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Municipality of Rota

CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT

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"Rota - The Jewel of the Marianas"



HON. AUBRY M. HOCOG
Mayor of Rota

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ABOUT *Our Office*

At the Office of the Mayor of Rota, we are dedicated public servants striving to enrich our community. Our responsibilities cover a wide range of municipal duties essential to the welfare of Rota residents. We provide leadership in times of emergency, keeping our people safe. We maintain infrastructure, beautify public spaces, and support community events. We develop inclusive programs that serve Rota's children, youth, adults, and elderly. We manage staff and resources efficiently to carry out the Mayor's vision. Guided by integrity and compassion, we work diligently to improve quality of life and build a prosperous future for all who call Rota home. Our office is committed to responsive, responsible governance that empowers and protects our diverse community.

OUR *Mission*

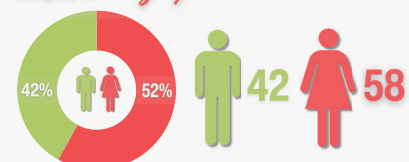
The Office of the Mayor of Rota is dedicated to fostering an inclusive, equitable, and just society where all residents can thrive. We will work diligently to promote economic prosperity, enhance quality of life, and preserve our natural and cultural heritage. We aim to build a safer, healthier, more vibrant Rota for generations to come.

OUR *Vision*

The Office of the Mayor envision a thriving, resilient Rota with a diverse, equitable economy that protects and preserves local culture, its values and the environment.



MOR *Demographics*



OUR Progress

Key Initiatives

1000 Fruit Tree Initiative

This year the Municipality of Rota has continued its commitment to planting a 1000 Fruit Trees in public areas on Rota. This year we have planted a total of 276 fruit trees bringing the total to 531 Fruit Trees planted as of Sept. 27, 2024.

Rota Mayor's Office Website

The Rota Mayor's Office officially launched its website [rotamayor.cnmi.gov]. The website features a plethora of useful information about the Rota Mayor's Office, Historical Facts, Events, Tourist Sites, Local Businesses, and many more information for our people and visitors to connect with us and our island.

MOR - Rota Island Beautification Initiative

The Rota Mayor's Office has continued its commitment to beautifying our island for our people and visitors. The MOR Field Team have work diligently this year to maintain our road side, beaches, and residential areas.

Bisita Luta Campaign with Guam Visitor's Bureau

The Guam Visitor's Bureau in collaboration with the Office of the Mayor, Rota hosted the Bisita Luta Campaign. The event consisted of bringing local influencers and media outlets from the island of Guam to Rota for a familiarization tour. The event aimed to promote and enhance our island as a tourist destination through social media.

Bus Stop Renovations/ Installation of Bus Stop Signs

On August 2024, the Rota Mayors Office in collaboration with various department agencies has worked together for months to complete Bus Stop Renovation and installations of designated Bus Stop Signs in preparation for the beginning of the new school year.

1000 Fruit Tree Initiative



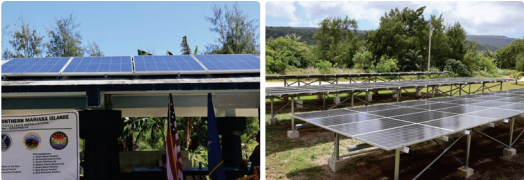
Bisita Luta Campaign: with Guam Visitor's Bureau



Sinapalo Bus Stop Renovations



Solar PV Panel Installation



As Matmos Pavilion/ Safety Railing



Grants

Solar Panel/ Lights Installation in Public Facilities/ Areas

Funded by the US Department of Interior - OIA [FY 2023 Energizing Insular Communities]

- ✿ Rota Aquaponics Solar PV Installations *Completed*
- ✿ CRB Quarantine Site Solar Street Light Project [Tweksberry Park] *Completed*
- ✿ Rota Pavilion Solar PV Installation Project *On-going*

As Matmos Pavilion *Completed*

Funded under National Park Services - the Land & Water Conservation Fund

Rota Aquaponic Multipurpose Stage & Pavilion Project *On-going*

Funded under the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Community Planning & Development (CDP) Funds FY 2023, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Rota Office on Aging (Man Amko' Center) Solar Project *On-going*

Na' Ma'lak Luta: Light Up Luta Solar LED Streetlight Project *On-going*

Funded under the US Department of Interior - OIA [FY 2023 Energizing Insular Communities Program]

MOR - Rota Island Beautification & Tourism Enhancement Program *On-going*

Capital Improvement Projects

Demolition of Condemned Pavilions *Completed*

Office of the Mayor, Rota through the NMHC Community Development Block Grant have demolished three (3) pavilions that have been condemned in the areas: Liyo', Miling Katan, and Tatachog.

