

# CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM

## **Mayors' Council of Guam**

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## **ABOUT US-**

#### **OUR MISSION**

The Council provides assistance to the Mayors and Vice Mayors of all 19 municipalities who are "the most direct front-line responders and representatives" of our people. The Mayors and Vice Mayors provide services and responses and insure that these services are equitably and promptly provide to all our residents.

#### **OUR VISION**

We want to simply provide the services needed as mandated and authorized by Guam Code Annotated Title 5, Chapter 40. We simply want to keep or communities safe; our communities clean and beautified; our communities a place where all families live in harmony and peace.

#### **OUR GOAL**

We want to make our communities a place where we can all be proud to raise our children and grandchildren. To make our communities not just places delineated by "Entering" and "Leaving" signs but by living next to each other with respect and goodwill.

# Your Mayors and Vice Mayors





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# **HOW ARE WE DOING?**

### **AUDITS**

An audit of the FY16 Non –Appropriated Funds (NAF) for each village and the MCoG Revolving Fund is currently being conducted by Deloitte and Touche LLP. Deloitte and Touche LLP issued a clean opinion of the FY15 & FY16 NAF accounts while emphasizing areas that needed resolution in several of the villages. Overall, the caretakers of the NAF accounts in the villages continue to improve their accounting systems. We have also provided education opportunities to Administrative Assistants in the villages to attend procurement courses at the Guam Community College. This will continue until all 19 villages have undergone a class. An NAF Procurement Policy Manual has been established and is now in use by all villages. The NAF funds are mainly made up of funds by the operation of village night markets, flea markets, fiesta celebrations and festivals and corporate donations from business entities.

#### **VILLAGE GROWTH**

While the true population of Guam will not be counted until 2020, we have seen growth in individual villages as verified by requests for address verifications and additions of individuals to family rosters at the Mayors' offices. Mangilao and Yigo continue to be the fastest growing villages and this can be attributed to the number of housing developments in the two villages. Dededo and Tamuning have the most attendance of Seniors at the Senior Citizen Centers. Barrigada, Santa Rita, and Inarajan have seen an increase in the demand and use of their sports facilities. The request for new roads to be built for use of Chamorro Land Trust recipients are constant in Dededo, Yigo, Mangilao, Inarajan, and Umatac. A breakdown of village office activity from constituents can be viewed on our website: mcog.guam.gov.

#### SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS

In FY17, we continued to operate 12 senior centers in 11 villages. We continue to operate the centers at or below the funding levels provided by the DPHSS Division of Senior Citizens. However, we have had to tap into funds of the MCoG operations funds to fix or repair immediate needs at some centers. In all, while participation varies on a daily basis from center to center, we provide service to approximately 1000 seniors from Monday to Friday.

#### **GROUND MAINTENANCE for SCHOOLS**

This has proven to be a successful program handled by the different villages that have public schools. Most schools have their grass cut by private vendors and are paid in a timely manner and some Mayors have opted to cut the grass utilizing their personnel thus using their funds to purchase grass cutting equipment, fuel, and parts



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## **OUR FINANCES** -

### **FY 2017 APPROPRIATIONS & DIRECT FUNDING**

Total Appropriations for Personnel, Operations, and Utilities: \$10,284,355

Appropriation for Streets Maintenance and Beautification (SMB) \$1,036,026

Appropriation for Public Safety and Social Education (PSSEP) \$416,860

Appropriation for Islandwide Village Beautification Projects (IWVBP) \$470,921

Appropriation for Ground Maintenance for Schools (GMS) \$481,957

**Grant for Senior Center Operations** \$660,649.73

Funds from Limited Gaming Taxes \$633,936

Funds from Guam EPA Recycling \$ -0-

Funds from FY2014 Compact Impact Carryover \$206,952

Host Community Funds Inarajan \$150,000 Ordot/Chalan Pago S150,000 These funds solely administered by the respective Municipal Planning Councils of Inarajan & Ordot/Chalan Pago

## **FY 2017 EXPENDITURES**

Personnel, Operations, and Utilities \$9,680,286.02

Streets Maintenance and Beautification \$659,036.06

Public Safety and Social Education \$220,953.99

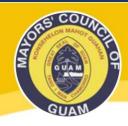
Islandwide Village Beautification Projects \$277,028.71

Ground Maintenance for Schools \$192,676.54 \*payments made from prior year carryovers Senior Center Operations \$660,649.73

**Limited Gaming Tax\*** \$282,009.08 \*Many villages withhold on expending funds to build up on their accounts to be able to fund bigger projects on a one-time basis.

EPA Recycling Fund \$ - 0 -

Compact Impact Fund \$135,126.44



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# **FUTURE CHALLENGES AND OUTLOOK**

## **USERS' FEE SCHEDULE**

As we have done in the previous year, we have again requested the 34th Guam Legislature to act on the MCoG adopted Schedule of Fees for the use of facilities and equipment in each of the villages. This Fee Schedule will be uniform and publicized. It will be for the use of facilities such as community centers, gyms, parks under the jurisdiction of the mayor. It will be for equipment such as canopies, chairs, and tables. These fees will be deposited in the Non Appropriated Funds of the village and used for the maintenance and repair of the facilities and equipment.

### **AUDITS**

We will continue to have our 19 Village Non Appropriated Funds (NAF) and the MCoG Revolving Funds to be annually audited. We will strive to have "clean opinion" audits with no findings or deficiencies. We will continue to be diligent in our efforts to improve where we are lacking and to continue processes that have worked well in the accounting of funds maintained by our villages.

## **MCoG WEBSITE**

For more details and information about the Mayors' Council of Guam and all our 19 villages, we invite you to log in to our website at www.mcog.guam.gov.

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