



# CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT—FY 2020

## *Department of Community & Cultural Affairs*

### **Mission**

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) is charged with the oversight of CNMI functions in the areas of human and social services, historic and landmark conservation and preservation, activities to preserve Chamorro and Carolinian heritages and traditions, public arts and sports programming.

### **About the Department**

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs was created in 1978 with the signing of the Covenant to establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) in political union with the United States of America. The DCCA is an executive branch agency, responsible to the Governor through the Secretary.

### **Divisions and Programs of the DCCA**

- Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission
- Child Care Development Fund
- Child Care Licensing Program
- CNMI Respite Care Program
- Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture
- Division of Youth Services
- Historic Preservation Office
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Nutrition Assistance Program
- Office on Aging
- Sports and Recreation Program



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# Our Progress



## Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission (CCLPC)

Number of translations completed—92 Documents  
Number of in-court translation services—3  
Number of non-written translations—7

## Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)

Total number of children who received services/subsidies: 490  
Amount of subsidies paid out in fy20: \$2,886,776.00

Number of trainings provided in fy20—72

## Child Care Licensing Program (CCLP)

Number of licensed child care providers in FY20 - 24  
Number of center inspections—48

## CNMI Respite Care Services Program (CRSP)

Number of applications: 48 caregivers registered

*Note: the CRSP has been temporarily suspended due to budgetary cuts*

## Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture (CCAC)

CCAC-coordinated arts programs (non-Garapan Street Market)—7

Number of artists and cultural practitioners involved—109

Approximate number of visitors/participants in activities—850

National Endowment for the Arts funding - \$293,400

## Division of Youth Services (DYS)

Child Abuse and Neglect —271cases (*increase of 26% over FY19*)

Juvenile Probation Unit—118 cases

Emergency Shelter Intake—19 clients

Foster Care - 31 children Kinship Placement—1 child

## Historic Preservation Office (HPO)

One Start Permit reviews: 459 Number of Section 106 Projects: 60

Major Siting Projects reviews: 6

FY2020 federal grant award—\$ 416,394.00

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Number of LIHEAP Beneficiaries – 376 households

Number of Households who benefitted from Weatherization – 89

Amount of benefits provided in FY 2020 – Federal – \$215,982 0Local - \$32,791.00

## Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP)

Number of households receiving benefits in fy20 - 3,239

Total benefits distributed in fy20 - \$21,032,612

## Office on Aging (OoA)

Number of Homebound Meals distributed—*Saipan— 37,622 Tinian— 11,683, Rota— 12,428*

Number of Homebound Clients - *Saipan- 157, Tinian— 18, Rota— 39*

Number of Active Clients *Saipan— 86, Tinian— 18, Rota- 39*

Number of Congregate Meals served in - *Saipan— 19,555, Tinian- 4,216, Rota— 8,810*

## DCCA Sports and Recreation Program (DSRP)

Number of youth participants in interscholastic flag rugby program—213

Number of youth participants in summer, youth center, and other sports programs—120



# DCCA FY2020 Budget



## Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission

\* Personnel: \$150,687 Operations: \$47,765

## Child Care Development Fund & Licensing Program

\* Personnel: \$335,129 Operations: \$4,317,956

Federal funding: \$4,673,085

## Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture

\* Personnel: \$347,188 Operations: \$239,206

## Division of Youth Services

\* Personnel: \$863,502 Operations: \$444,148

Federal funding: \$1,428,346 Local funding: \$666,134

## Historic Preservation Office

\* Personnel: \$225,361 Operations: \$36,248

Federal funding: \$416,394

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Federal funding: \$215,982 Local funding: \$32,791

## Nutrition Assistance Program

\* Personnel: \$0.00 Operations \$0.00

Federal funding: Block Grant \$12,148,000 + ENAP Allocation \$8,500,000

## Office on Aging

\* Personnel: \$401,598 Operations: \$491,237

Federal funding: \$1,191,964

## Sports and Recreation Program

Personnel: \$18,965 Operations: \$136.00

## Office of the Secretary

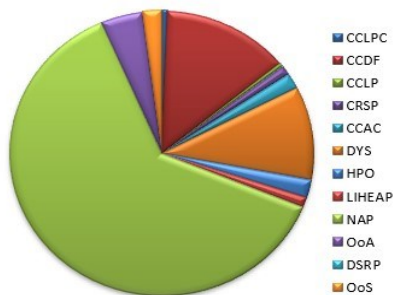
Personnel: \$234,512 Operations: \$39,562

**Total FY2020 Local Appropriation: \$4,127,865**

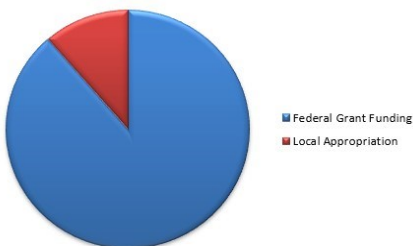
**Total Federal Funding:  
\$32,185,700**

\* FY2021 Local Appropriation

**FY20 BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY DIVISION**  
(local and federal combined)



**DCCA FUNDING SOURCES FY2020**





## Looking Forward

**The COVID 19 Pandemic:** In its role as Mass Care lead for the CNMI, the DCCA stepped up to man and assist with the management of the CNMI's quarantine sites at the Kanoa Resort, Pacific Island's Club, and the Marianas Resort. The DCCA also participated in the Distribution of food to home-quarantined residents. The DCCA sustained significant budgetary cuts due to the pandemic-driven economy. Originally furloughing 37 staff, the DCCA has been able to see the return of all but five of the furloughed staff.

**CCAC NEA Funding:** After regaining eligibility for federal funding in 2019, the CCAC secured \$285,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts for Federal FY2021.

**HPO Disaster Grant Funding:** The HPO is looking to develop and improve historic sites on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota through a multi-million dollar disaster-recovery grant in late 2019 and 2020.

**Decrease in NAP Benefits:** The NAP reduced income eligibility and benefits by 25% at the start of the new fiscal year due to the lack of additional funding from the US Congress. The NAP will need to reduce benefits another 25% in April of 2021, unless additional Congressional funding is secured.

**Marianas Motocross Park:** The DCCA entered into a partnership with the Marianas Racing Association to see the revival of motocross in the CNMI with the Marianas Motocross Park.

**Renovated Youth Centers:** The DYS recently re-opened the completely renovated Kagman Community Center and will be completing the renovations of the Tanapag Youth Center over the calendar year.

**Consolidation of DCCA Offices:** To cut down on costs (utilities, rental, maintenance), many of the DCCA offices have been consolidated.

**More Child Care Available:** The CCDF saw its federal funding doubled in FY19. Following a recent capacity survey, the program has provided child care assistance to a significant increased number of families.



## Challenges

Coming in to the new fiscal year, the DCCA was still working towards recovery from super typhoon Yutu, and at the same time assisting recovery efforts through the assignment of staff to recovery functions. As we were coming off of "Yutu recovery", the CNMI was struck by the COVID pandemic, and the DCCA was back in its "disaster mode", as the lead on Mass Care functions for the CNMI. DCCA staff stepped up to manage and man quarantine sites, which they still do, alongside DFEMS and other assisting agencies, to this day. DCCA resources suffered a serious blow due to the effects of the pandemic on the economy and reduction in resources. To address this, many employees were transferred to federal funding sources, five employees remain furloughed, and offices were consolidated to save on costs.



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