



# CNMI Office of the Governor CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT FY 2021



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## About Us

The CNMI Office of the Governor is the chief executive office for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and manages the Executive Branch of the Commonwealth Government.

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres has served as the 9th Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands since December 29, 2015.



The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres  
Governor

## Our Vision

An efficient government that expands economic opportunity and improves the quality of life for every resident in the Marianas.

## Our Mission

To provide essential public services, updated infrastructure, educational opportunities, and an environment that supports entrepreneurs and business growth.



## Employee Demographics

### Personnel



### Age



### Gender





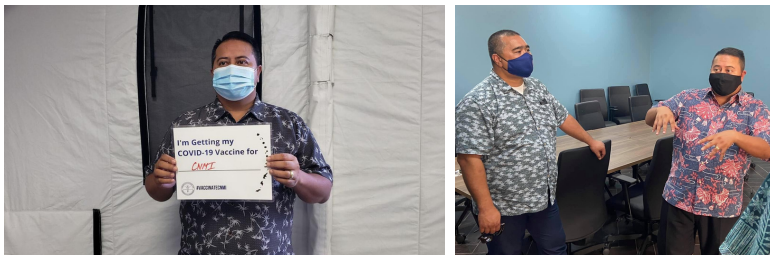
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## Highlights

The establishment of the Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force in FY 2020 continues to provide the CNMI with the capacity to protect the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. In June 2021, Governor Torres moved the CNMI to Community Vulnerability Green in order to further reopen the CNMI economy. Through proactive planning, coordination between public health officials and first responders, and engagement with the community, the Torres administration led efforts to make the CNMI one of the safest places in the US from COVID-19. Early testing and increased vaccination saved the CNMI from a federal projection of 8,000 COVID-19 cases if mitigation measures were not put in place.

The CNMI Office of the Governor hosted the Road to 80 campaign to encourage the eligible populations of the CNMI to get vaccinated against COVID-19, eventually reaching over 80% of the eligible population becoming fully vaccinated in September 2021.



In FY 2021, to provide financial support for the Commonwealth, Governor Torres worked with Secretary David DLG. Atalig and the CNMI Division of Revenue and Taxation to issue \$500 local stimulus cards to each taxpayer and each of their dependents to stimulate the local economy.



In FY 2021, the CNMI received various sources of funding to support CNMI revitalization plans and projects, including the following:

### American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

\$481.8 million to provide emergency funding for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and bring back jobs within the CNMI government.

### US Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR)

\$254.3 million to address the recovery needs of the CNMI following the impacts of Super Typhoon Yutu and Typhoon Mangkhut.

### US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA)

\$21.2 million to support the growth of the CNMI’s tourism economy through the construction of the Oleai Sports Complex and cultural events site.

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\$19.6 million grant to fund the construction of a disaster-resilient Economic Development Business Center for the Department of Finance.

### US Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs (OIA)

\$9.08 million for priority needs such as repairs, equipment, improvements, and infrastructure projects across CNMI government agencies.

### US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA)

\$6 million for the construction of a vocational training facility.





# Our Finances

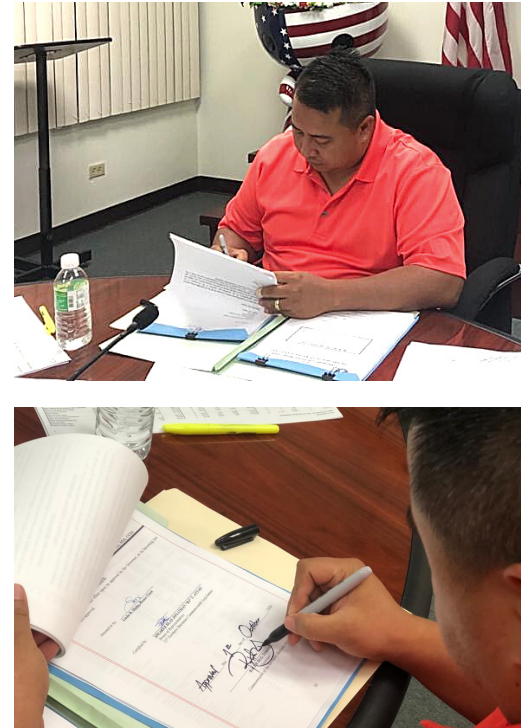
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## Fiscal Year 2021

The CNMI's Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2021 authorized the total identified budgetary resources for FY 2021 at \$144,415,554. After calculated adjustments as per Chapter II, Section 201 of the CNMI Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2021, Governor Torres signed the \$101,032,218 FY 2021 budget bill into Public Law 21-35.

