



COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



ABOUT US

The Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs, through its Executive Order mandate, serves as the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Central Clearinghouse of all communication, documents, and information between the Department of Defense (DoD), and its various departments and commands planning activities and operating in the CNMI. In furthering its mandate, the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs through the Special Assistant to the Governor for Military Affairs serves as the liaison between DoD and the government of the CNMI, and aids, assists, and coordinates with the CNMI government agencies in their engagements with DoD.

WHO WE SERVE

CBMA supports the goals and vision of the entire CNMI population for Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands. CBMA serves a total population of over 55,000 residents and their desires for cooperation and mutual benefits from military activities on their islands.

WHO WE ENGAGE WITH

The U.S. Department of Defense Armed Forces (U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force) and various components assigned to the Indo-Pacific Theater, along with the Pentagon, the National Guard, and relevant federal agencies and contractors.

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MISSION

To improve communication, coordination and response of the CNMI government to the United States Military, facilitate the military's integration into the community, and to ensure the relationship between the military and the CNMI is one based on mutual respect and benefit.

VISION

A strong and mutually beneficial collaboration between the CNMI and the U.S. Department of Defense that recognizes and preserves the cultural values of the people

LEADERSHIP

Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

David M. Apatang
Lt. Governor

EDWARD C. CAMACHO

Special Assistant for Military Affairs

SUPPORT TEAM

CBMA Central Office
Six (6) Employees

CBMA Tinian Satellite Office
Two (2) Employees

2 OUR PROGRESS

MILITARY FOOTPRINT

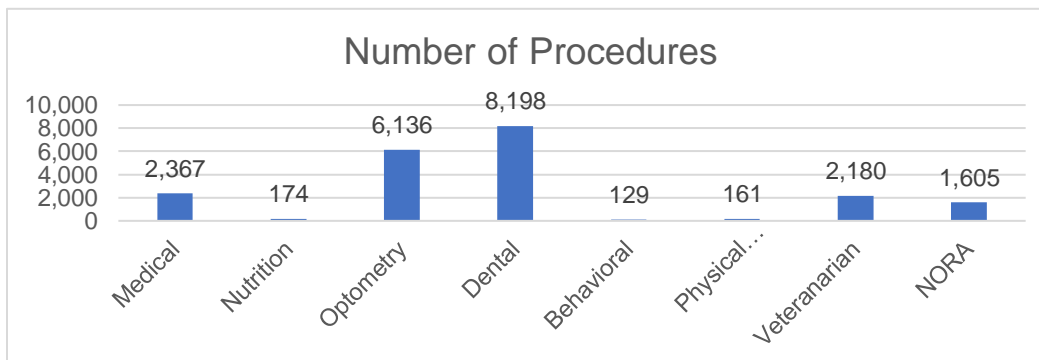
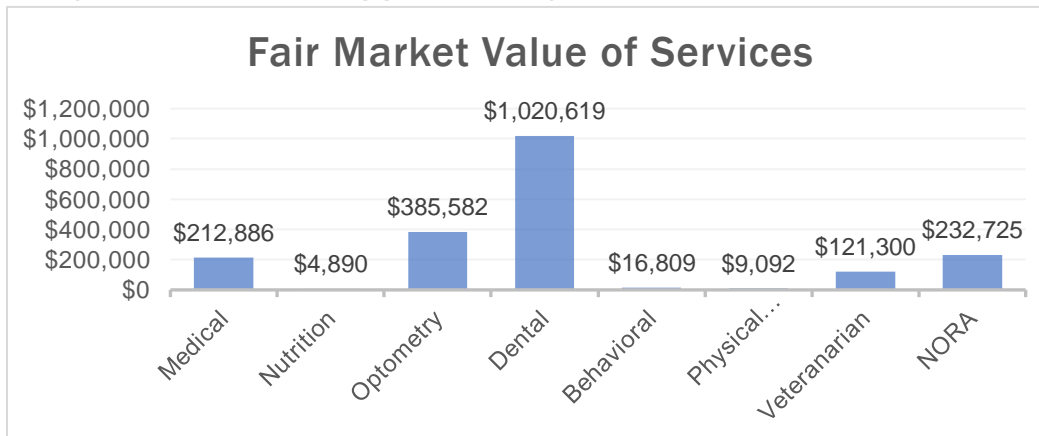
As part of its mandate, CBMA regularly monitors military related matters for the Governor through its Clearinghouse and with active participations on military engagements throughout the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands.

Calendar Year 2024			
Support Visits		Military Training Exercises	
Military Dignitary / Congressional and Federal Agency	20	Rota	0
Aircraft (Saipan, Tinian, Rota)	622	Tinian	6
Ship	4	Saipan	6
Personnel for Exercises	1340	Farallon de Mendinilla	TBD

Foot note:

- FOR MILITARY TRAINING EXERCISE ON FDM, WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING NEW SOURCE FROM HEADQUARTERS PACIFIC FLEET.
- MILITARY DIGNITARY / CONGRESSIONAL AND FEDERAL AGENCY IS AN ESTIMATE NUMBER. WE ARE STILL SEEKING THE ACTUAL SUPPORT VISIT NUMBERS.

