

FY 2022 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

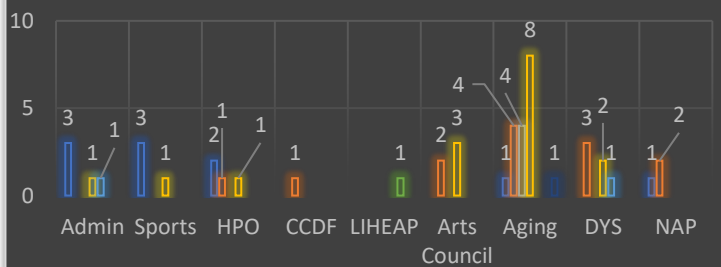
- Provides eligible applicants with power subsidy assistance and intends to ensure that families are safe, healthy, and comfortable within their homes.

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.



- Local
- Title V - Aging Office
- Office of Sen Santos
- Office of the Gov
- Saipan Acct
- MOR - MOU
- Office of LT. Gov



Goals:

- Accelerate employee professional development training 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:

- Through the support of the Office of the Mayor of Rota and the 18th Rota Municipal Council, the division held the Unveiling Ceremony of the As Nieves Ancient Latte Quarry on April 2022 for the OIA TAP grant improvement project!
- Coordinated and assisted the Research/Archeological study for nomination to National Historic Landmark of As Nieves Latte Quarry on March conducted by the International Archeological Institute, HI. Assisted a group of Archeologists from the University of Konstanz, Germany, and University of Cantabria, Spain with the in-land Archeology of early Colonialism in the Mariana Islands project from July to September.
- Provided 32 site tour services to approximately 454 visitors. Conducted little over 30 plus Review and Compliance activities

Sports & Recreation:

- Officiated Community sponsored Softball League, Municipal Youth Softball League, and the Rota Little League Baseball Tournaments
- Co-Sponsored and Coordinated the Sports and Fitness Activities for the 2022 DAS da One Summer Youth Empowerment Camp on Aug 01 to 05th at Teteto Beach
- Maintained partnership with DLNR and DPW 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.

Council for the Arts & Culture:

- Organized and launched the "Stay Safe Luta" COVID 19 Operation by providing "Amot Pasmun Sinagu" (Chamorro Medicine) to our first responders, quarantine facility, and community. Distributed roughly about 1,800, 300mil bottles of chamorro medicine in a span of 3 months locally and about 600 bottles to off-island referral patients and first responders.
- Provided a week-long Arts and Culture activities to the Sinapalo Elementary School (4 to 6 grade) Chamorro Class during the 2022 Chamorro Month in April. About 165 students participated in the event.
- Coordinated the participation of local artisans for the 39th, 40th, 41st Flame Tree Arts Festival in Saipan. The division was able to bring one performing arts group and 6 artists of various disciplines.

Highlights continued...



Division of Youth Services:

- Provided community programs such as the National Parent Leadership Month on February 2022 held at the Joaquin "Tun Kindu" Baseball Field, Child Abuse and Neglect Month on April 2022. Continue to conduct 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.
- Staff completed Active Parenting of Teens Training and are Certified Facilitators. 3 Parents completed Six-week session conducted by staff.
- Spearheaded the 1st Annual DYS, Arts Council, Sports (DAS) Da One Summer Camp. Camp offered various activities from Team Building, Arts and Crafts, health and wellness consisting of children ages 6 to 11. A total of 45 students successfully completed the summer camp!

OFFICE on AGING:

- Collaborated with Marianas Health Clinic to provide weekly morning exercises, stretching, and mental rejuvenation to our congregates as part of the independent living objective of the center
- Secured and received additional vehicle from the Saipan Aging Office to support the daily operational needs and transportation services
- Restored "Mes Man Amko" Celebration after 2 years since COVID 19 Restrictions and Safety Protocols, Inter-island Golf Tournament, Man Amko' Municipal Take-Over Day!