*"Our administration is committed to revitalization. Revitalization of our economy through strengthening the government's tools toward economic diversification and resilience. Revitalization of our infrastructure to harden against disasters. Revitalization of our community through fostering ownership for the islands we call home. For now, we will keep public services running and allow our government employees to work as we navigate through the greatest challenges of our generation so that we can create an even stronger Marianas."*

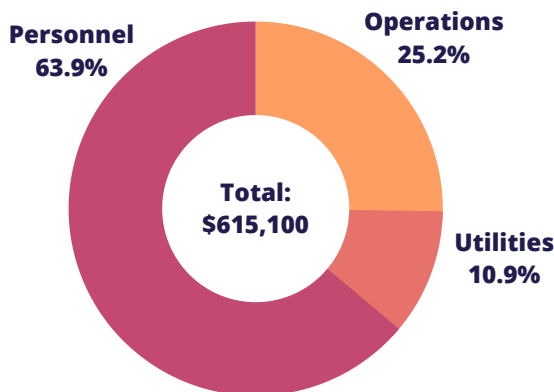
- Governor Ralph DLG. Torres



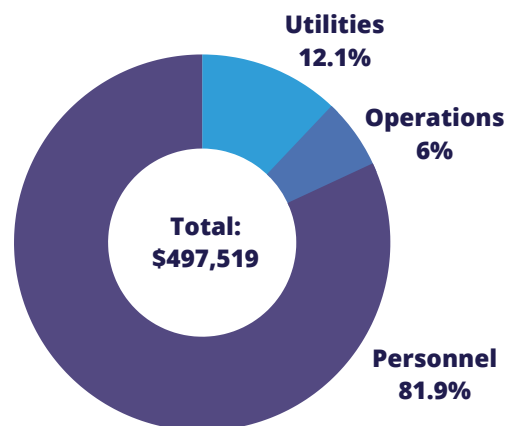
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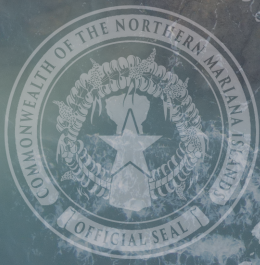
	Personnel	Utilities	Operations	Total
Office of the Governor	\$392,926	\$67,000	\$155,174	\$615,100
Administrative Services	\$407,593	\$60,000	\$29,926	\$497,519

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Administrative Services



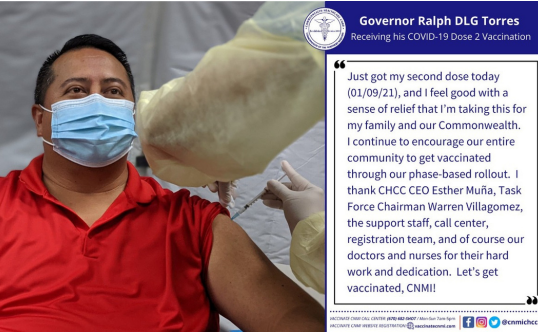


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## Goals and Priorities for 2022

### Working Together Through the COVID-19 Pandemic



**Governor Ralph DLG Torres**  
Receiving his COVID-19 Dose 2 Vaccination

“Just got my second dose today (01/09/21), and I feel good with a sense of relief that I’m taking this for my family and our Commonwealth. I continue to encourage our entire community to get vaccinated through our phase-based rollout. I thank CHCC CEO Esther Muña, Task Force Chairman Warren Villagomez, the support staff, call center, registration team, and of course our doctors and nurses for their hard work and dedication. Let’s get vaccinated, CNMI!”

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#### Protecting the Health and Safety of the Commonwealth

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Torres has prioritized the safety and welfare of the CNMI community. The Governor’s COVID-19 Task Force, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, and CNMI first responders have been continuously working to keep our Commonwealth safe and healthy through successfully implementing travel quarantine protocols, administering vaccinations to our eligible population, and promoting practices to stop the spread of COVID-19. The goal is to increase the current vaccination rate, achieve true herd immunity, and ultimately overcome the pandemic in the year ahead.

#### Rebuilding Our Tourism Industry

Governor Torres, in coordination with the COVID-19 Task Force, tourism stakeholders, and community partners, have developed multiple initiatives to jump-start the tourism industry. The Torres administration is committed to exploring new and innovative ways to diversify the CNMI economy, which include new travel bubble partners beyond South Korea and new flight services as a result of the successful Tourism Resumption Investment Plan (TRIP). Additionally, island beautification efforts have been initiated through the Governor’s Council of Economic Advisers (GCEA) to further jumpstart the task of reopening the CNMI tourism in order to bring back jobs within the industry.

In 2022, the CNMI will host the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games and the Oceania Senior Weightlifting Championships, which will bring in an estimated 2,000 athletes, coaches, dignitaries, and supporters in June 2022.



#### Education and Workforce Development

The prioritization of education is a key factor to alleviating poverty, and the successes of our students contribute to the growth of our Commonwealth’s workforce.

As in Fiscal Year 2021, when Governor Torres and the CNMI Scholarship Office announced the reinstatement of suspended programs and increased scholarship award amounts for Fall 2021, the Torres administration will continue to support all CNMI college and trade students to achieve their educational and professional goals.



#### Sustainable Economic Development

The Governor’s Council of Economic Advisers (GCEA) continue to develop policy initiatives that encourage economic growth through providing the Governor with objective advice to achieve the Administration’s vision, and promoting the sustainable development of the CNMI economy. In collaboration with government agencies and our private sector, policies for responsible economic development and diversification through long-term strategic planning will lead to the growth of opportunities for our people.