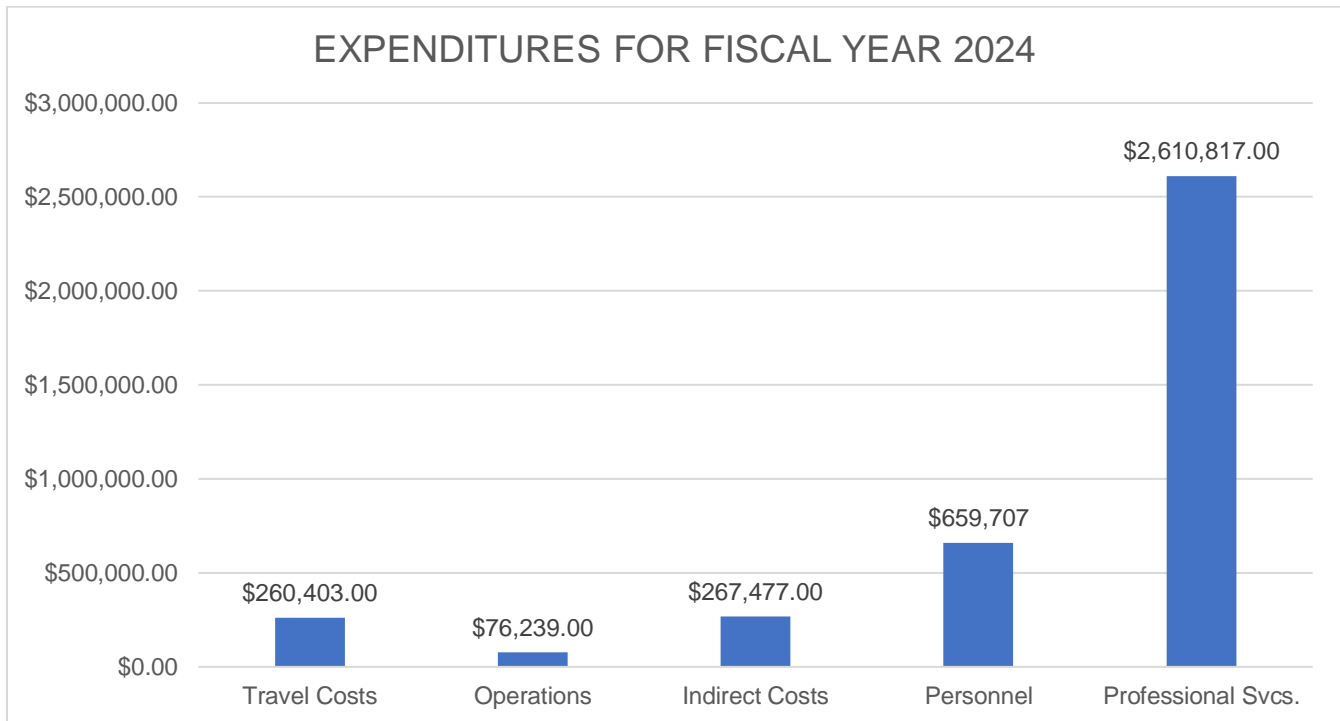
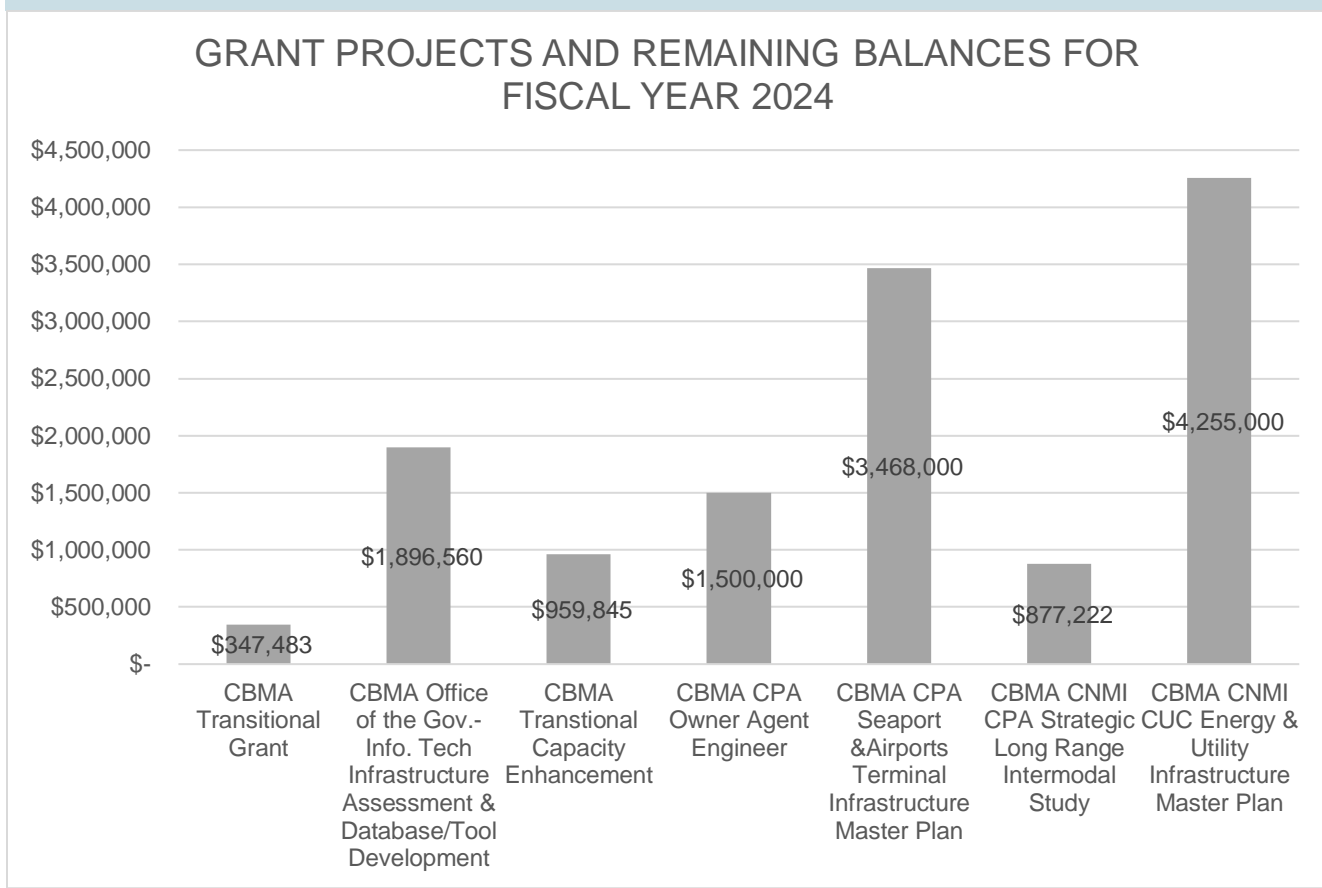
INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING



