

# FY 2021 Citizens Centric Report

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Rota



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## Mission

The mission of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs is to oversee the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' functions in the area of human and social services, historic and landmark conservation and preservation, and activities to preserve the Chamorro and Carolinian heritages and traditions.

### Rota Divisions

#### Historic Preservation Office

- Holds a high standard to protect, preserve, and regulate access to places, artifacts, and things of historical significance, to educate and promote the importance of historic preservation.

#### Sports and Recreation

- Responsible to facilitate community sponsored events such as baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball leagues by officiating and ensuring the sports playing grounds, courts or field is maintained, free from hazard, and ready for use. Create sports and recreation programs that will promote a healthy lifestyle for all ages.

#### Commonwealth Council for the Arts and Culture

- Provide our indigenous people the opportunity to perpetuate, educate, protect, and preserve the traditions and customs of our cultural heritage through various types of art disciplines from weaving, crafting, painting, drawing, sculpting, and carving. Including but not limited to performing arts and medicinal healing practices

#### Division of Youth Services:

- Has numerous responsibilities to include intervention on reports of all forms of child abuse and neglect; domestic violence where children are involved, truancy, runaway homeless youth, juvenile delinquency and provide rehabilitative service to youths remanded for secure care.

#### Office on Aging:

- Tasked to serve and provide needed assistance to all senior citizens and caregivers by administrating programs and activities, promoting independent living, building self-esteem, and providing opportunities for seniors to play and active role in the community.

#### Nutrition Assistance Program

- Assist low-income residents and families buy the food they need for good health. The NAP provides food stamps as supplement to eligible low-income households to buy food for proper diets.

#### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

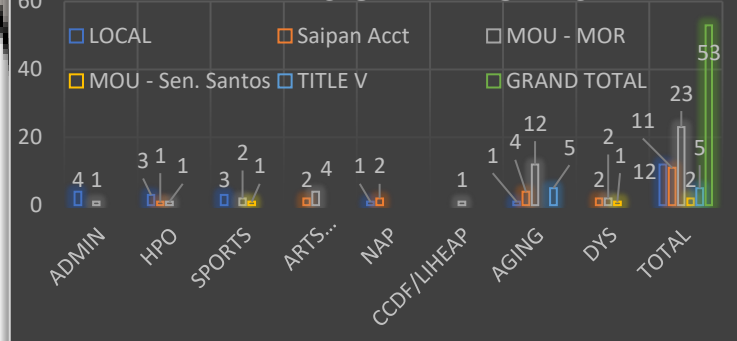
- Provides eligible applicants with power subsidy assistance and intends to ensure that families are safe healthy, and comfortable within their homes.

#### Child Care Development Fund Program

- Assist low-income families accessing quality child care services for children while parents work or participate in education or job training.



### DEPT. DIVISION EMPLOYEES



### Goals:

- Create a robust employee professional development training plan to enhance productivity and efficiency
- Develop a team of grantsmanship to seek and secure grant opportunities
- Foster healthy lifestyle through fitness, sports, and recreation activities
- Strengthen services and assistance for low-income residents and families
- Build foundation to educate, promote, preserve cultural heritage and historic significance
- Expand services for the elderly and create more opportunities for independent living
- Strengthen services for the youth to optimize school productivity, intervention programs, community advocacy, and family engagement.



# Department Highlights



## Historic Preservation Office:

- Awarded \$101,000.00 by the US Dept. of Interior, Office Insular Affairs Technical Assistance Program (TAP) Grant for the Rota Historical Sites Maintenance and Improvement Projects. Procured ground maintenance equipment, currently working with vendors for the layout and design of interpretive signages, cyclone gate projects for Mochong and Maya Latte Sites, Pictograph Cave. Finalizing fencing project scope of work for the Taga Latte Quarry Site in as Neives, Rota.
- Municipal Proclamation for Historic Preservation Week on June 07 to 11. Kicked off with Hand Waiving and provided Open House throughout the week. About 80 guests visited the Open House
- Provided site tour services to approximately 285 visitors and processed 28 One-Start surveys

## Sports & Recreation:

- Officiated Budlight Community Softball League, Youth Softball League, and the Rota Little League Baseball Tournaments
- Coordinated the Sports and Fitness Activities for the 2021 DYS Summer Youth Empowerment Camp July 06<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Maintained partnership with DLNR and MVA for the ground maintenance services at the Joaquin "Tun Kindu" Baseball Field in Sinapalo I. Also coordinates the ground maintenance of the Sinapalo Youth Center Basketball and Volleyball Courts.
- Coordinate and implement the Rota Youth Baseball Clinic After School Youth Program funded by the Child Care Development Fund Program

