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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



9/20/23

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-23, D1** entitled, "To re-appropriate funds under Saipan Local Law 22-08; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 23-06**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

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**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2023

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-23, D1

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To re-appropriate funds under Saipan Local Law 22-08; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roy C. A. Ada, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Manny G. T. Castro, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DLC. Manglona, Malcom J. Omar, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul.

Introduced on August 10, 2023


HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

August 11, 2023

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to: None
Comments Solicited: 8/15/23: Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 23-51]
Mayor of Northern Island [Del. Matters 23-50]
17th SNIMC [Del. Matters 23-52]]
Comments Received: 8/23/23: Mayor of Saipan [Mayors Comm 23-07]
8/31/23 Mayor of Northern Island [Mayors Comm 23-08]
Standing Committee Report: None
Passed First & Final Reading: August 31, 2023, w/Draft 1



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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The Delegation finds that Section 2(A) of Saipan Local Law 22-8 appropriated One Million
3 US Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to the Northern Marianas College (NMC), unfortunately the funds
4 were not remitted to the Northern Marianas College (NMC). Furthermore, the Delegation finds
5 that Saipan Local Law 23-2 appropriated the same amount to the Northern Marianas College
6 (NMC) to address the needs of the Northern Marianas College (NMC) campus so that the Northern
7 Marianas College (NMC) can proceed forward with its project in building a new state of the art
8 campus for its students and visitors. Therefore, the intent of this Act is to re-appropriate the One
9 Million US Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) under Section 2(A) of Saipan Local Law 22-8 pursuant to
10 Public Law 20-10.

1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

2 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary the
3 Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby re-appropriates One Million
4 US Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from Section 2(A) of Saipan Local Law 22-8 pursuant to Public Law
5 20-10 as follows:

- 6 A) \$50,000.00 for Karidat for its personnel/operations within the Third Senatorial District,
7 expenditure authority shall be the Executive Director of Karidat or his/her designee;
- 8 B) \$50,000.00 for Center of Living Independently (CLI) for its personnel/operations
9 within the Third Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall be the Executive
10 Director of CLI or his/her designee;
- 11 C) \$100,000.00 for Substance Abuse and Recovery (SAAR) for its personnel/operations
12 within the Third Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall be the Executive
13 Director of SAAR or his/her designee;
- 14 D) \$20,000.00 for the Department of Public Works for its operations (fuel and lubricant),
15 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of DPW or his/her designee;
- 16 E) \$10,000.00 for the Kagman Agricultural Farms and Producers Association Inc.,
17 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her
18 designee;
- 19 F) \$15,000.00 for the Northern Mariana Islands Basketball Federation (NMIBF),
20 expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her
21 designee;

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- 1 G) \$20,000.00 for the Commonwealth Womens Association (CWA) within the Third
2 Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of
3 Finance or his/her designee;
- 4 H) \$20,000.00 for the Division of Customs for fuel for two maritime enforcement boats,
5 expenditure authority shall be the Director of the Division of Customs or his/her
6 designee;
- 7 I) \$45,000.00 for the 2023 Flame Tree Arts Festival, expenditure authority shall be the
8 Secretary of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) or his/her
9 designee;
- 10 J) \$15,000.00 for the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) for its shuttle service within
11 the Third Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall be the Managing Director of
12 MVA or his/her designee;
- 13 K) \$25,000.00 for the Saipan Agricultural Fair Association, expenditure authority shall be
14 the Secretary of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources or his/her designee;
- 15 L) \$200,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) for
16 its operations, expenditure authority shall be the Chairperson of the Delegation or
17 his/her designee;
- 18 M) \$50,000.00 for the Joeten Kiyu Public Library (for the PIALA conference and Northern
19 Marianas Library Association) expenditure authority shall be the Director of the Joeten
20 Kiyu Public Library or his/her designee;

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- 1 N) \$5,000.00 for the Island Summer Fest, expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of
2 the Department of Finance or his/her designee;
- 3 O) \$25,000.00 for Tasi to Table (for educational and practical seminars) within the Third
4 Senatorial District, expenditure shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance for
5 his/her designee;
- 6 P) \$25,000.00 to the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs to pay for costs
7 associated to the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) that was provided by the military
8 for the people of the Commonwealth (associated costs are but not limited to
9 transportation, food, etc...), expenditure authority shall be the Special Assistant of the
10 Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs or his/her designee;
- 11 Q) \$10,000.00 to the I Sanhalom Laguna Anglers Association (ISLA Association) for its
12 program within the Third Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall be the
13 Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;
- 14 R) \$200,000.00 for the Saipan Mayors Office for its personnel/operations, expenditure
15 authority shall be the Mayor of Saipan or his/her designee;
- 16 S) \$40,000.00 for the Inetnun Kutturán Natibu Marianas (for the book translation, salary,
17 supplies and printing cost) for the Third Senatorial District, expenditure authority shall
18 be the Secretary of the Department of Finance or his/her designee;
- 19 T) \$25,000.00 for the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council for the rededication
20 of the Kiosku and the annual Marianas memorial blessing, expenditure authority shall
21 be the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council of his/her

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1 designee in consultation with the Members of the Saipan and Northern Islands
2 Municipal Council; and

3 U) \$50,000.00 for the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) for maintenance
4 and services within the Third Senatorial District, expenditure shall be the Secretary of
5 the Department of Finance or his/her designee.

6 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

7 Funds appropriated under this act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
8 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
9 year limitation.

10 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

11 Expenditure authorities of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be
12 responsible to report all expenses and provide all supporting documents to include but not be
13 limited to receipt and invoices to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and the Chairperson
14 of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation by the end of the 2023 calendar year.
15 Provided further that failure to provide all expenses entities that were afforded funds under this
16 Act shall not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands
17 Legislative Delegation.

18 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

19 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
20 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act
21 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held

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1 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

2 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

3 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
4 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
5 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
6 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
7 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
8 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

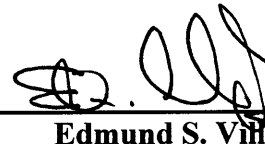
9 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without
11 such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan & Norther Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 20th day of September, 2023.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands