

#### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

# WOMEN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



## 2023 Citizen Centric Report

#### WHO WE ARE:

The Women's Affairs Office (WAO) was established by Article III Section 22 of the CNMI Constitution on November 03, 1985.

We promote the interests of women, assist agencies of government & private organizations to plan and implement programs & services for women.

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To formulate and implement a policy of affirmative action in the government and private sector to assist women achieve social, political and economic parity.

Our office assist agencies of government and private organizations to plan and implement programs and services for women.

We recommend to the Governor and the Legislature for consideration of legislation of benefit to women.

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#### **Independence Day Float - July 4, 2023**

On July 4th, 2023, the Women's Affairs Office have collaborated with the Indigenous Affairs Office, the Carolinian Affairs Office and the Youth Affairs Office in building their Independence Day float.



#### **Cultural Heritage Month - September 2023**

For the month of September, the Women's Affairs Office had collaborated with the Carolinian Affairs Office, the Indigenous Affairs Office, the Arts Council, the Refaluwasch Advisory Council and the Office of the Governor in taking part of sharing the importance of our culture. As well as showcasing the many talents that the locals of the islands have been gifted with.



#### Women's Wellness Walkathon - September 23, 2023

On September 23, 2023, Women's Affairs Office had hosted a Women's Wellness Walkathon to promote health. We had partnered with CHCC as they do free health screening and DFEMS as they provided free medical services. Lastly, we had assistance from the Office of the Governor, Indigenous Affairs Office and SAAR (Hope Center).



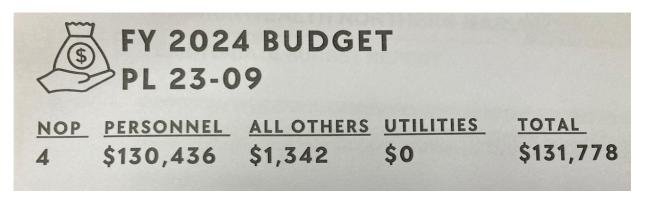
# FY 2023

The Women's Affairs Office relies primarily on the CNMI Government's General Funds.

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# FY 2024

No appropriation for utilities and all others except for personnel and the 1% public auditor's fee.



## Promote and support the interest of Women by:

-Continued support and advocacy for Women's health.

- -Continuing the OFEGRA incentive awards for top female senior graduates in all CNMI high schools.
- -Supporting the awareness of Breast & Cervical Cancer, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Sexual Assault Awareness, and gender equality initiatives.

-Coordinate workshops for women in regard to marketing self for job opportunity.
-Coordinate workshops for women to build self-confidence.

## We have partnered with a number of agencies such as:

-Indigenous Affairs Office as well as the Carolinian Affairs Office in collaborating with the Independence Day float and Cultural Heritage Month activities.

-Youth Affairs Office for collaborating with the Independence Day Float.

-Substance Abuse Addictions & Rehabilitation (Hope Center) in hosting the 6th year anniversary for their agency.

-Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Center with allowing us to collaborate with them in the Breast Cancer Awareness Month activities as well as joining our Women's Wellness Walkathon with free health screening checks.

- -DFEMS for providing free services to whoever needed medical assistance at our Women's Wellness Walkathon.
  - -SAAR, IAO and Office of The Governor for helping assist our Women's Wellness Walkathon.
    -Courtesy visit to *Women's Affairs in Rota*.
- -Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic Violence in hosting their workshop and educating others to know more about Domestic Violence.
- -National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in hosting a training to educate agencies about grant writing.