## Council for the Arts & Culture:

- Implemented the Arts in the Park Summer Youth Art Program ( Sinapalo Children's Park / Youth Center) July 19 – 23, 2021
- Re-opened the Gallery for the Arts and Culture, "Galerian Atte yan Kuttura" in July of 2021 after a year of closure due to COVID 19 Pandemic
- 6 Artisans were approved for the Recovery Grant. All received about \$5,000.00 each to assist our local artist recover their losses as a result of the pandemic.
- Resume monthly outreach School Arts and Culture Program at the Dr. Rita H. Inos Junior/Senior High School.
- Coordinated the Coconut Festival Arts and Culture displays and demonstrations

# Highlights continued...

## Division of Youth Services:

- Provided community programs such as the National Parent Leadership Month on February 2021 held at the Joaquin "Tun Kindu" Baseball Field, Child Abuse and Neglect Month on April 2021, and successfully completed the 2 week signature event, Summer Youth Empowerment Camp (July 06 to 16, 2021).
- Offered Aggression Replacement Training (ART) to students with anger and aggressive behaviors to cope and deal with anger issues. Conducted every Monday at the DYS Office.

## OFFICE on AGING:

- Provided series of activities such as Thanksgiving Luncheon, Christmas Caroling, and Care package deliveries in collaboration with the Office of the Mayor, Office of the Governor, and Municipal Dept
- Re-opened the Center on July of 2021 and served approximately 25 congregates.
- Secured and received additional vehicle from the Saipan Aging Office to support the daily operational needs and transportation services.

## Nutrition Assistance Program:

- Program relocated to new Office and Distribution Center at the Dolores Plaza, Songsong Village
- Distributed coupons to an average of 166 NAP clients per month
- Assisted PSS with the distribution of P-EBT Assistance to about 249 household families
- The program was able to secure additional 2 staff for Rota through Saipan NAP Office. Issuance Clerk and Eligibility Worker

## Child Care Development Fund Program:

- Provided \$2,500.00 Open Purchase Order for Rota CCDF provider's needs (Ace Rota)
- Provided \$2,500.00 Open Purchase Order for CCDF Rota operations (Ace Rota)
- Opened announcement for 2 Positions for Community Advocates for Rota.
- Currently serving 7 License Exempt-Family, Friends, and Neighbor Child Care providers
- Provided Peer to Peer Training for stakeholders and partners
- Awarded DCCA Rota and the Aluf Golf Association \$40,000.00 for the 2021 Summer Youth Programs

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program:

- Currently servicing 9 clients
- Opened Purchase Order for \$1,500.00 for Rota LIHEAP clients home repairs and supplies at ACE Rota

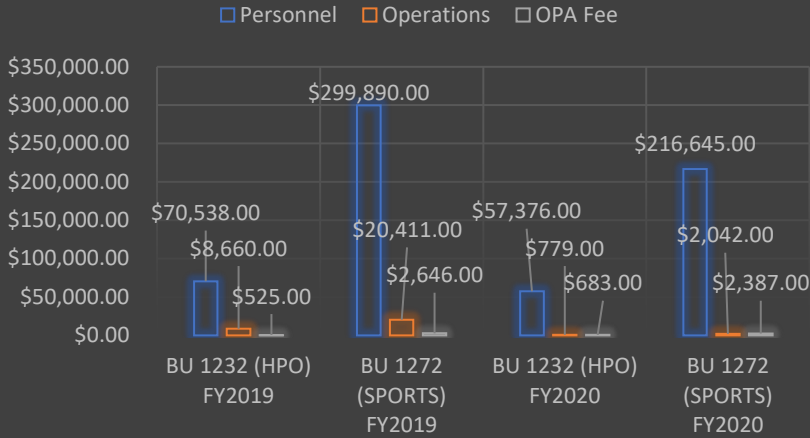




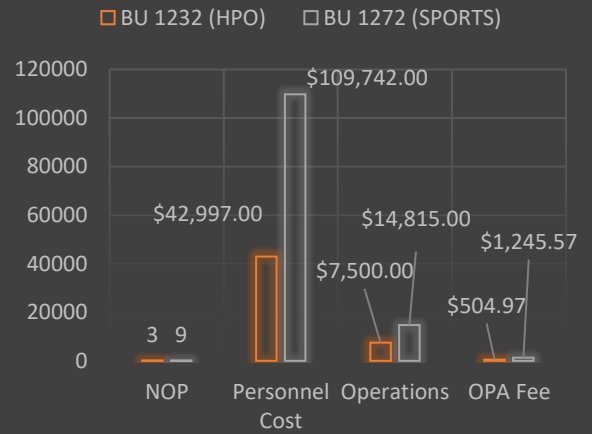
# Department Finances

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## FY 2019 (PL 20-67) vs. FY2020 (PL 21-08) ACTUALS

