

# Office of the Municipality of Saipan FY 2024 Citizenship Centric Report

## "Safe Community, Safe Village, and a Clean Island"



## **Mission and Vision**

The Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan carries out its roles and responsibilities according to Article VI of the CNMI Constitution and 1 CMC 5101- 5110. These roles include but are not limited to the following: welfare and improvement of our local community through public services, the safety and support of our community in times of disaster, the maintenance, clearing and repair of roads, and assistance in land clearing for religious and village events, and others. We prioritize the needs of our residents and work collaboratively to promote sustainable development and resilience in our local community. Through these initiatives, we strive for a Safe Community, Safe Village, and a Clean island.

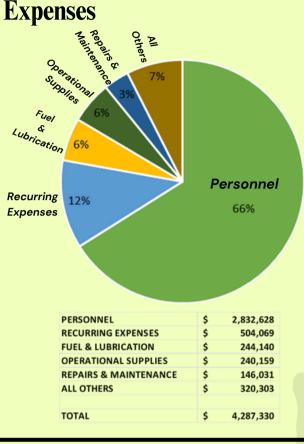
## **Departments and Divisions**

- **Executive** 
  - Mayor of Saipan
  - Chief of Staff
- Administrative
  - Human Resource
- Public Information Office
- <u>Services</u>
  - Dog Control Program
  - Field Operations
  - Marriage
  - Municipal Identification
  - Street Naming & Addressing

- Fiscal and Budget
- **Procurement**
- International
  <u>Exchange Program</u>
- <u>\*Saipan Higher</u>
  <u>Education Financial</u>
  <u>Assistance</u>

## **Data and Analytics**

### **Financial Data**



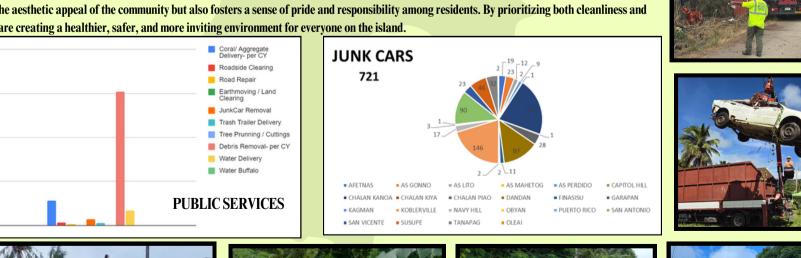
**Local Funds** \$1,106,886 Revenue **Federal Funds** 

On September 5, 2024, the Saipan Mayors Office received federal funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to support Project M.O.V.E. (Making Our Villages Energy-Efficient), a key initiative aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through modernizing lighting systems and implementing energy-efficient policies. This project focuses on replacing incandescent and fluorescent lighting with energy-saving LED bulbs across residential, small business, and government sectors in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). By transitioning to LED lighting, Project M.O.V.E. will significantly improve energy efficiency and decrease the reliance on fossil fuels, particularly diesel, which powers much of the islands' electricity. The initiative also promotes workforce development in the energy sector, helping to create long-term sustainable benefits for the community. Overall, this effort will play a critical role in reducing GHG emissions and supporting a cleaner, more energy-efficient future for CNMI.

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## **Field Operations**

Our Field Operations team is committed to ensuring the cleanliness and safety of our islands to prevent health-related illnesses, infestations, and crime within our villages. Regular village clean-ups are vital in maintaining a healthy environment by reducing the risk of disease outbreaks and deterring pests that thrive in unclean areas. These efforts also contribute to public safety, as well-maintained secondary roads and roadsides are essential for preventing accidents and ensuring secure access for residents and emergency services. Additionally, the beautification of public spaces not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of the community but also fosters a sense of pride and responsibility among residents. By prioritizing both cleanliness and safety, we are creating a healthier, safer, and more inviting environment for everyone on the island.





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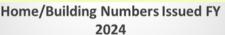


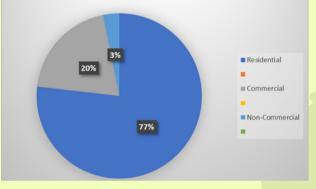
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#### **Street Naming and Addressing**

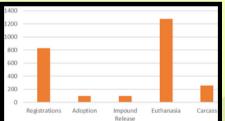
### Marriage







#### **Dog Control Program**









The Dog Control Program (DCP) maintains strong partnerships with the Saipan Humane Society and Guam Animals in Need (G.A.I.N). DCP staff recently participated in a training session in Guam alongside the Saipan Humane Society, G.A.I.N., and the Department of Agriculture Animal Control. The training covered key topics such as animal handling, proper feeding methods, kennel cleaning techniques, and more. Additionally, the DCP has partnered with the military to conduct spay and neuter clinics, which were successfully held at the Animal Shelter in As Perdido.

