



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Infrastructure and Recovery Program

CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2021



Vision

For the Infrastructure Recovery Program to assist stakeholder agencies in successfully executing federally-funded infrastructure projects during the program period, aiding the CNMI in hardening its water and wastewater infrastructure for the health and safety of its people.

Goals

To fulfill the intention of Directive 2021-005 of streamlining permitting processes to assist in expeditiously realizing federally-funded projects for a more robust infrastructure in the CNMI. IRP will first assess the current permitting process, identify gaps to maximize capacities, minimize permitting process time, execute, and complete projects.

Mission

Dedicating resources and subject matter experts to agencies to ensure timely completion of federally funded projects with limited performance time.

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IRP's FIVE Months

ASSESS, STREAMLINE, TRACK to IMPROVE THE SYSTEM

In the Program's initial five months of operation, IRP established its office, met all general operation needs and hired a team of subject matter experts in its first steps to fulfill the Governor's Directive 2021-005

On July 28th, the IRP Rollout was held with over 40 attendees from 18 different government agencies that discussed IRP's role in "preventing project obstacles."

The very first Stakeholders meeting was held on September 21, 2021 with 26 representatives from 14 different government agencies to:

1. Assess the permitting process
2. Work alongside regulatory agencies, ensure compliance (local and federal) signature ready package
3. Track progress of projects and identify areas in need of assistance

IRP Subject Matter Experts have been assisting different agencies through their permitting processes as well as providing professional guidance where needed since mid-July 2021.

Since May 2021, IRP team has developed plans and conducted one to one sessions with stakeholder agencies to understand their processes and ideas for areas to streamline.

Strategic Planning

600+ hours

A dedicated administrative staff at IRP have been working tirelessly to set up the office and bring in a team of experts since June and July of 2021.

Administrative

2000+ hours

Engineering

323 hours

IRP DESIGNATED PROJECTS		Hours
DPL	As Gonno Subdivision	50
CHCC	Hospital Expansion Project A/E Services	15
IRP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE		
DPW	Route 30 Improvement Project	10
DLNR	Fishing Base Revetment Project	4
NMHC	HSEM - Communications Tower	10
NMHC	Ghili St & Apenga	4
NMHC	DFEMS - Generator Facilities	5
NMHC	Municipality of Tinian	4
NMC	ROW - Fina Sisu Lane	2
Municipality of Tinian	FEMA Rehabilitation projects	5
Hazard Mitigation Office	CUC Generator Facilities	4
CUC	CNMI Water/Sewer Projects	33
Energy Task Force	Energizing Insular Communities / Energy Initiatives	5
FEMA	DR 4404 - CNMI Building Resilience/ Interagency Recovery Program	45
EDA Funded Projects	NMC/NMTI/OPD/PSS/DOF/DCCA	127
		Total 323

Anthropologist

200 hours

IRP Anthropologist spent over 200 hours at DCCA's Historic Preservation Office to understand HPO's rules and regulations when dealing with infrastructure projects in a culturally or historically sensitive areas.

Archaeologist

20 hours

Before coming on board, IRP archaeologist provided equipment list, assessed future projects including DPW and CUC to ensure archaeological input can be ready upon his arrival.

Biologist

200 hours

During the last two months, IRP Wildlife Biologist spent over 200 hours shadowing and assisting DFW staff for surveys including FEMA rebuilds and new project applications. Documents for upcoming IRP biological surveys were also created.

Section 106 Coordinator

30 hours

Prepared historic and archaeological overviews for the Oleai Road and Drainage project, the As Gonno Homestead project and the Garapan Fishing Base Revetment project as well as participate in organizational meetings with HPO and IRP staff.



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IRP EXPENSES Fiscal Year 2021

	Personnel	\$155,792.76
	Vehicles	\$275,570.00
	Travel Authorization (Off-Island Hires and Tinian Trip)	\$36,023.00
	All Other Expenses	\$323,514.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$790,900.26

IRP DESIGNATED PROJECTS

DPL	As Gonno Homestead Water/Wastewater \$85 million allotted
DPL	Various Homestead Infrastructure (Saipan, Rota, Tinian)
CHCC	OR/ER Expansion Contract/Design
DLNR	Fishing Base Revetment
OPD	Oleai Sports Complex/Garapan Revitalization Project
DLNR	Marpi Public Cemetery
NIMO	Water Catchment System for Pagan, Alamagan and Agrihan



IRP TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

DPW	Naftan Road Paving
Tinian Mayor's Office	Miscellaneous (transient dock and main dock resolved)
DFW	Fuel Docking Station
Substance Abuse	Design of New Building
Homeland Security	Tower
NMC	Right of Way Assistance
CUC/DPW	Oleai Project—Scope of Work/Shovel Testing

CUC WATER/WASTEWATER PROJECTS

Customized Sewer Line Inspection & Grouting Truck Acquisition
Proposed new construction crew and equipment requirements for CUC's waterline extension projects
For Water Projects
High Priority Project to Eliminate Six Collapsed Sewer Mains
Repair Leaks in Water Distribution System (Capital)
Rehabilitation and New Connection to Wastewater Systems (Capital)
Additional List of Water and Wastewater Project Requests for ARPA
Oil-Water Separator for the Lower Base Power Plant
Hiring of Four Professional Engineers for Water/Wastewater Projects (2-4 years)
Hiring of Temporary Employees for Vegetation Management
Priority Water Projects



ARPA PROJECTS SPENDING PLAN

STATE FISCAL RECOVERY PROJECTS		
CHCC	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)/Hyperbaric Chamber	\$10,000,000
	Mobil Xray Container for the Ports Border Safety Security	\$3,000,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
IT	Enterprise Resource Program and Cybersecurity Systems	\$10,000,000
IT	Enhancement of Broadband Infrastructure from 4G to 5G	\$11,000,000
NIMO	Water Catchment Systems for Pagan, Alamagan and Agrihan	\$1,000,000
DPL	Land Acquisition for Expansion of Water and Wastewater Systems	\$20,146,271

IRP CHALLENGES?



We have until December 2024 to execute designated projects.



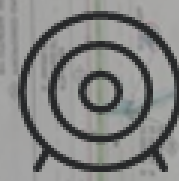
Limited number of architecture and engineering firms.



Limited number of construction companies.



Available Credit for Saipan Upland Mitigation Bank Agreement.



DID YOU KNOW?



Designated ARPA Funding for IRP can only be used for Water, Wastewater and Broadband projects.



IRP does not approve projects to be funded under ARPA.

