

**NMI Museum
of History & Culture**



CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT – FY 2018

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Purpose

To serve the people of the Northern Mariana Islands by:

- a. Preserving heritage
- b. Promoting local cultural pride
- c. Promoting better understanding and foster local study of the NMI's heritage
- d. Assuring proper disposition of historical and cultural artifacts
- e. To assure there are adequate storage and preservation facilities for the safety of the historical and cultural artifacts



About us

The Northern Mariana Islands Museum was opened on November 4, 1998 to promote our heritage and culture to the public by providing shelter to the numerous collections of archeological, historical, cultural artifacts and related documentation of our native people. The museum does not only preserve the collections of archeological, and historical artifacts of the NMI. The facility also conducts research on these collected objects/materials and presents them to the public and tourists for educational purposes or for their enjoyment. The museum organizes exhibits to showcase new and ancient collections.

Our Performance

Completed and Ongoing Projects

Number of visitors

Total visitors within the year is 1,678. Of this amount 75% are tourists and the remaining were the general public.

Main Event

Main event within the year was to provide exposure to the recent repairs and overall condition of the newly renovated building. The Museum successfully completed renovation and reopened its doors in August 2018, but still needs additional support to maintain the building.

Projects

Phase 1, which consists of the Concepcion Collection and the Seafarers, has already been completed. Phase 2 will be the completion of the Pre-Latte and Latte period, and Phase 3 will include NMI Museum's communications facility (television/computer monitors) and the balance of the different periods that have not been refreshed. Phase 3 is expected to be completed by 2019/2020.



Before



After

Our Finances

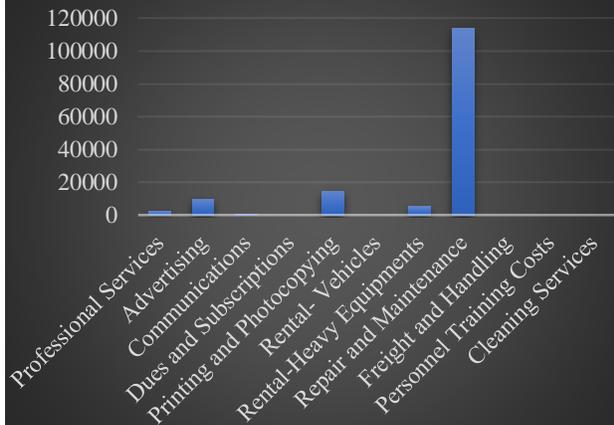
Expenses

The Museum does not receive sufficient appropriations to support and maintain its facilities and operations. The Museum is also lacking the funds for technical experts and displays of exhibits and artifacts.

Equipment expense



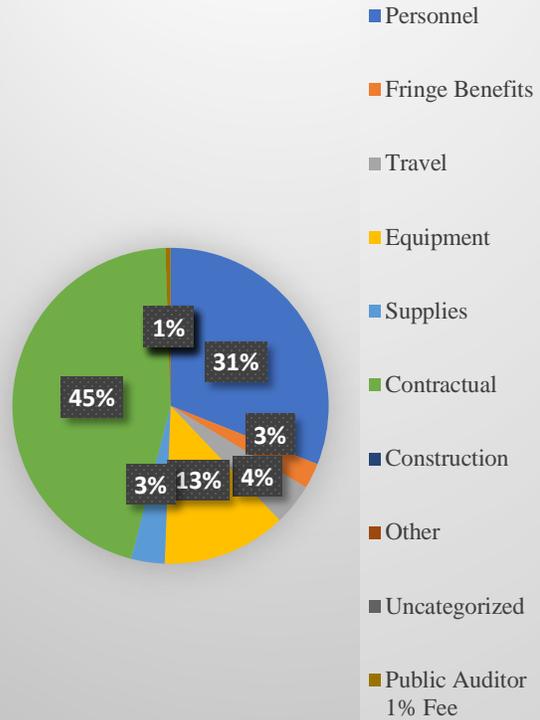
Contractual expense



Revenues

CNMI Appropriation:	
Personnel	\$ 113,464
Operations	115,814
Utilities	16,200
Supplemental appropriation	<u>150,000</u>
Total appropriation	395,478
Donations	\$ 5,500

Total Expenditure Request



Expenses FY-2018

Personnel

Wages and Salaries – Civil SVS	\$ 24,819
Wages and Salaries – Ungraded	74,986
Personnel – Appropriate Only	- 0 -

Fringe Benefits

Personnel Insurance	\$ 576
401k DC Ret. Emplr Contr.	1,387
FICA Contribution	3,651
Medicare Contribution	854

Travel

\$ 13,663

Supplies

Books & Library Materials	\$ 1,260
Food Items	285
Fuel & Lubrications	2,344
Supplies – Office	802
Supplies – Operations	6,374

Moving Forward Opportunities and Challenges



Future Plans

The immediate plan for the NMI Museum is to complete the next two phases of the Museum Refresh. The Museum Refresh plan is to reorganize the exhibits and create new story lines, and install new large format vinyl display.

Visitors

The Museum hopes to increase both public and tourists' visitors in the CNMI with the new ideas. Also, the Museum hopes to attract more students as they may want to learn more about the history and culture of the NMI people. In order to accomplish these goals, the Museum also looks forward for additional help on funding to maintain the building and grounds.

Challenges

The Museum lacks sufficient appropriations to maintain its grounds and the building. The facilities need additional maintenance to function properly on a daily basis. For instance, the building experienced water outages for several months. The Museum also lacks the manpower to maintain its facilities.

If given sufficient appropriations the Museum should attract more visitors and increase the learning of NMI history and culture by the public and by tourists. Also, with sufficient funding, the Museum hopes to present new exhibits in the near future to help NMI individuals to understand how previous generations lived.