

**NMI Museum
of History & Culture**



CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT – FY 2019

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Purpose

To serve the people of the Northern Mariana Islands by:

- Preserving the local heritage
- Promoting the indigenous local cultural pride
- Promoting better understanding and foster local study of the NMI's heritage
- Assuring proper disposition of historical and cultural artifacts
- To assure there are adequate storage and preservation facilities for the safety of the historical and cultural artifacts
- Pursuant to Public Law 10-5 the NMI Museum serves as the Official State Repository of all historical artifacts

About us

The Northern Mariana Islands Museum was opened on November 4, 1998 to promote our heritage and culture to the public by providing shelter to the numerous collections of archeological, historical, cultural artifacts and related documentation of our native people. The museum does not only preserve the collections of archeological, and historical artifacts of the NMI. The facility also conducts research on these collected objects/materials and presents them to the public and tourists for educational purposes or for their enjoyment. The museum organizes exhibits to showcase new and ancient collections.



Our Performance *Completed and Ongoing Projects*

Major accomplishment

Several accomplishments of the NMI Museum for FY 2019:

- Constructed concrete slabs for the future outdoor local exhibits of food and other cultural products.
- Old Japanese Laboratory was repaired and maintained.
- Construction of additional storage capacity from 3 donated 20ft steel containers.
- Grounds beautification and enhancement by adding palm trees throughout the museum.



Our Finances

Expenses

The island was hit by Super Typhoon Yutu in October 2018 causing major damages to the facility. Tourism also declined affecting the CNMI economy. Despite these challenges, the NMI Museum was able to restore the facility in 2019.

Expenses FY-2019

Personnel

Wages and Salaries – Civil SVS	\$ 17,640
Wages and Salaries – Ungraded	100,952
Overtime Compensation	1,629
Personnel – Appropriate Only	- 0 -

Fringe Benefits

Personnel Insurance	\$ 594
401k DC Ret. Emplr Contr.	1,449
FICA Contribution	7,454
Medicare Contribution	1,743

Contractual

Professional Services	\$ 59,602
Advertising	1,526
Printing	5,496
Rental-Equipment	600
Rental-Others	7,500
Repair and Maintenance	26,200
Freight and Handling	570
Cleaning Services	32,200

Other

Utilities – Power	\$ 3,305
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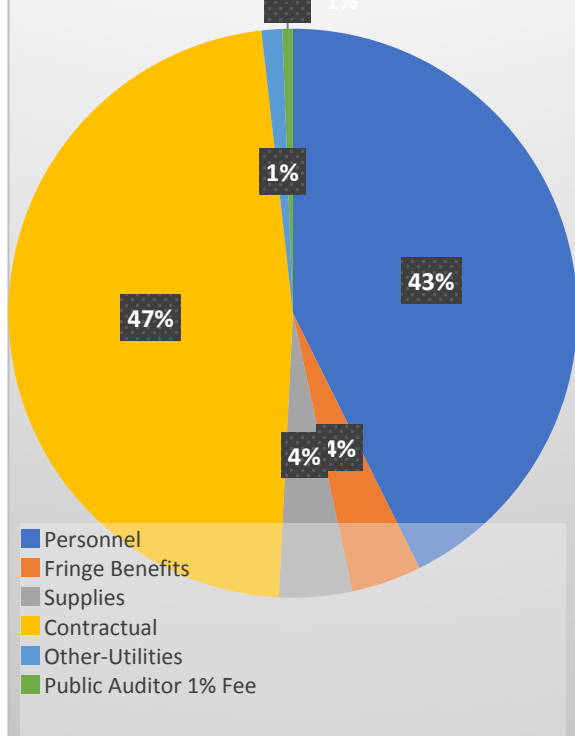
Travel

\$ 13,663

Public Auditor 1% Fee

\$ 1,684

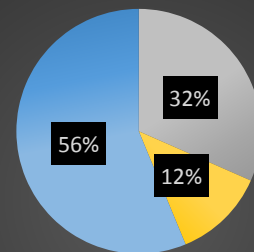
Total Expenditure Request



Revenues

CNMI Appropriation:	
Personnel	\$ 220,892
Operations	159,588
Utilities	11,734
Supplemental appropriation	-0-
Total appropriation	392,214
Donations	\$ -0-

Supplies



- Books and Library Materials
- Food Items
- Fuel & Lubricate
- Supplies - Office
- Supplies - Operations

Moving Forward Opportunities and Challenges



Future Plans

Future plans of the Museum are to continue to plan and collaborate with other partners to build capacity, promote the Museum and seek assistance from the CNMI and the Northern Island delegation to help with technologically upgrade the exhibits through visual and digital technology. The Museum hopes to create interactive learning for students and visitors who have interest on learning about ancient CNMI.

Visitors

The Museum continuously thrives to make improvement to its facilities and maintenance in hope to increase its visitors.

The museum hours for visiting guests are from Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Challenges

Lack of funding impedes the Museum to accomplish its major goal which is to upgrade the exhibits through visual and digital technology. If this succeeds, it may help increase the museums visitors by enabling those who could not have gone to the museum due to physical disabilities such as hearing impairment may actively engage in the experience to see the exhibits.

The museum is still recovering from the devastating effects of Super Typhoon Yutu in October 2018 along with the budget cuts received to help with recovery efforts.