



Mayors' Council of Guam

Konsehelon Mahet Guåhan

April 10, 2025

MEMORANDUM

To: Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Public Auditor
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238 Archbishop Flores Street
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From: Executive Director

RE: CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT (CCR) FOR FY 2023

Dear Public Auditor:

Buenas yan Håfa Adai! Pursuant to Title 1 Guam Code Annotated, Chapter 19, §1922(a) of Public Law 30-127 submitted herewith is the Mayors' Council of Guam (MCOG) FY 2023 Citizen-Centric Report.

The Report is accessible on the Council's website at www.mcog.guam.gov.

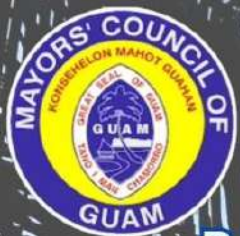
Should you require any clarification or need additional information, please contact me at 671-472-6940.

Senseramente,

Joy Jean Arceo
Executive Director

Cc: Speaker, Frank F. Blas, Jr.
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The Mayors' Council of Guam (MCOG) is the collective voice of Guam's elected mayors and vice mayors, representing the 19 diverse villages across our island. We are a dedicated team of leaders, working together to address the opportunities and challenges that impact our communities. MCOG serves as an essential bridge, connecting our residents with local government, federal agencies, and military partners to ensure that the needs of our people are met effectively. As the first line of response to local needs, our members are at the forefront of local governance, acting as the "true first responders" to village-level concerns. With a deep commitment to transparency, accountability, and service, we strive to create communities that are safe, clean, and prosperous for every family on Guam.

OUR MISSION

The Mayors' Council of Guam is committed to promoting effective governance by fostering collaboration among local leaders to improve the delivery of essential services. We are dedicated to addressing the needs of our communities, ensuring that government actions align with the priorities of the people. By maintaining open communication with local, federal, and military partners, we work to create a government that is accountable, transparent, and responsive to the needs of all residents. Our mission is to serve as trusted leaders, guiding our villages toward a future of safety, prosperity, and unity.

OUR VISION

The Mayors' Council of Guam is unwavering in its commitment to the people of Guam. Our mission is to serve as trusted leaders, guiding our villages toward a future defined by safety, prosperity, and unity. We work collaboratively to ensure that government services are delivered efficiently, with integrity, and always focused on the needs of our communities. We are dedicated to fostering a responsive government—one that listens to its people and takes decisive action. At the core of everything we do are transparency, accountability, and service excellence. As the central communication link between local government, federal agencies, and military communities, we work to ensure seamless coordination and effective solutions. By uniting our efforts, we aim to address the issues that matter most—whether it's community safety, infrastructure, or public health—so that every village becomes a place where families can live, work, and thrive.

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to continually improve the quality of life for every resident of Guam by ensuring the efficient delivery of essential services, promoting safety, and maintaining well-kept and welcoming public spaces. We aim to be responsive to the immediate needs of our communities, addressing everything from public health and safety to infrastructure and community programs. By working collaboratively with all levels of government and key stakeholders, we strive to build a government that is accountable, transparent, and equitable. Ultimately, our goal is to building a Guam where every community prospers, every resident is heard, and every family has the opportunity to succeed.



