



**NORTHERN ISLANDS MAYOR’S OFFICE
CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2023**



**Mayor
Valentino N. Taisacan Jr.
Mayor of the Northern Islands
January 9, 2023 - Present**

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF THE NORTHERN ISLANDS CARRIES OUT A RANGE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES AS OUTLINED IN ARTICLE VI (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

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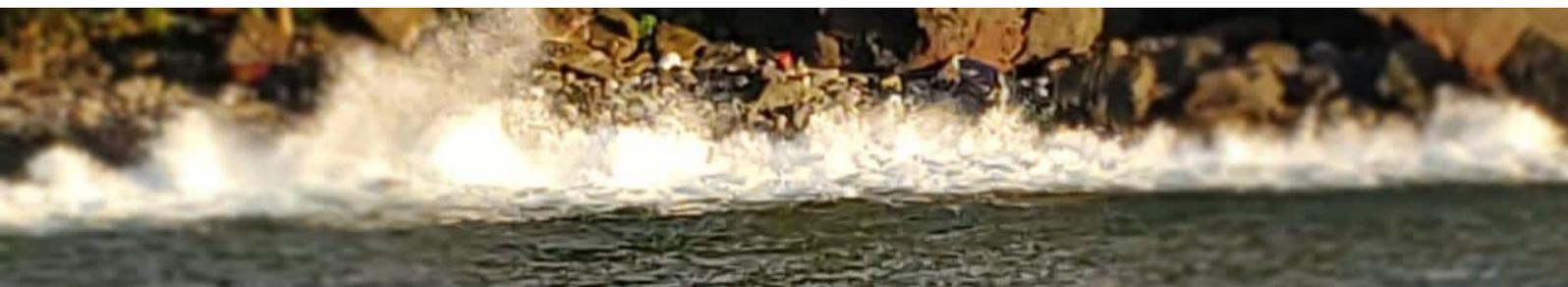
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VISION

- To establish a safe, reliable, and consistent transportation and communication system between Saipan and the Northern Islands;
- To create and/or establish permanent and meaningful jobs and other employment opportunities for the Northern Islands residents and CNMI residents in general;
- To establish and provide basic infrastructure facilities (water, power, sewer, roads, ports, etc.) on Anatahan, Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrigan;
- To establish local revenue-generating activities through taxing or licensing commercial fisheries, volcanic mineral mining, and other related activities utilizing and/or harvesting the natural resources of the Northern Islands; and,
- To expand the CNMI’s tourism industry by opening the vast resources of the CNMI’s Northern Frontier to allow a wider range of activities while in the CNMI to include eco-tourism in the Northern Islands.

MISSION

The mission of the Northern Islands Mayor’s Office is to provide safe, reliable, and consistent infrastructure and create diverse employment opportunities for Northern Islands Residents to ensure sustainable and high-quality living standards throughout our remote and beautiful islands.





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OUR PROGRESS

- Mayor Taisacan was nominated and elected as the Chairman of the Planning and Development Advisory Council (PDAC).
- Mayor Taisacan met with Star Marians to discuss air transportation to the Northern Islands.
- The Mayor and his team met with Mr. Glen Hunter from the Broadband Policy & Development Office to discuss the communication situation in the Northern Islands.



- IN OCTOBER OF 2023, MAYOR TAISACAN HAD A MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY OF DCCA TO DISCUSS THE RENOVATION OF THE NORTHERN ISLANDS MAYOR'S OFFICE UNDER THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION REHAB PROJECT.
- MAYOR TAISACAN AND HIS TEAM MET WITH CONGRESSMAN MANNY CASTRO REGARDING ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTHERN ISLANDS.
- MAYOR TAISACAN MET WITH LT. JUSTIN MILLER FROM THE USCG TO DISCUSS FUTURE ASSISTANCE FROM THE USCG. THE NIMO HAS BEEN RECEIVING GREAT ASSISTANCE FROM USCG.
- IT IS GREAT TO KNOW THAT THE NORTHERN ISLANDS MAYOR'S OFFICE HAS BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO DISCUSS HOW THEY CAN PROVIDE MORE ASSISTANCE TO THE NORTHERN ISLANDS. IT IS GOOD TO HEAR THAT BOTH PARTIES HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION FOR THIS PURPOSE.