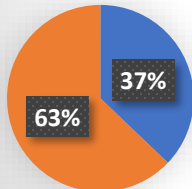


## FY 2021 Budget (PL 21-35)



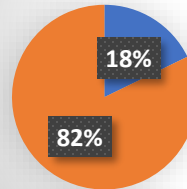
## FY 2021 ARPA Funds (Projected Personnel Impact: March 28 to Sept 30)

### MI210104 (HPO)



- 2 FTE Personnel (20%) Impact \$5,374.00
- 1 FTE Personnel (100%) Impact \$9,098.00

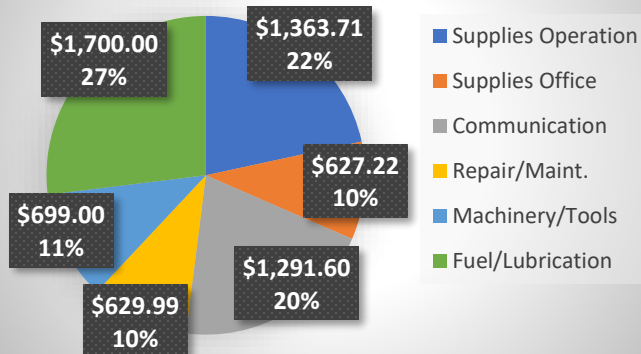
### MI210105 (SPORTS)



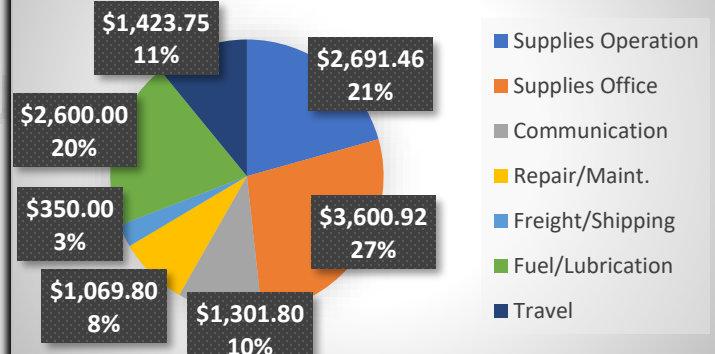
- 4 FTE Personnel (20%) Impact \$13,718.00
- 5 FTE Personnel (100%) Impact \$63,398.00

## FY 2021 Dept. Operation Expenses

### BU 1232 (HPO)



### BU 1272 (SPORTS)



# Department Outlook



## MOVING FORWARD!

### GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- SCORP – Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CNMI)
  - Sinapalo Youth Center Basketball/Volleyball Rehabilitation and Improvement Project.
- US Dept. of Interior – Office of Insular Affairs – Energizing Insular Communities (EIC) Grant
  - Sinapalo Youth Center Green Energy Solution Project
  - Office on Aging (Senior Citizens) Solar Hybrid Power Project
- US Dept. of Interior – OIA Technical Assistance Program (TAP) Grant

### FEMA PROJECTS - Anticipated Completion Dates: Dec 2022/March 2023

- Rota Recreational Center (Gymnasium)
  - Rehabilitation/Repair/Improvement Project
    - Additional Funds for latent damages
- Office on Aging – Rehabilitation
- Sinapalo Youth Center – Rehabilitation

### FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program:

- Finalize Proposal for the replacement of the Emergency Shelter (Office on Aging) generator and the rehabilitation project of the generator room.

### Capital Improvement Projects (CIP):

- Prepare and Submit Proposal for new DCCA Rota Office Building in Sinapalo II

### PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Offer Youth Baseball Clinic for Pre and Post Little League Seasons
- Promote Youth Softball League
- Introduce Masters Softball League (CO-ED)
- Expand Art Gallery Exhibits
- Re-organize the “Atistan Luta Organization”
- Expand Arts in the Parks Summer Art Program Inter- Island
- Organize and implement Youth Performing Arts Academy
- Expand Summer Youth Empowerment Camp to provide more activities
- Introduce Fitness and Exercise program for Senior Citizens
- Advocate for quality child care, mental health, youth protection, and safe community.

### HISTORICAL SITES:

- Interpretive Signage Construction Project
- Access Gate Construction Project
- Perimeter Fence Construction Project



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