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About the Municipal Council

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution under *Article VI. Local Government, Section 6. Municipal Councils* created the municipal councils for Rota, Tinian and Aguiguan, and Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, to be composed of three members, elected at-large in the islands or islands to be served and on a non-partisan basis. Candidates for municipal council shall be at least twenty-one years of age, a resident of the municipality for at least three years and shall serve for a term of two years. Each council shall adopt its own Rules of Procedure.

In case of a vacancy the mayor of Saipan shall appoint the unsuccessful candidate with the next highest votes for the office in the last election. Otherwise, the mayor shall appoint the person from the third municipality to serve the term with the advice and consent of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. This provision was exercised with the appointment of Council Secretary Danny I. Aquino who was appointed by the mayor to fill the third vacancy.

The SNIMC office was founded and located in the village of Chalan Kanoa, the capitol village of Saipan. However, the Council’s new office has been in the works for construction after typhoon Soudelor devastated the islands in 2015 and left the Council office destroyed. Similarly, in 2018 super-typhoon Yutu added structural damage to the Kiosku Memorial building. Funding for the construction of the Municipal Council building and repair of the Kiosku memorial building came from the federal emergency management agency and capital improvement project grants, respectively. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen challenges beyond the Council’s control, the construction of the building continues to experience delay.

In the meantime, the Kiosku memorial building underwent extensive repair and renovation during the fiscal year as featured in this report.

Today, the Council continues to utilize the limited space at the Kiosku memorial building for meetings. However, the Council utilize a temporary office located at the first floor Courtney’s Plaza for its full office operation to serve the community of Saipan and Northern Islands through programs, services, and community outreach while the Kiosku building undergoes repairs, repainting and retrofitting to conform with the CNMI and federal governments coronavirus health and safety protocol.

Photo (L-R): Council Secretary Danny Aquino, Vice Chairwoman Toni Manibusan, Japan Counsel and his wife, and Council Chairwoman Ana Demapan-Castro during the presentation of Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council Resolution recognizing her community contributions.



THE ROUND HOUSE

This historic landmark, the “*Round House*” has been the platform venue for community meetings, including political campaigns since the Trust Territory government era, and prior to the establishment of the constitutional government in 1978. The Round House also received another facelift with repairs and new coat of paint as part of the funding received by the SNIMC. Today, this historic landmark continues to be utilized for community engagement, including students’ afterschool gathering space.

OUR MISION

To strive to provide public programs and services to all residents in the Third municipality while safeguarding public trust by ensuring the highest standard of work ethics, empower people in our community, promote and foster open, inclusive communication, practice ethical stewardship of our resources to achieve trust and accountability throughout our community. We protect our unique natural environment and the habitat it provides. We facilitate a culture of sustainable practices. And we strive to maintain and preserve our municipal assets.





Our Activities

Village meetings, community outreach, staff training
October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

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The Council members participated in the staff development training on preservation technics conducted by the Guam Preservation Trust and the Guam Museum of Arts & Culture.



Council Administrative Officer at Society of Human Resources Management conference



Council Vice Chair Toni Tudela, Secretary Danny Aquino and Chair Annie Demapan-Castro joins Council staff in Guam.

Council recognizes Mr. Eusebio C. Borja



community outreach/public education/@Kagman

These are some of the works/projects done during the repair, painting, and maintenance of the Kiosku building

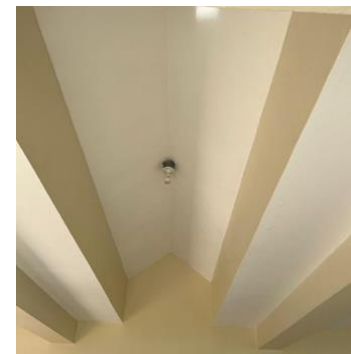


Community outreach

Councilwoman Ana Demapan-Castro and Council staff donated/distributed care packages



(R-L) JKPL Public Library & Maturana



Council Chairwoman and staff distributed several hundred covid-19 care packages to the Man Amko Center, Center for Independent Living, Maturana Retirement Home, and the children and youth at the Joten-Kiyu Public Library.



Man Amko – Senior Living Center



Council Vice, Chair, Ofcr., Gov. Torres



Council Vice, Gov. Lou, Chair, Joanne, Secretary



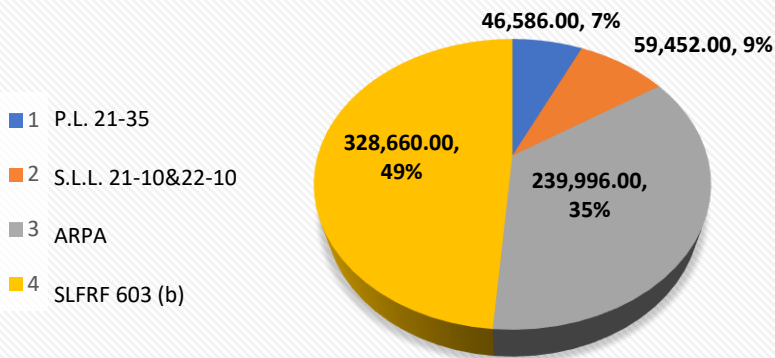
Our Finances

Office operation, staff development, community programs, special projects
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The 16th SNI Municipal Council received its budget appropriations from three funding sources: Public Law 21-35 Budget Appropriations Act of 2021, Saipan Local Law 21-10, S.L.L. 22-10, and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Although the Council received less funding appropriation from local revenue generation. The Council received funding allocations from the American Rescue Plan Act “ARPA” appropriation through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Final Rule 603 (b) funds and in the ARPA *Spending Plan* to maintain its office operation, personnel, and to continue the programs, projects, and services due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the CNMI. The following are a breakdown of the funding sources and allocations as well as graphs to help provide a clear picture of the allocations for personnel and operational expenses as envisioned in the mission, goals, and objective of the 16th SNIMC for the community and our constituents.