Nutrition Assistance Program:

- Distributed coupons to an average of 195 NAP clients per month for about 1.7 Million in benefits.
- Assisted PSS with the distribution of P-EBT Assistance to about 249 household families
- 2 Staff participated in the three day On the Job training in Saipan NAP Office for Certification and Benefits Issuance and Claims Accountability Unit (BICA) on April 5 to 9.

Child Care Development Fund Program:

- Secured Office Space at the Dolorez Plaza, Songsong Village.
- License Exempt Family Friends and Neighbor (LE-FFN) providers doubled since 2021. Currently 11 Providers are servicing 18 parents

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program:

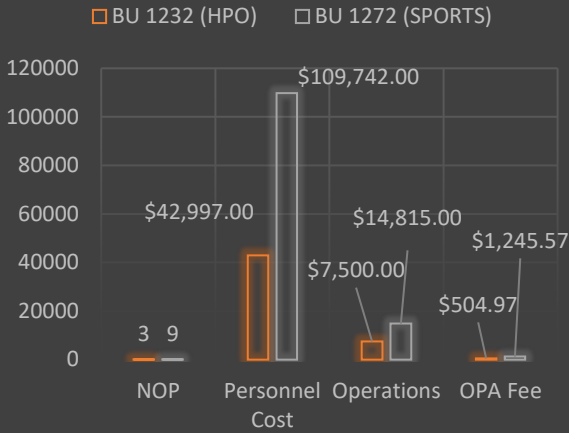
- Currently servicing 9 clients
- 1 MOU provided by the Office of the Lt. Governor
- Received office supplies and equipment from LIHEAP Saipan Office on August to support the operations of the program on Rota



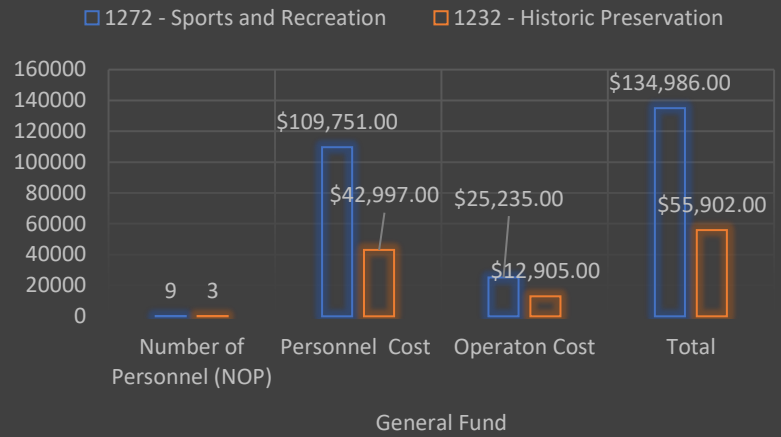


Department Finances

FY 2021 Budget (PL 21-35)



FY 2022 Budget (PL 22-08)



FY 2022 ARPA Spending Plan (PL 22-08)

MI210105	FY 2022 Enacted	MUNIS Report	Inc./Dec.
NOP	9		
Personnel	\$158,315.00	\$144,315.00	-\$14,000.00
Operations	\$1,583.00	\$46,261.00	\$44,678.00
Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$159,898.00	\$190,576.00	\$30,678.00