The Dog Control Program (DCP) is facing challenges due to limited kennel space at the Animal Shelter in As Perdido, which has become overcrowded with dogs. In response, the DCP is actively exploring alternative solutions to manage the dog population and mitigate any potential harm to the public.

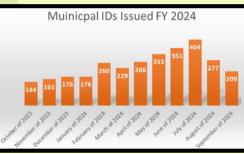






#### **Municipal Identification**

Saipan Local Law (SLL) 13-16 was created "To establish a Saipan or Northern Islands Resident Identification Card Program; and for other purposes". Applicants MUST be a resident of Saipan and Norther Islands, U.S. Citizen or a Citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau or a Permanent Resident. A Certified copy either a birth certificate, valid passport, voter's registration card or permanent resident card is required for the issuance of an identification card.



#### Adopt-A-Place

Adopted Locations	
San Vicente Children's Park	Guam National Guard
Gualo Rai Basketball Court	Saipan Magalahi Eagles Club
Makaka Beach	Bwiibwii's Lawn Care
Aquarius Beach	Alpha Kappa Rho
Bantalan Pavillion	Bantalan Sugar Dock Inc.
Civic Center Basketball Court	Saipan Eagles Lions Club
Laly-4 Basketball Court	Vincole's Yard Services
Garapan Fishing Base to Basketball Court Stretch	Lions Club Region II D: 204
Chinatown Basketball Court	Saipan Beacon Lions Club
San Antonio Beach Pavillion	Distorted Miniz
Capitol Hill Basketball Court	Atkins Kroll Saipan
Capitol Hill Tennis Court	NMI Pickleball Federation



NMI Pickleball Federation Adopts the Capitol Hill Tennis Court



Distorted Miniz Adoption of the San Antonio Beach Pavillion

#### **International Exchange Program**

The International Exchange Program Department plays a crucial role in fostering international relationships by planning and implementing various programs focused on students, sports, and culture. These initiatives offer the local community invaluable opportunities to gain cross-cultural experiences, and to stablish Sister City agreements, organize exchange programs, and handle logistical coordination with local partners. Through these programs, we aim to broaden perspectives and reinforce international ties, as seen with the ongoing Katori City middle school exchange program and future visits such as Tanapag Middle School's trip to Katori City Junior High in October. We have provided full support to five groups, including KSKK Outbound, Winter, Spring, and Summer programs, as well as the Korean Junior Bigband, with a total of 54 participants.





## Looking Ahead







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## **Challenges We Face**

#### **Resource Acquisition**

- The continued challenges of acquiring a reliable supply of quarry materials such as aggregate may affect our ability to conduct necessary road repairs throughout the Municipality.
- Imposed tipping fees also put a strain on how the Mayor's Office dispose of the community's trash.
- The lack of collaboration and partnership between several regulatory agencies adds another layer of difficulty to addressing these issues effectively.
- The unpredictable weather conditions affect our secondary roads to the point where constant repair and maintenance is needed after any major weather event.

#### **Revenue and Funding**

- There continues to be a need for the Saipan Mayor's Office to acquire property of their own to reduce the impact of rental fees for our office space.
- The implementation of austerity measures and cost saving policies may have an impact on the quality of services delivered to the general public.
- Cost cut back measures will also affect the ability of the Mayor's Office to conduct routine and important maintenance on equipment.

### What the Future Looks Like

Upon successfully engaging with religious groups, business leaders, and diverse ethnic communities, we are committed to advancing our services and initiatives for the community. We will actively pursue new opportunities to enhance the well-being of our people. In our ongoing efforts to foster community involvement, we are preparing to launch the Town Hall initiative and Neighborhood Watch, designed to encourage open dialogue, collaboration, and community awareness. Additionally, building on the achievements of the Mayor's Youth Softball Cup in March 2024, the Saipan Mayor's Office is now dedicated to establishing afterschool programs that offer additional opportunities for local youth. As we conclude our village cleanup initiative, our focus will shift to conducting village inspections aimed at promoting community health, cleanliness, and safety.



