

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



A report to the Citizens of Guam

A report to the Citizens of Guam that looks at some of the efforts and projects of the last fiscal year, as well as a glimpse into the efforts of the new fiscal year.

FISCAL YEAR 2017 CITIZENS CENTRIC REPORT

OUR MISSION

To improve government services, foster economic growth, reduce poverty, and build the Guamanian Dream for every citizen.

OUR VISION

By 2020, the people of Guam will compete against the best in the world and win. The government will be stable. We will have a strong local workforce building new industries. The government will provide the most efficient services.

OUR OBJECTIVE

To improve lives by breaking down barriers, bringing vision into everyday decisions, and making government transparent, responsive, caring, and restrained.

OUR GOALS

- World-class economy
- Excellent career choices
- Best education
- Dependable medical care
- Crime prevention
- Technology
- Infrastructure
- Care for the poor & disabled

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MAJOR ISSUES

We continued to focus on programs related to the quality of life for Guamanians.

In Fiscal Year 2017:

- Increase in number of foster homes.
- Started constructing an emergency home for foster children.
- First Lady urged DOE to extend free meals to all public school students.
- The Governor continued the fight to help the Guam Memorial Hospital. Unfortunately, the majority of Senators ignored the call to help GMH with its perennial \$30M shortfall, opting for more temporary fixes. The Governor also fought to modernize GMH. As of FY2018 (and with Speaker Cruz's FY2019 budget) GMH still doesn't have a dedicated funding source.
- Expanded Universal Pre-Kindergarten pilot program, with the support of the Guam Education Board and the drive of the Department of Education administration. Studies show that students who participate in pre-k are more prepared for an educational career.
- Compact Impact cost is \$14.9M — still not fully reimbursed by the federal government.
- Graduation rates have improved from 1,768 high school graduates in 2012 to 2,054 in 2017, there's still room for improvement. Education is key to a better life. Too often, the Governor's office assists people in economic hardship who share one common trait — no high-school diploma.
- After making retirees whole several years ago, we consistently pay COLA to retirees.



WHAT WE'VE DONE

Since 2011, the Office of the Governor, under the Calvo Tenorio Administration:

- Increased the Gross Domestic Product by \$1 billion – from \$4.9 billion to \$5.8 billion.
- Improved GovGuam's financial situation:
 - In 2011: Revenues were ... \$500M | Deficit was \$300M
 - In 2017: Revenues are ... \$800M | Deficit is \$73M
- Put \$1.3 billion in tax refunds back into the people's pockets.
- Paid out more Earned Income Tax Credit than any other Administration at about \$350 million in the last seven years.
- Minimum wage has increased 14% - from \$7.25 to \$8.25.
- The number of GovGuam employees has shrunk, even as mandates increase – we are doing more with fewer employees.
- Homelessness has been reduced – from more than 1,700 in 2011 to 125 in 2018.
- Built new affordable homes and provided assistance through grants and housing programs to help 3,000 families move into an apartment or house.
- We have a fire truck in every fire station and increased the number of working ambulances.
- We have constructed over \$112.4 million in highway projects to include bridges, traffic signals, and other infrastructure repairs. Another \$73.3 million under development, with an estimated price tag of \$273 million.
- The unemployment rate dropped to 4.5% in 2017. That's a decrease from 8.7 in June 2015, showing consistent improvement from the more than 13% in 2011. The Department of Labor and the Guam Community College continue to prepare and connect Guamanians with jobs.
- Used technology to match employees with their potential employers through the virtual employment center: www.hireguam.com.



FY2017 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE EXPENDITURES

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

