



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

FY 2024 CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT



Mission

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) is charged with the oversight of CNMI functions in the areas of human and social services, historic and landmark conservation and preservation, activities to preserve Chamorro and Carolinian heritages and traditions, public arts and sports programming.

About the Department

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs was created in 1978 with the signing of the Covenant to establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) in political union with the United States of America. The DCCA is an executive branch agency, responsible to the Governor through the Secretary.

Divisions and Programs of the DCCA

Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission

Child Care Development Fund

Child Care Licensing Program

Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture

Division of Youth Services

Historic Preservation Office

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Nutrition Assistance Program

Office on Aging

Office of the Secretary

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OUR PROGRESS

Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP)

Number of households receiving benefits in FY 2024: 5,525

Total benefits distributed in FY 2024: \$31,261,134.24

2024 Summer EBT Program: Total number of students (K-12) 10,260

*Data from PSS Child and Nutrition Program

Total number SEBT benefits distributed as of October 17, 2024 9,680

Total Benefits Distributed: \$1,686,987.00

Division of Youth Services (DYS)

of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases: 535

of Child Abuse and Neglect Victims: 1,429

of Children/Youth Sheltered: 44

of Foster/Kinship Placements: 17

of Juveniles on Probation: 62

of Juveniles Incarcerated: 30

of Prevention-Direct Services: 1,387

of Prevention-Outreach Services: 1,809

Community Events:

Halloween Outreach, Child Abuse & Neglect Proclamation, Summer Youth Empowerment Camps, Probation, Parole Supervision Week Proclamation



Child Care Licensing Program

Number of licensed child care providers: 29

Number of center inspections: 70

Number of Violations: 3

Number of citations: 1

Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture (CCAC)

Community events: Flame Tree Arts Festival, FESTPAC

Number of Artisans & Cultural practitioners involved: 260

Approximate number of visitors/participants in activities: 4000-5000

National Endowment for the Arts funding: \$ 350,800

Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF)

Total number of children who received services/subsidies: 983

Total number of families served: 583

Total number of trainings provided: 11,575.5 training hours

License-exempt Care Providers: 155

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Number of LIHEAP beneficiaries: 274 households

Number of households benefitted from weatherization: 28 households

Total expense FY 2024: \$273,849.11

Office on Aging

Total number of active clients: 262

Total Homebound clients/Caregivers: 537

Total Homebound meals distributed: 129,300

Total meals served for congregate clients: 63,690

Events: Older American's Month, Cultural Variety Show, Manamko King & Queen Coronation



Chamorro/Carolinian Language Policy Commission

Translation: 59 Interpreter: 3

In FY 2024, the CCLPC prioritized language accessibility by facilitating the translation of 59 vital documents into Chamorro and Carolinian for local and federally funded government agencies.

Historic Preservation Office

DHPO emphasized the importance of the Section 106 process in numerous projects, some of which involving millions of dollars in Federal Highway Roads projects. Indication of determination result of the reviews:

of Historic Properties Affected: 107

National Register Eligible: 5

Potential to Effect Historic Properties: 14

National Register Not Eligible: 142

Adverse Effect: 4

National Register Listed: 7

of Adverse Effect: 18

Hire Out Archaeological Firm: 1

Consultation Ongoing: 9

Consultation Revision/Amendment Needed: 1

FY 2024 Section 106: 146

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Number of facilities assigned: 19

- 1200 block: 4

- 1300 block: 15



DCCA FY2024 BUDGET

Nutrition Assistance Program

NAP BLOCK GRANT - \$34,812,000.00
 Administrative Costs - \$3,550,865.76 (10%)
 *Operation costs for all NAP Units: personnel, rental, utilities, travel, supplies, printing, equipment:
 Program Benefit Cost - \$31,261,134.24 (90%)
 2024 Summer EBT: Administrative Costs - \$293,709
 *CNMI was approved to waive the 50% matching requirement in 2024
 Program Benefit Costs - \$2,124,000.00

Division of Youth Services

FY 2024 Funding Source
 General Funds: \$342,801.00 Personnel: \$ 1,480,364.00 (39 FTEs)
 Federal Funds: \$1,934,995.00 Operational: \$ 1,262,355
 Revolving Funds: \$603,653.00 Indirect Cost: \$138,730.00
 TOTAL: \$2,881,449.00

Child Care Licensing Program

Personnel: \$143,811

Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture

Personnel: \$188,554 Operations: \$2,500 Federal Funding: \$350,800

Child Care & Development Fund

CCDF Funds:
 a. Discretionary: \$7,891,869.00 **Grand Total:**
 b. Mandatory – Regular: \$2,147,142.00 **\$12,322,692.50**
 Redistribution: \$2,104,869.75
 Non-CCDF Funds/Foundation: \$178,812.50