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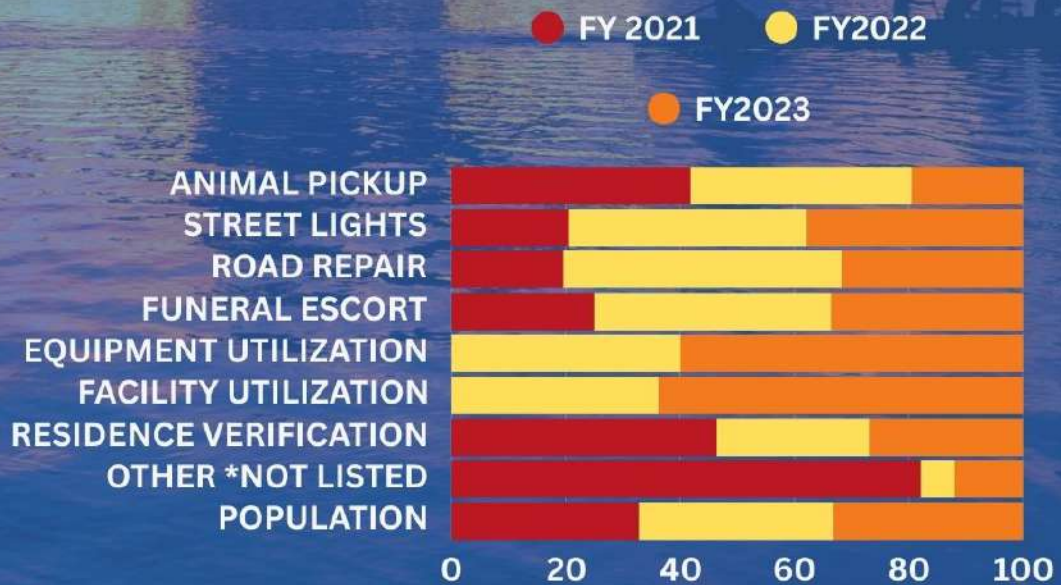
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VILLAGE SERVICES	FY 2021	FY2022	FY2023	CHANGE	TREND
ANIMAL PICKUP	2,442	2,258	1,136	-49.69%	↓
STREET LIGHTS	992	2,018	1,827	-9.46%	↓
ROAD REPAIR	359	892	582	-34.75%	↓
FUNERAL ESCORT	774	1,285	1,042	-18.91%	↓
EQUIPMENT UTILIZATION	-	30,230	45,155	49.37%	↑
FACILITY UTILIZATION	-	4,541	8,003	76.24%	↑
RESIDENCE VERIFICATION	124,473	71,796	71,913	0.16%	↑
OTHER *NOT LISTED	317,833	23,076	46,309	100.68%	↑
POPULATION	153,836	159,553	155,971	-2.25%	↓



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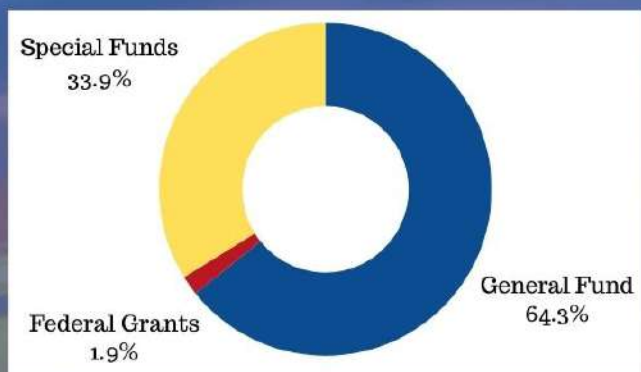
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APPROPRIATIONS	AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND - MCOG OPERATIONS	\$ 8,212,991.00
VOMBPS - GENERAL FUND	422,126.00
DPHSS GRANT - SENIOR CENTER OPERATIONS	95,472.00
DPHSS - ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAM	158,170.06
EPA - RECYCLING REVOLVING FUND	1,500,000.00
GUMA SEVENIDAD 24 HR EMR SVC	162,078.56
LIMITED GAMING FUND	380,225.00
VOMBPS - GUAM EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FUND	307,375.00
HOST COMMUNITY FUNDS *	300,000.00
TYPHOON MAWAR - MAYORS	1,900,000.00
TOTAL	\$13,438,437.62

EXPENDITURES	AMOUNT
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$12,532,303.22
TRAVEL	21,108.09
CONTRACTUAL	2,860,770.77
RENT & UTILITIES	1,155,413.66
OTHERS*	3,686,757.19
EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	(4,552,177.95)
TOTAL	\$15,704,174.98

Others*: Supplies, Equipment, Drug Testing, Miscellaneous and Capital Outlay

MCOG used carry-over appropriations from FY2020 & FY 2021 to meet its financial needs in FY 2023.



*These funds solely administered by the respective Municipal Planning Councils of Inalahan & Chalan Pago - Ordot.