Equipment of Department of Public Works - Rota *On-going*

Funded under the Capital Improvement Projects, the Municipality was able to procure heavy equipment for DPW Rota such as a Utility Vehicle, Dump Truck, Motor Grater, Back Hoe Loader with Pay Loader arriving in Nov. 2024.

Renovation of Songsong Sport Facility Complex *On-going*

Funded under the House Local Bill No. 23-03 D1, the Songsong Sport Facility Complex has gone under renovation. Renovations include: to replace the fencing, resurface the court, install score board, repair the boards and rims.

Pending Projects

Projects Funded under House Local Bill No. 23-03 D1

- ✿ Construction of Shower Facility at Teteto Beach
- ✿ Renovation of Guata Beach Restroom
- ✿ Construction of Shower Facility at East Harbor Marina
- ✿ Construction of Toilet Facility and Shower Stall at Veteran's Memorial Park
- ✿ Renovation Rota Guest House in Navy Hill and Finasisu, Saipan

Demolition of Condemned Pavilions



Heavy Equipment: Procured through CIP Funding



Event Highlights

Gilita Festival



Coconut Festival



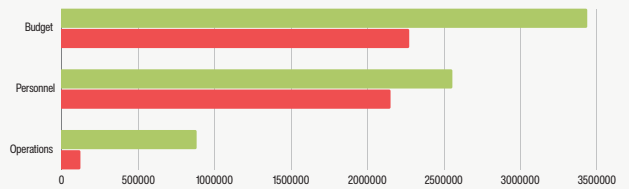
Bisita Luta



OUR *Finances*

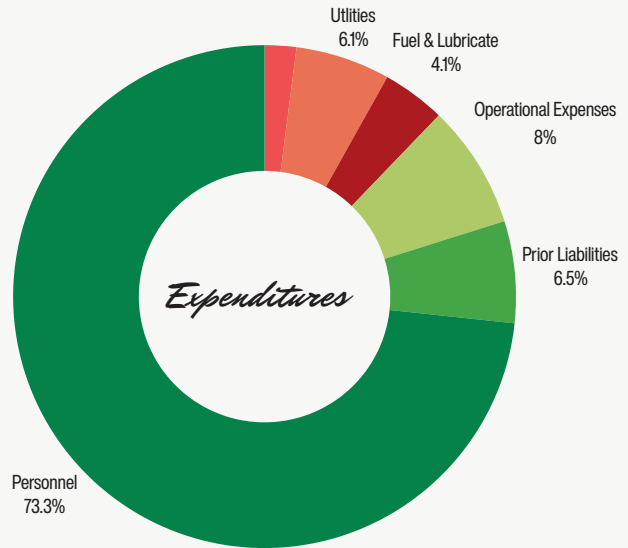
Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

Budget [Requested]	\$3,436,563.00	Budget [ACTUAL]	\$2,272,327.00
Personnel [Requested]	\$2,554,563.00	Personnel [ACTUAL]	\$2,150,229.00
Operations [Requested]	\$882,000.00	Operations [ACTUAL]	\$122,098.00



Expenditures

Communication	\$47,612.06
Utilities	\$142,434.06
Fuel & Lubricate	\$95,435.03
Operational Expenses	\$186,490.67
Prior Liabilities	\$153,322.54
Personnel	\$1,716,967.17

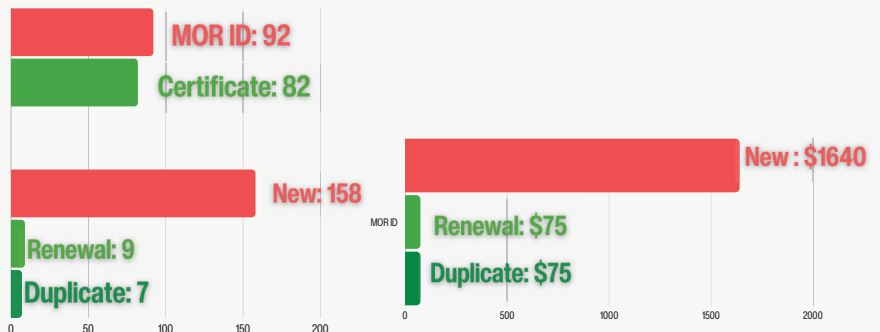


The funding source to finance the Operations and Clearing of Outstanding Liabilities include the General Fund, ARPA, Tobacco Settlement Fund, MVA Hotel Occupancy Tax and Local Laws that provided funding for specific projects that include the renovation of the As Lito Facility in Saipan. The Rota Mayor's Office has cleared majority of its outstanding liabilities this administration incurred since 2018.