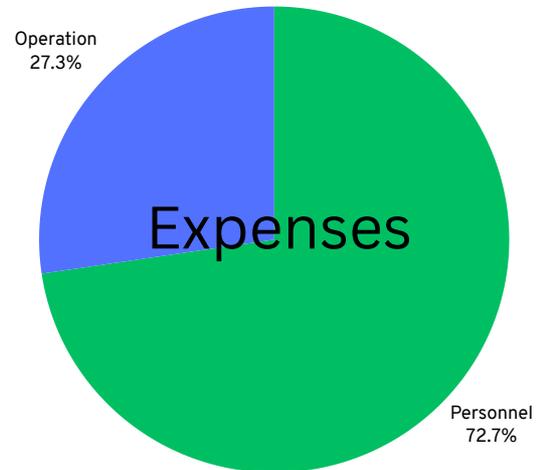


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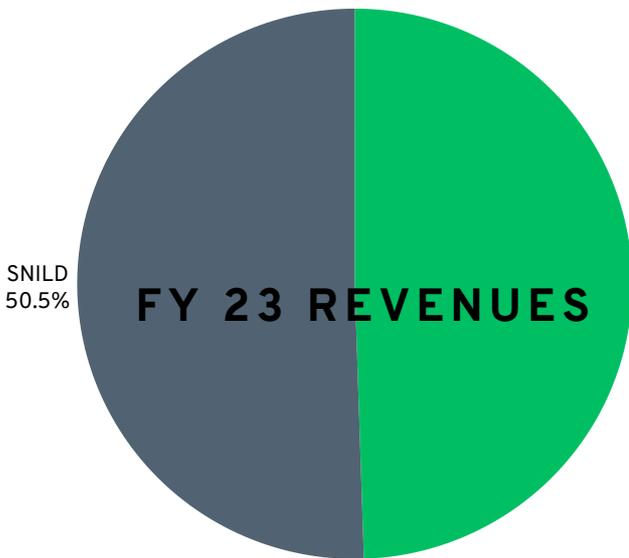


FINANCES

THE NORTHERN ISLANDS MAYOR'S OFFICE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET IS LEGALLY REQUIRED TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND LOCAL FUNDS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL EXPENSES AND REVENUES ARE PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR AND MANAGED TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THE OFFICE AND THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS.



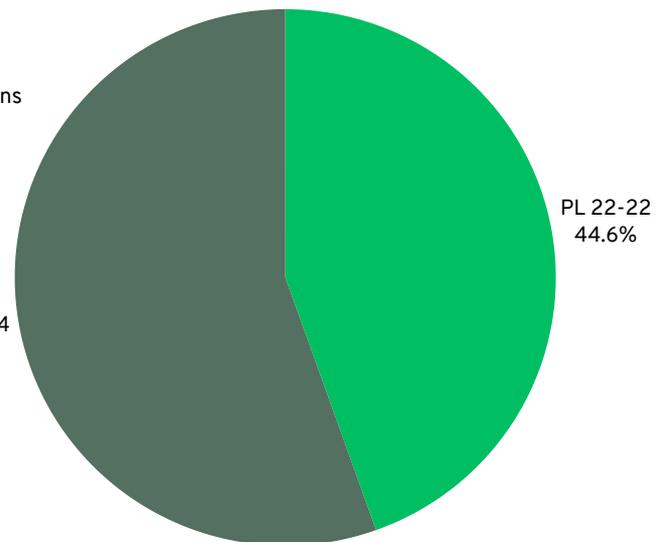
**FY 2023 Expense
\$297,356.00**



**FY 2023 Revenues
\$767,943.00**

Budget Appropriations
49.5%

Revised PL 23-04
55.4%



PL 22-22
44.6%





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CHALLENGES

THE NORTHERN ISLANDS MAYOR'S OFFICE FACES THE CHALLENGE OF ENSURING A CONSISTENT AND DEPENDABLE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AND PORT FACILITIES FOR EACH OF THE ISLANDS.



PROCURING A VESSEL CAN SAVE THE CNMI MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND BENEFIT UNEMPLOYED RESIDENTS BY ENABLING THE IMPORT OF HARVESTED CROPS AND LIVESTOCK FOR MARKETING.



WE ARE ALSO FACING CHALLENGES IN PROVIDING SUFFICIENT RESOURCES FOR SAFE AND HYGIENIC LIVING CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE.



THESE TASKS ARE AMBITIOUS AND MONUMENTAL, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THAT THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR THEIR COMPLETION ARE MINIMAL.