AUDITS

The Mayors' Council of Guam remains dedicated to continually improving the quality of life for all residents of Guam. Our goal for FY 2023 has been to ensure the efficient delivery of essential services, promote safety, and maintain clean, welcoming public spaces that enhance community pride. While Fiscal Year 2023 financial audits have not been released, we have made strides to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in all our operations. These steps aim to not only improve how services are delivered but also to ensure that we are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. As a result, we have worked to strengthen financial oversight, improve documentation processes, and ensure that all services align with the community's needs and expectations. We recognize the importance of continuously improving internal processes to ensure that services are delivered effectively. We have worked diligently to address past audit findings and implement the necessary improvements that will allow us to serve the public with even greater efficiency and reliability. Through these positive changes, we aim to create safer communities, better infrastructure, and more opportunities for residents, all while maintaining our commitment to fiscal responsibility. As we move forward, we will continue to focus on implementing the recommended best practices, always with the goal of creating a government that operates transparently, responsibly, and with the community's best interests at its core.



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IMPACT OF TYPHOON MAWAR

The financial challenges faced by the Mayors' Council of Guam in FY 2023 are largely due to the devastating impact of Typhoon Mawar, which hit Guam with winds reaching approximately 140 mph, causing widespread damage and displacement. In the aftermath of the storm, the Mayors' Council was actively engaged in the response and recovery efforts, working alongside FEMA, SBA, and other federal agencies, local government agencies, and community organizations to address immediate needs for emergency repairs and housing for affected households.

As part of the recovery, MCOG prioritized providing assistance to vulnerable residents and ensuring their access to safe, sanitary, and secure homes. However, the unprecedented scale of the disaster created a significant strain on the Council's financial resources. The costs associated with disaster response, including the provision of emergency services, the coordination of debris removal, and repairs to public infrastructure, resulted in a negative financial outcome for the fiscal year.

Key challenges included delays in receiving adequate resources and equipment, which hindered MCOG's ability to effectively manage the recovery efforts. For instance, heavy equipment and other necessary resources were slow to arrive, and there were logistical bottlenecks, such as gas shortages and delays in clearing debris, which further compounded the financial strain. These challenges were particularly evident in every village, where ongoing issues with debris disposal and the maintenance of public spaces, including parks and sports fields, impacted the financial planning for the recovery.

Despite these obstacles, MCOG has continued to work diligently with various partners to expedite recovery and mitigate further financial strain. MCOG is committed to enhancing its internal processes to ensure that funds are allocated efficiently, and we continue to seek funding and support from both local and federal sources to aid in the recovery process.

Looking ahead, MCOG aims to rebuild its financial stability while maintaining its commitment to the residents of Guam. We are confident in our ability to recover from the financial challenges of FY 2023 and ensure that our communities are better prepared for future challenges.

MCOG WEBSITE

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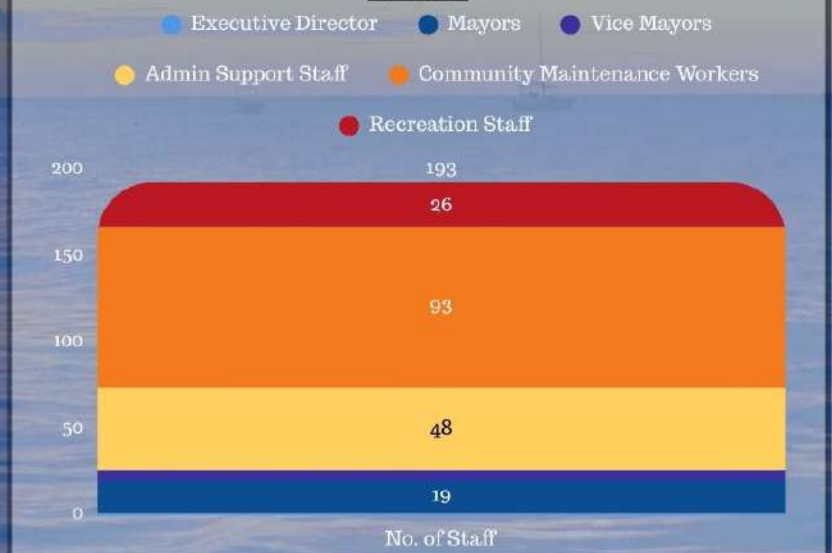


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Thu, Apr 10, 2025 at 4:51 PM

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Håfa Adai Public Auditor,

Submitted herewith is the Mayors' Council of Guam FY 2023 Citizen-Centric Report as required under Title 1, GCA Chapter 19 §1922(a) pursuant to P.L. 30-127.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse,

Beatrice "Bing" Cruz

Private Secretary

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2670K**Speaker Frank Blas Jr.** <speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov>

Fri, Apr 11, 2025 at 9:13 AM

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