



# CNMI Office of the Governor CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT FY 2022



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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







# Our Progress

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## Highlights

The establishment of the Governor’s BOOST Program which provides financial assistance to CNMI businesses and non-profit organizations. The intent of the program is to support the viability of those businesses and the employment opportunities they offer residents of the CNMI, to further the government’s goal of a diverse economy and to increase commonwealth tax revenues.

Additionally, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres in collaboration with President Keith Stewart and Northern Pacific Airways Chief Executive Officer Rob McKinney at the Saipan International Airport to tour Northern Marianas Airways’ B757 aircraft that recently landed on Saipan and to discuss the airway’s vision in becoming the CNMI’s very own international airline.



In FY 2022, the administration completed various plans and projects, which include the following:

### Highway Task Force

Isa Dr | Airport Rd. | Quartermaster Rd. | Route 36 | Route 323 Industrial Drive | Route 31 | Route 304.

### 2022 Summer Youth Program & 2022 Governor’s Summer Youth Employment Program

Providing opportunities for 400+ youth ages 14-17 to gain experience in the workforce

### 330 Lots for As Gonno Plumeria Estate Homestead

Ribbon cutting ceremony for the 330 lots As Gonno Plumeria Estate Homestead. Each lot contains 500 square meters of public land

### Fit to Lead Initiative

Governor’s commitment to live and lead fit | Fit to Lead 5K CNMI Tourism Month Fun. Directive 2022-001 allowing two hours per week for each employee to take care of physical and mental health

### Direct flights from Narita to Saipan

United Airlines now offers direct flight services between Saipan, CNMI and Narita, Japan, which began September 2022.

### Marianas Southern Airways

Providing direct flights from Saipan to Tinian, Rota, and Guam





# Our Finances

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## Fiscal Year 2022

The CNMI's Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2022 authorized the total identified budgetary resources for FY 2022 at \$144,848,801. After calculated adjustments as per Chapter II, Section 201 of the CNMI Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of 2022, Governor Torres signed the \$103,384,323 FY 2022 budget bill into Public Law 22-08.

*"The administration is committed to economic recovery and growth. Our local economic growth is driven by the people of the Marianas. It's how we invest in local small businesses, non-profit organizations, and the private sector - in a way that is profitable, sustainable, and in the best interests of every person that calls these islands home."*

- Governor Ralph DLG. Torres



## Expenditures

**Office of the Governor**  
**Administrative Services**

## Personnel

**\$402,338**  
**\$404,089**

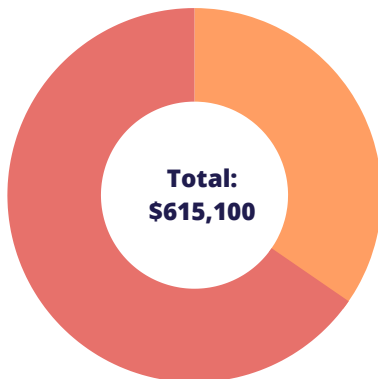
## Operations

**\$212,762**  
**\$4,042**

## Total

**\$615,100**  
**\$408,131**

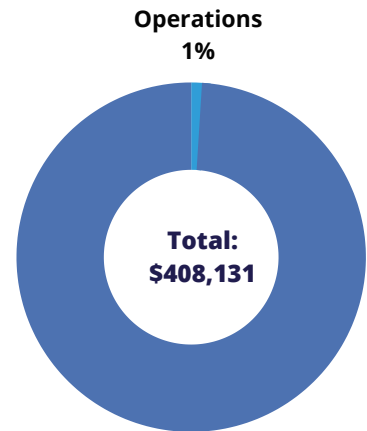
Office of the Governor



Personnel  
65.4%

Operations  
34.6%

Administrative Services



Operations  
1%

Personnel  
99%



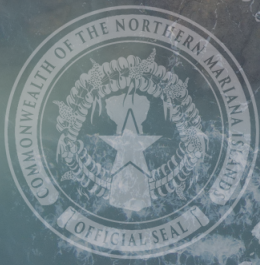
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## Goals and Priorities for 2023 Road to Economic Recovery and Growth



### Promoting Health and Wellness

Together, we have made free and accessible testing sites available for our community members, implemented necessary safety restrictions and guidelines throughout schools, workplaces, and businesses, and have successfully achieved a 99.9% fully vaccinated rate for all eligible residents of the CNMI. And while we continue to put forth our best efforts toward controlling the spread of COVID-19 throughout our community, the ongoing pandemic reminds us that the health and wellness of each CNMI government employee is essential to our government's productivity and our community's collective wellbeing and quality of life.

### Rebuilding Our Tourism Industry

Our Commonwealth is home to many. We are proud to be a part of it and it is rich in its natural beauty and scenic views that have potential to grow exponentially. This is a great advantage in opportunities for Eco-Tourism. The Administration's overall goal is focused primarily on the future business and economic climate on Tourism that is sustainable and robust.

In 2023, the CNMI will launch Northern Marianas Airways the first CNMI-based international airlines. The airlines will help fly about 18 to 20 flights a week.



### Education and Workforce Development

The Administration is committed to nourishing young minds and souls. The Marianas is a place where students are given the opportunity to learn, grow, & explore. Where they are empowered to make a difference as leaders, innovators and wherever they may see themselves in the future. The task of improving the overall quality of education in the CNMI is something that we are dedicated to working toward, as our main priority is ensuring that our students graduate with a successful and fulfilling education.

### Sustainable Economic Development

BOOST — which stands for Building Optimism, Opportunities, and Stability Together — is a project of the Office of the Governor and the Department of Commerce, with the intent of supporting the viability of businesses and the employment opportunities they offer CNMI residents.

In 2023, the CNMI will see new businesses and industries help provide the CNMI with economic sustainability.



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