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP Block Grant: \$252,914
 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act: \$6,298
 Local Funding: \$49,771.16

Office on Aging

FY 2024 GENERAL FUNDS (LOCAL APPROPRIATION):
 Personnel: \$ 174,046 Operations: \$0
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS)/
 ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING (ACL)
 Personnel: \$ 252,063
 Operations: \$ 793,241 **TOTAL: U.S. DHHS/ACL: \$ 1,120,066**
 Indirect Costs: \$ 74,762

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL)/SCSEP

Personnel: SCSEP TRAINEES: \$ 259,712
 GPMS-INFO TECH GRANT: \$ 92,897
 Operations: \$ 68,951 **TOTAL: \$ 455,456**
 Indirect Costs: \$ 33,896

TOTAL U.S. DHHS/ACL & DOL (FEDERAL): \$1,575,522
TOTAL FY 2024 OFFICE ON AGING FUNDING SOURCE: \$1,749,568
 (Federal and Local)

Chamorro/Carolinian Language Policy Commission

FY 2024 Funding Resources: General Funds: \$168,030

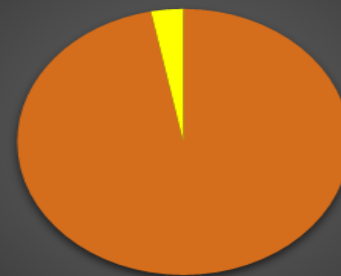
Historical Preservation Office

Local Funding: \$230,796 Federal Funding: Historic Preservation Fund
 Fund yrs: 2021-2024
 \$1,809,590

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Local: \$279,938
 Emergency Supplemental HPF: \$6,000,000

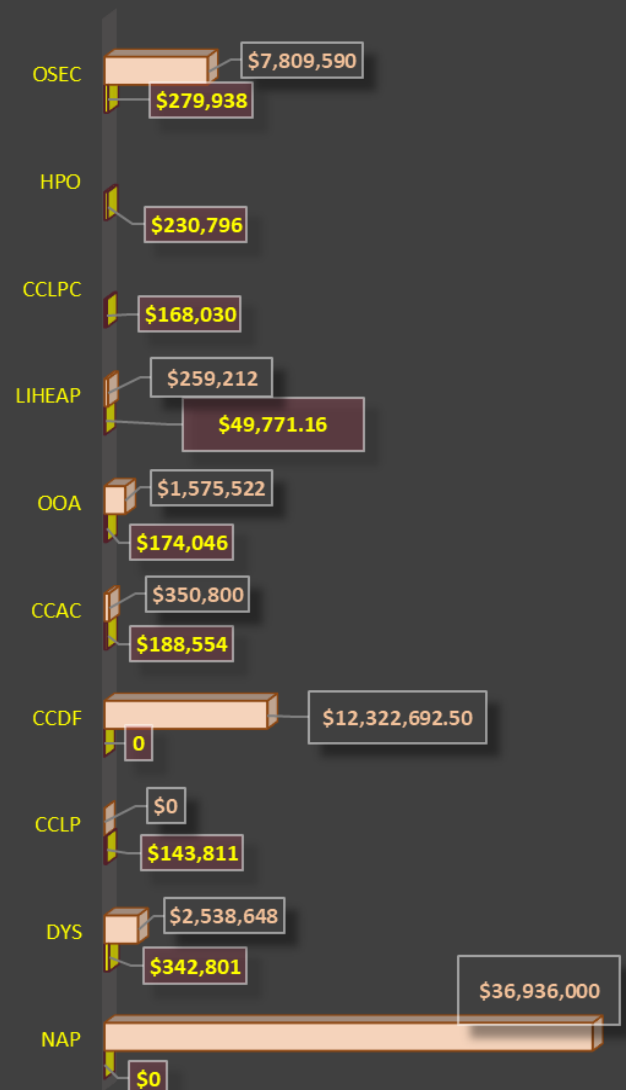
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MOVING FORWARD



- To identify & license all childcare providers currently unlicensed
- To identify & educate providers on legal ramifications regarding violations
- To have staff undergo training through National Association for Regulatory Administration



- To create valuable partnerships and provide more professional development training for staff to enhance elder care in the CNMI.



- The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) increased Income and Benefit levels effective April 2024. CNMI NAP continues process to implement Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) system.



- To secure additional grant opportunities to provide support and/or resources for all DYS' needs.



- Upgrade the professional skills of the survey technicians in Saipan, Tinian and Rota in all aspects of review and compliance work
- Publish the Micronesian Archaeological Survey & Volumes in the Occasional Historic Papers series

CHALLENGES



- ◆ Facility for exhibits and other programs
- ◆ Office space
- ◆ Upgrade of office computers
- ◆ Additional transportation

- Increase capacity building & staff development
- Increase agency partnership in addressing low-income household needs
- Explore and secure additional grant opportunities



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