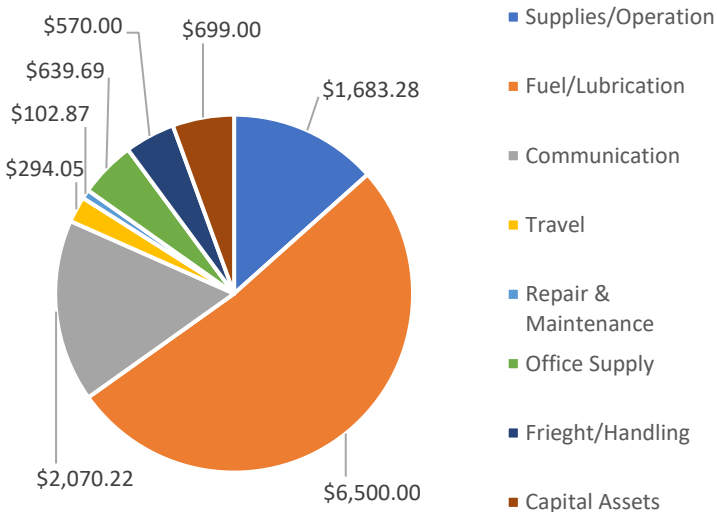
SPORTS AND RECREATION

MI210104	FY 2022 Enacted	MUNIS Report	Inc./Dec.
NOP	3		
Personnel	\$30,737.00	\$30,737.00	\$0.00
Operations	\$307.00	\$7,143.00	\$6,836.00
Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$31,044.00	\$37,880.00	\$6,836.00

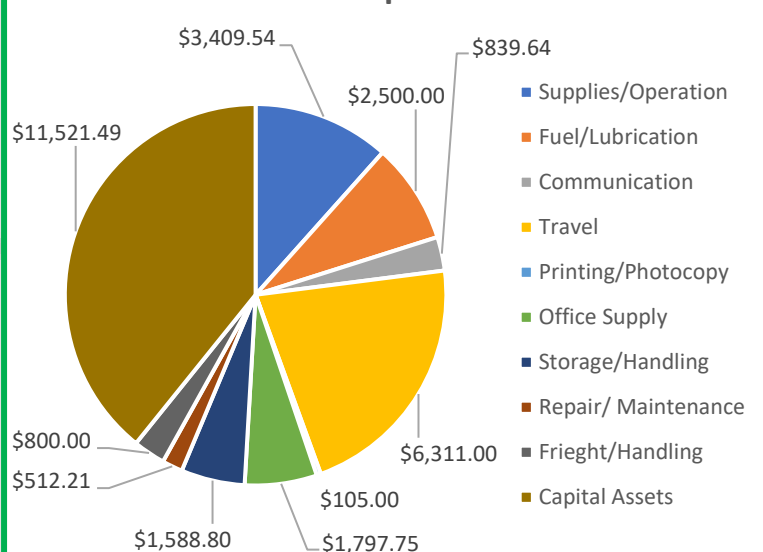
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

FY 2022 Dept. Operation Expenses (Actuals per MUNIS Expense Report)

BU 1272 & 1232 Combined Expenses: General Acct.



BU 1272 & 1232, Purchase Card Combined Expenses: ARPA



Department Outlook



MOVING FORWARD with...

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

- NMHC CDBG – Sinapalo Youth Center Rehabilitation and Improvement Project awarded \$140,000.00
- NMHC CDBG – Sinapalo Basketball/Volleyball Outdoor Sports Facility Rehab 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
- Administration for Native Americans Technical Assistance Program

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

- Rota Recreational Center (Gymnasium)
 - Contractor Awarded
- Office on Aging – Rehabilitation
- Sinapalo Youth Center – Rehabilitation

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program:

- Sinapalo Youth Center, Office on Aging Typhoon Shutter project

EMPLOYMENT:

- Work closely with Administration and Rota Leadership to secure funding for 5 FTE's

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Offer Youth Baseball Clinic for Pre and Post Little League Seasons
- Promote Youth Softball League
- Introduce Masters Softball League (CO-ED)
- Reintroduce indoor sports activities at the Rota Recreational Center
- 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 Health program for youth, adults, and Senior Citizens
- Advocate and improve services for quality child care, mental health, youth protection, and safe community
- Interpretive Signage, access gate, perimeter fence Construction Project
- Collaborate with Municipal Leadership to promote Chamorro Cultural Learning Center



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