Revenue Generated

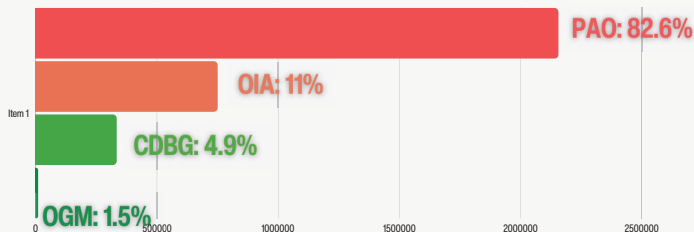
Rota Municipal ID	\$1,790.00
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The Office of the Mayor, Rota ID Section has issued a total of 174 ID and Certificates. 92 of the ID were MOR Issued ID and 82 were MOR ID Certifications. 158 new ID were issued this year, 9 ID were renewed, and 7 have been duplicated. In May of this year, our ID machine was rendered unusable. Due to this the Mayor's Office could only offer ID certificates.



Grants

Public Assistance Office	\$2,155,811.09
Office of Insular Affairs	\$750,548.00
HUD, CDBG, CDP	\$334,100.00
Office of the Governor - OGM	\$100,000



This administration has worked very diligently to apply for many federal grants to support Mayor Hocog's vision to construct new facilities and renovate current ones. With the support of the Rota Legislative Delegation and the assistance of the Office of Grants Management, and other grant writers, the Rota Mayor's Office has been successful in being awarded funds for many of its projects.

MOVING *Forward*

Current Challenges & *Solutions*

The Office of the Mayor Rota faces several key operational challenges. Utility costs, particularly street lighting, represent our second-highest expenditure after personnel. We are planning on implementing solar energy solutions and cost reduction measures to address this issue. The lack of formal street addresses (currently only P.O. Boxes available) hinders local businesses from securing DoD contracts and federal opportunities through SAM.gov. Transportation infrastructure, especially stevedoring services at West Harbor Marina, impacts business efficiency, tourism, and local commerce through increased costs and reduced accessibility. Additionally, high construction costs and limited labor availability continue to affect development projects.



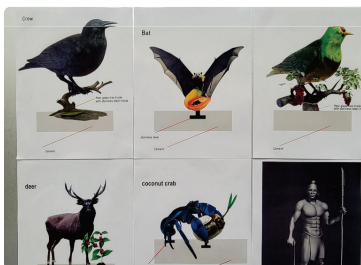
Future *Goals*

✿ Strategic Initiatives & Infrastructure Progress

Our 1,000 Fruit Tree Initiative remains a priority, addressing multiple community needs including tourism enhancement, food security, and serves as mitigation to help minimize the impacts of inflation. Current infrastructure projects include new facilities construction (Pona Point pavilion, West Harbor Marina restroom, showers at Guata, Teteto, and Veterans Memorial Park), sports facility improvements (Songsong sports facility resurfacing with new scoreboard, Construction of the Sinapalo Soccer and Track and Field), and community development (Chamorro Village pavilions, road construction in Taimama', Sinapalo Elementary School area, and the Liyo-Songsong-West Harbor Marina connector).

✿ Future Development

We are also currently pursuing funding for critical renovation projects which include the Marianas Medical Referral Center in As Lito, Lower and Upper Navy Hill compounds (under the Rota Liaison Office) and have been approved to install typhoon shutters and a backup generator at the Marianas Medical Referral Center. The intent of these renovations are to restore and rehabilitate these facilities to house Rota's Medical referral patients. Through the Office of Grants Management, we are also implementing an island-wide cultural education project featuring statues that showcase our heritage and local wildlife, benefiting both tourism and community education. Through the SWIFR Grant we will also be constructing a Community Convenience Center which includes a hydraulic baler, baler housing and electrical connections and peripheral equipment to support operations. This project will help alleviate the accumulation of metals in our island, extend the life of our local landfill and encourage members of our community to recycle.



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