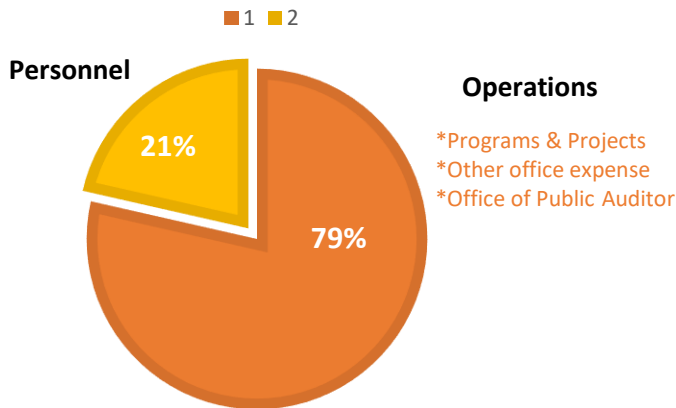
FUNDING SOURCES: Local & Federal FY 2022



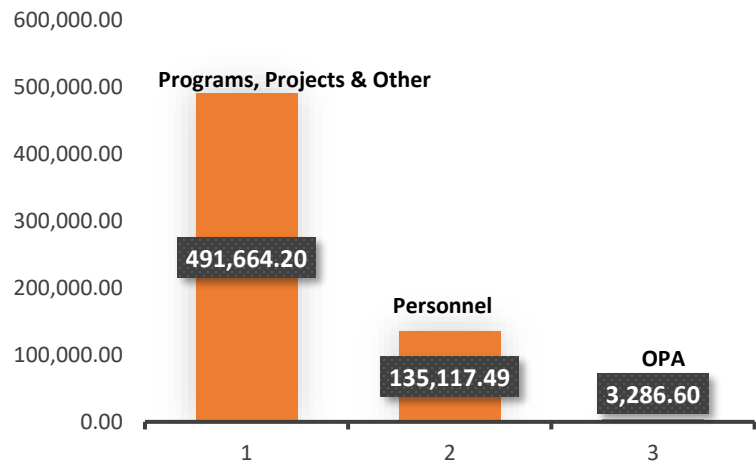
This is a snapshot of SNIMC’s financial outlook derived from local and federal sources

- \$46,586.00 (S.L.L. 21-10 & 22-10)
- \$59,452.00 (P.L. 21-35)
- \$239,996.00 (ARPA)
- \$328,660.00 (SLFRF Rule 603 (b), ARPA)

PERSONNEL & OPERATION EXPENSES



Operation Expenses





Our Outlook

Municipal Council building, community programs, special projects, personnel development

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- ❖ Looking ahead the 16th SNI Municipal Council leadership continues its work on some of its unprecedented ground-breaking initiatives, including its work with the various departments and agencies on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), and construction companies to ensure the continuity of the process towards the construction of the permanent home for the Municipal Council.
- ❖ These initiatives include the completion and continuation of the CCTV School Bus-stop shelters Commemorative project at the selected pilot sites beginning at the inaugural and memorial site adjacent to the As Teo-Santa Lourdes school bus-stop shelter (Lot. 217-4-1R/W).
- ❖ The completion and continuation of the community outreach program – two grant initiatives the Family Caregiver grant and Grandparent care grants.
- ❖ The completion and full utilization schedule of the community learning center by the community, targeting school-aged children and youth as afterschool continued learning and homework site.
- ❖ To secure full funding for the Three-years Comprehensive Study called for in Municipal Council Resolution 16SMC-02.
- ❖ Provide continued staff training and development on the new financial management system - MUNIS implemented by CNMI Department of Finance, as required by the department, and other trainings on employment enrichment programs.
- ❖ Full implementation and utilization of the Council’s website for social media platform as venue for wider community engagement, and to provide access to public communication, information, and announcements: <https://spnnimunicipalcouncil.com/>.
- ❖ To continue community education on the proposed constitutional amendment in collaboration with the members of the Pacific Alliance of Municipal Councils (PAMC) to provide the municipal council’s greater legislative constitutional power to enact and repeal municipal level ordinances, which shall be placed on the ballot in the next general election.



POPULAR INITIATIVE PETITION
(Pursuant to Article XV Section 4 of the Commonwealth Constitution)

Pursuing to amend Article II, Article III and Article VI of the Commonwealth Constitution

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby PETITION with our signatures as valid to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be both State, and to submit such amendments for referendum to the voters at the next general election.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, further PETITION the following Constitutional Amendments to placed on the ballot for the voters at the next general election.

The full text of the proposed constitutional amendments are as follows:

“PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT”
To amend Article II and Article VI of the Commonwealth Constitution to read:

Article II: Legislative Branch
Section 1: Legislative Power
The legislative power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in all rightful subjects of legislative jurisdiction, and shall be exercised by the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature.

Section 4: Local Laws
The Legislature shall have the authority to enact laws for the local government, and to submit such laws for referendum to the voters at the next general election. The Legislature shall define the local matters that may be the subject of such referendum.



Focused goals: severe weather & vandalism proofing, renewable & sustainable energy source



Construction site of new Council office