CRITICAL COORDINATION HIGHLIGHTS

- CNMI-DOD CJMT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP EIS
- INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING 2024
- SECRETARY OF THE AIRFORCE VISIT COORDINATION
- TOYS FOR TOTS 2023
- TOYS FOR TOTS 2024 PLANNING
- TINIAN NORTH FIELD ADAPTIVE REHABILITATION PROJECT PLANNING
- HONORABLE U.S. AIR FORCE SECRETARY FRANK KENDALL VISIT PLANNING
- INNOVATIVE READINESS ROAD PROJECT (MARPO HEIGHTS)

3 OUR FINANCES



In managing the various programs assigned to CBMA, total expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024 amounted to \$1,829,596.69.

4 WAY FORWARD

KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2025

- CONTINUE TO BUILD STABLE AND LASTING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND EXPAND THE MUTUAL BENEFITS OF U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION TO THE ECONOMY AND RESIDENTS OF THE CNMI.
- SEVERAL PLANNED MILITARY EXERCISES IN THE CNMI WILL AIM TO ENHANCE RELATIONSHIPS AND READINESS.
- INCREASED UNFUNDED IRT & CONSTRUCTION BATTALION (SEABEES) PROJECTS ON ALL THREE ISLANDS ARE EXPECTED (SAIPAN, TINIAN, ROTA).
- INCREASED KEY LEADER ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN THE CNMI LEADERS AND BOTH DOD AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.
- TRAINING AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CBMA STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE.
- CBMA WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND THE TECHNICAL CAPACITY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE AND TO SEEK MUTUAL BENEFITS WITHIN THE CNMI'S PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR NATION'S MILITARY.

CHALLENGES

The CNMI continues to face personnel and technical capacity constraints to adequately assess and respond to the wide-ranging impacts from multiple activities being conducted by different DoD commands operating separately, and from the proposed activities in the voluminous Environmental Impact Statements provided by DoD.

The CNMI has limited technical staff to respond to the archeological, biological, and environmental impacts associated with existing and proposed military training programs. Additional personnel are needed to provide for the necessary coordination and communication support that is central to the functions of CBMA.

CBMA has experienced multiple coordination efforts from and for different DoD commands and activities that appeared to be redundant or repetitious, and seeks to have a single command that has control of all the activities taking place in the CNMI, but especially on the island of Tinian.