



## CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT—FY 2019

### *Department of Community & Cultural Affairs*

#### **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
- CNMI Respite Care 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
- Sports and Recreation Program



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# Our Progress



## Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission (CCLPC)

Number of translations completed—102 Documents

Number of in-court translation services—2

Number of non-written translations-21

## Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)

Total number of children who received services/subsidies: 407

Amount of subsidies paid out in fy19: \$2,886,776.00

Number of trainings provided in fy19—40 (200 training hours)

## Child Care Licensing Program (CCLP)

Number of licensed child care providers in FY19 - 25

Number of center inspections—50

## CNMI Respite Care Services Program (CRSP)

Number of applications: 21 caregivers registered

*Note: CRSP is a new program and just started outreach in Oct. 2019.*

## Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture (CCAC)

CCAC-coordinated arts programs (non-Garapan Street Market)—15

Number of artists and cultural practitioners involved— 143

Approximate number of visitors/participants in activities-4000

National Endowment for the Arts funding - \$284,530

## Division of Youth Services (DYS)

Child Abuse and Neglect—v215 cases (*increase of 16.21% over FY18*)

Juvenile Probation Unit—123 cases

Emergency Shelter Intake—27 clients

Foster Care - 24 children Kinship Placement—16 children

## Historic Preservation Office (HPO)

One Start Permit reviews: 491 Number of Section 106 Projects: 99

FY2019 federal grant award—\$ 416,394.00

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Number of LIHEAP Beneficiaries – 278 households

Number of Households who benefitted from Weatherization – 26

Amount of benefits provided in FY 2019 – Federal – \$183,900.00 Local - \$80,000.00

## Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP)

Number of households receiving benefits in fy19 - 3,239

Total benefits distributed in fy19 - \$21,032,612

Total amount of DNAP benefits distributed for Yutu - \$9,667,177

Number of households that received DNAP benefits (Yutu) - 17,028

Total amount of DNAP benefits distributed for Mangkhut - \$468,033

## Office on Aging (OoA)

Number of Homebound Meals distributed—*Saipan- 38,200, Tinian- 9,426, Rota- 9,512*

Number of Homebound Clients - *Saipan- 172, Tinian- 42, Rota- 40*

Number of Active Clients *Saipan- 119, Tinian- 22, Rota- 38*

Number of Congregate Meals served in - *Saipan- 18,600, Tinian- 4,730, Rota- 9,038*

## DCCA Sports and Recreation Program (DSRP)

Number of youth participants in interscholastic flag rugby program—213

Number of youth participants in summer, youth center, and other sports programs—143



# DCCA FY2019 Budget



## Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy Commission

\*Personnel: \$150,687 Operations: \$47,765

## Child Care Development Fund

\*Personnel: \$207,447 Operations: \$2,074

Federal funding: \$4,275,914

## Child Care Licensing Program

\*Personnel: \$110,201 Operations: \$34,467

## CNMI Respite Services Program

\*Personnel: \$45,729 Operations: \$304,940

## Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture

\*Personnel: \$347,188 Operations: \$239,206

## Division of Youth Services

\*Personnel: \$741,088 Operations: \$204,916

Federal funding: \$2,533,627

## Historic Preservation Office

\*Personnel: \$225,361 Operations: \$36,248

Federal funding: \$416,394

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

\*Personnel: \$115,304 Operations: \$79,716

Federal funding: \$183,900

## Nutrition Assistance Program

\*Personnel: \$0.00 Operations \$0.00

Federal funding: Block Grant \$12,148,000 + ENAP Allocation \$8,500,000

## Office on Aging

\*Personnel: \$293,360 Operations: \$262,691

Federal funding: \$901,283

## Sports and Recreation Program

(Personnel & Operations under Office of Sec. Budget)

## Office of the Secretary

\*Personnel: \$390,135 Operations: \$289,342

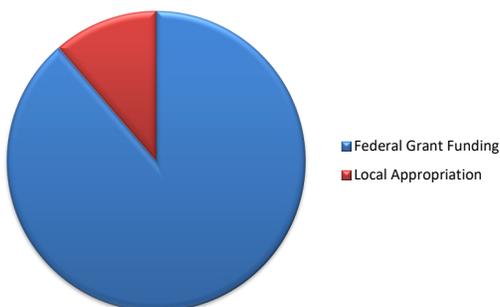
**Total FY2019 Local Appropriation: \$4,127,865**

**Total Federal Funding:**

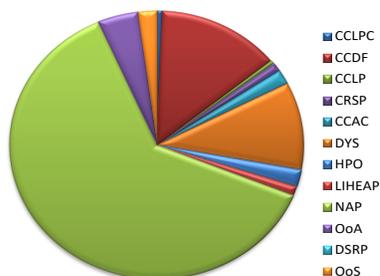
**\$32,185,700**

\* FY2019 Local Appropriation

### DCCA FUNDING SOURCES FY2019



### FY19 BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY DIVISION (local and federal combined)



## Looking Forward

### CCAC Eligible for Federal Funds:

The CCAC regained eligibility for federal funding in 2019 and has secured \$285,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts for FY2020.

### Seafaring Traditions Program:

The Seafaring Traditions Program is working on the completion of the first Chamorro voyaging canoe constructed in the NMI in over 200 years. The outrigger is slated to sail at the Festival of the Pacific Arts2020 in Hawaii.

### HPO Disaster Grant Funding:

The HPO is looking to develop and improve historic sites on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota through a multi-million dollar disaster-recovery grant in late 2019 and 2020.

### Income Eligibility Increase & Extension of ENAP:

Through Congressional disaster funding, the NAP increased income eligibility in the third quarter of 2019 and will be able to extend ENAP through 2020.

### Transitioning NAP:

2019 saw the NAP's newly developed Eligibility System "go live". The system precedes the transition from paper coupons to an EBT card system, scheduled to take place in the first quarter of 2020.

### Renovated Youth Centers:

Renovations to the Kagman Community Center and Tinian Youth Center will be completed in late 2019/early 2020. Tanapag Youth Center renovations to begin in 2020. DYS reopened the newly renovated Emergency Youth Shelter in 2019.

### Interscholastic Flag Rugby:

The DCCA Sports Program will continue to support the well-received interscholastic Flag Rugby program begun in 2019.

### Respite Care Services:

The new CNMI Respite Care Program under DCCA will begin providing services in the fourth quarter of 2019.

### More Child Care Available:

The CCDF saw its federal funding doubled in FY19. Following a recent capacity survey, the program has provided child care assistance to a significant increased number of families.



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## Challenges

Typhoon Mangkhut and super typhoon Yutu proved a significant challenge to the regular business and programs of the DCCA in 2018/19. Disaster and recovery reassignments saw staff away from their programs for several months. Following the major recovery effort and into the new fiscal year, the most serious challenge has been the reduction in budgets department-wide. Facility issues related to age and these two weather events have also posed a less serious challenge. Facility issues are being addressed through disaster recovery related grants. The DCCA has enacted stringent cost-cutting measures to ensure that it is able to carry out the same level of service and programming.

