for public and non-public buildings and facilities or be given to the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency in lieu of the inclusion of arts.



The CAHA Art Gallery is a venue for local artists, organizations and schools to exhibit and showcase their arts, offering the people of Guam an opportunity to experience and enjoy their creativity. Eight exhibits were held in FY 2023 : 6 solo exhibits and 2 group showings. The gallery is located in the heart of Hagåtña on the second floor of the DNA Building.

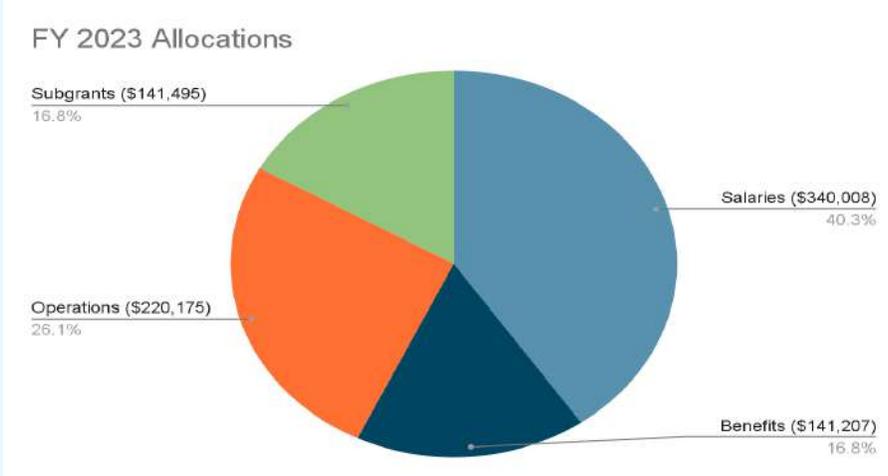
The CAHA Art Bank Program significantly contributes to the support and promotion of visual, traditional, and contemporary artists by showcasing their artwork, thereby enhancing public awareness and appreciation of the arts. The CAHA collection comprises around 300 art pieces across diverse mediums, including acrylic, watercolor, oil, batik, wood carvings, and ceramics, represented in both two-dimensional and three-dimensional forms. These artworks are loaned to government agencies annually on a rotating schedule for exhibition and display within their facilities.



Our Finances

CAHA FY 2023 EXPENDITURES - \$842,885.00

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED - \$141,495.00



FY 2023 SUBGRANTS

	Discipline	Name of Grantee	Project Title	Amount Awarded
1	Arts Education	Andrea Murer	Eco Art	\$10,000.00
2	Folk Arts (Heritage Arts)	Robert Taitano	Ifit Wood Carving Apprenticeship/ Advance Class	\$10,000.00
3	Special Projects	Harmony Yatar	Guarded: Phases of the Moon	\$10,000.00
4		Guam Museum	Do You Remember Guam	\$9,000.00
5	Media Arts	Micronesia Climate Change Alliance		\$10,000.00
6		Myracle Mogul	Along the Ugam River	\$10,000.00
7		Geraldine Unpingco	“Yengyong Ta’lo” Music/Children’s Art Exhibit	\$10,000.00
8	Visual Arts	Isla Center for the Arts University of Guam	Exhibition Projects	\$10,000.00
9		Julian Peter (Fellowship)	The Study of Light	\$2,500.00
10		The University of Guam Press	UOG Press Art Exhibit	\$6,395.00
11		Yumiko Iwasaki (Artist Name) Yumiko Furukawa	Yumiko Furukawa Solo Exhibition “The Sea Resonates with You”	\$3,000.00
12		Ariel Dimalanta (Fellowship)	Sculpture	\$3,000.00
13		Viktoria Sayrs	Mountains of Guam	\$3,000.00
14	Underserved	Roman Dela Cruz	Lima Na Gai Gatos, Hu Noni Hao Lyupaktu	\$10,000.00
15		Sean Lizama	Ramientan I Lina’la (Tools of Life)	\$10,000.00
16		Yoon Sook Park	Art Strengthens Community	\$10,000.00
17		James Avermann (Fellowship)	The 8 Traditional CHamoru Tools	\$3,000.00
18		Maria Barcinas (Fellowship)	Guinahan I trongkon niyok (The wealth of the coconut tree)	\$3,000.00
19		Thomas Bejado	Kantan Fama’guon CHamoru Kids Sing-along karaoke	\$8,600.00

