

Government of Guam

Annual Performance Report

Capital Projects Fund (JULY 2023)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The US Department of Treasury awarded the Territory of Guam **\$14,285,714.29** from the Coronavirus Capital Project Funds (CPF) via the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which will be administered by the Government of Guam (Guam); namely, the Department of Administration (DOA) and the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR). The Government of Guam recently received approval for one (1) of three (3) CPF Program Plans submitted to the US Treasury in September 2022 with zero (0) expenses incurred to date. The main focus of this narrative is for the Annual Performance Report on the CPF program plans approved prior to July 31, 2023. GovGuam anticipates a significant shift in the use of program funds throughout the next year.

Under the Organic Act of Guam, the Governor of Guam has full discretion over the use of federal grants and chose to focus the Territory's CPF allocation on community capital projects identified in the Guam Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (2020-2025). The Governor, along with local stakeholders, solicited priority projects and selected the projects most in line with the CPF guidance.

The primary focus of the CPF funds were for the construction of a new Multi-Purpose Community Facility that will be accessible to the community and to develop adequate infrastructure to enable work, education, and health monitoring. BBMR worked with sub-recipients to submit program plans in accordance with the Treasury's guidance for approval. Additionally, BBMR coordinated the process with sub-recipients to answer questionnaires provided by the US Treasury during the program plan review period. As programs commence and move along, DOA and BBMR will ensure that the draw down for funds will be expended for the purposes approved in the Program Plan.

In compliance with the requirements set forth by the US Treasury and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Multi-Purpose Community Facilities program aims to jointly and directly enable work, education, and health monitoring. Additionally, this project will enable other community members to host other community-facing functions. The CPF funds will be used for the design and construction of the new 45,000 +/- square foot Student Success Center (SSC) at the University of Guam (UOG), which will be open for public use upon completion. The total CPF funding available for this program is **\$7,100,000**.

APPROVED CPF PROGRAMS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Approved Program Plan Number(s):

- Multi-Purpose Community Facility – CPF_GP-000107

Program Start Date(s):

- Multi-Purpose Community Facility – July 2023

Program End Date(s):

- Multi-Purpose Community Facility – December 2024

Actual CPF Funds Allocated to Each Approved Program:

- Multi-Purpose Community Facility – \$7,100,000

USES OF FUNDS

Guam has not yet awarded sub-grants to UOG through the Facilities program. Objectives and activities included in the approved Program Plan have not been implemented. Guam aims to grant the facilities funds to the University of Guam beginning August 2023 (note, funding from the CPF is only partial funding for the entirety of the project). Intended uses of funds include: Building Design, Site Work, Structural Work, Architectural, Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing. The facility will be equipped with classrooms, computer labs, multi-purpose halls, telemedicine rooms. Once the construction of the facility has begun, Guam will ensure that performance indicators and other data support key milestones achieved, outputs produced, and outcomes achieved are documented. This information will be submitted to the US Treasury through subsequent Project and Expenditure Reports during future reporting periods.

DOA and BBMR are working together with the sub-grantee (UOG) to develop a strategy/process to request for the draw down of funds to begin the construction. Site and Structural Work will begin August 2023 upon the approval of the 100% design. Upon the start of construction, UOG will submit payment requests to DOA and BBMR for work completed. The Government of Guam intends to administer the CPF funding as requested in compliance with the approved budget plan. The Government of Guam will submit proper documentation to the US Treasury (via Treasury's Portal) for the draw down of funds.

Once constructed, the SSC will be accessible to the general public. Computer labs and broadband infrastructure will be accessible (free-of-charge) to the underserved constituents who do not have accessibility to these programs/services at home. The use of this facility and equipment will allow community members to access workshops/seminars to promote education and work. Additionally, the SSC will host annual health and wellness fairs open to the public for health, wellness, and mental health screenings. To track the progress of the implemented programs, monthly reports on the utilization of the SSC will be required.

PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES AND ADDRESSING CRITICAL NEEDS

Objectives:

Under the Organic Act of Guam, the Governor of Guam has full discretion over the use of federal grants; in this case, the Governor utilized Guam's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as a guide for identifying critical capital improvement projects on Guam. Guam has a history of health disparities and high rates of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). NCDs are the leading causes of diseases in the Western Pacific region, account for 80% of deaths. In 2020, 54% of deaths on Guam were caused by three specific NCDs: cardiovascular disease, stroke, and cancer. According to available data, approximately 19% of all adults in Guam have diabetes. During the COVID-19 pandemic, UOG served as a vaccination site and contact tracing site for the island and served about 20k residents. The construction of the new SSC will continue to play a similar role for major outbreaks and regular health monitoring.

This SSC will provide critical services to first generation college students, a population impacted by significant health disparities, and within our poverty population to directly enable work, education, and health monitoring. The Career Development Office and Triton Advising Center will assist in supporting community members in search of job opportunities and/or internships throughout the different industries on Guam. A makerspace will be made available as a small business incubator for aspiring entrepreneurs. The SSC will also host a new Campus Health Center and Safety & Security Office which will enable the wider community more access to health care facilities through periodic express check-ups, mammograms, and express vaccination sites. Outreach events to Guam's underserved community allows for additional health monitoring/screening and provides necessary medical services that many residents of Guam cannot afford.

Awareness:

Not Applicable – Construction of the Student Success Center did not commence prior to the end of the reporting period. CPF funding has not been expended to date.

Outcomes:

Not Applicable – Construction of the Student Success Center did not commence prior to the end of the reporting period. CPF funding has not been expended to date.

LABOR

The construction of the SSC did not commence prior to the end of the reporting period. It is anticipated that the project will use strong labor standards and prevailing wage requirements to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality CPF projects while supporting economic recovery.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Government of Guam plans to incorporate feedback from the community and stakeholder's post-implementation of the project. As a design-build project, the stakeholder's play a pivotal role in addressing the materials/tools needed for a more effective and efficient facility. Major stakeholders in this project include the Guam Economic Development Authority, Public Officials, Village Mayors, Municipal Planning Councils, Private Sector Industry Experts, and Representatives from Institutions of Higher Learning. These stakeholders meet to develop a leverage planning resource available for sustainable economic development, the expansion of local industries, and the necessary infrastructure to support Guam's long-term growth and sustainability. The CEDS includes an in-depth overview and analyses of certain challenges and present economic conditions affecting the island's overall economic growth, in which the committee outlined developmental projects, programs, and initiatives through an inventory based on priority ranking. Based on ranking, the Governor of Guam selected which projects to pursue under the CPF, based on the requirements of enabling work, education, and health monitoring.

The Territory of Guam is a hub for multi-cultural society and recognizes the diversity of languages spoken within the island community. The Government of Guam will continue the practice developed to invest in translation services to ensure that stakeholder communications are published in commonly spoken languages throughout the island. Additionally, the underserved communities that do not have access to the internet or television will be provided printed resources that detail the services provided by the SSC. Community members may provide feedback upon the completion of the facility and participation in the various outreach programs through surveys and/or trial results. Lastly, the Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA) – Guam's only public transit entity – will provide rides to those in the community that cannot avail of services due to lack to transportation. The GRTA will have a bus stop located in front of the SSC.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

The Government of Guam has not yet issued sub-grants under an approved CPF program. However, GovGuam is committed to enforcing responsibilities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 when providing financial assistance to eligible sub-grant entities. This will be documented through the collection of data and information from recipients which will be provided to the US Treasury as requested, inclusive of questionnaires, narratives, and assurances describing recipient compliance.