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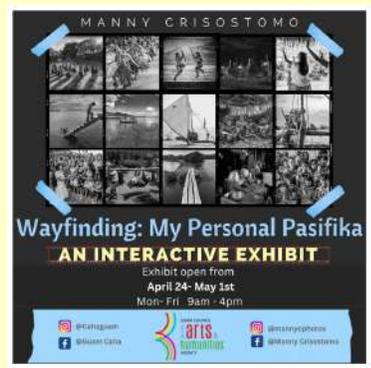
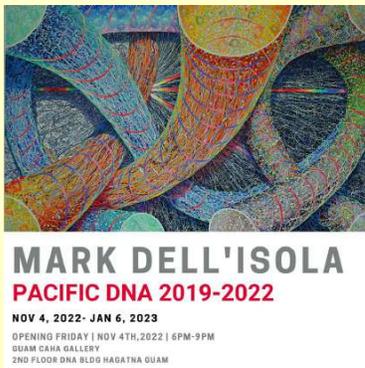
Our Performance and Our Outlook

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Collaborative Partnerships and Specialized Initiatives

CAHA forges partnerships with various government entities, including the Guam Visitors Bureau, Guam Department of Education, University of Guam, and Department of CHamoru Affairs, as well as village mayors and non-profit organizations. The purpose of these collaborations is to ensure that all citizens have the opportunity to participate in and experience activities that incorporate arts or culture into their events. Furthermore, CAHA collaborates with businesses, financial institutions, and hotels to showcase artwork and traveling exhibitions in their establishments. These collaborative efforts are exemplified through events such as the Guam Micronesia Island Fair and the Annual Silbrasion Mes CHamoru.

CAHA has partnered with the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (Hawaii) to host workshops for teachers. Additionally, the organization had hosted an exhibit by Pulitzer Winner Manny Crisostomo and held an informative workshop on the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts 2024 (FestPac) conducted by Dr. Judy Flores. CAHA also presented a special exhibit paying tribute to the late Master Ifit Wood Carver Robert Taitano. These partnerships and specialized projects demonstrate CAHA's commitment to providing diverse cultural experiences and opportunities for the community to engage with the arts.



Moving Forward

- IN FY 2024, CAHA plans to:
- 1) Award grants to support arts programs & projects across all disciplines, with the aim of benefitting the local community.
 - 2) Increase its visibility & presence in the community.
 - 3) Take a proactive approach to the Art in Public Places Program, (Percent for the Arts Initiative).
 - 4) Provide more opportunities for public participation in the arts.
 - 5) Expand its artist database.
 - 6) Promote cultural preservation, identity & diversity.
 - 7) Strengthen existing partnerships & develop or establish new collaborations with the public & private sector.

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WE VALUE YOU FEEDBACK!

Did you find this report informative? Is there other information you would like to see? Please let us know by contacting CAHA at the numbers and email listed.



FY2023 CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT FOR THE GUAM Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency

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Hafa Adai!

In accordance with Title 1 Guam Code Annotated Chapter 19 §1922(a).PL 30-127 due NLT April 10, 2025, attached are the following:

1. Cover letter
2. FY2023 Citizen Centric Report for the Guam Council on the Arts & Humanities Agency (CAHA)

We respectfully request acknowledgement of receipt of this email and its attachment.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse,



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Wed, Apr 9, 2025 at 11:53 AM

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Hafa Adái,

Confirming receipt.

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Thu, Apr 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM

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Received with thanks.



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On Wed, Apr 9, 2025 at 11:24 AM Angie Taitague <angie.taitague@caha.guam.gov> wrote:
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