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Governor



GOV. COMM. 24-46
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Lieutenant Governor

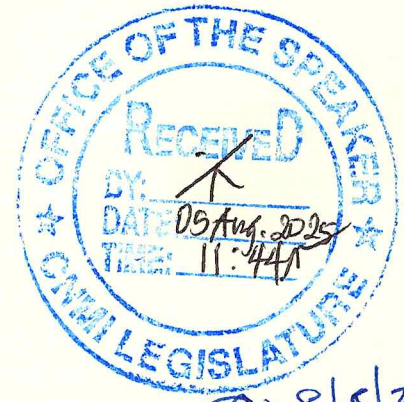
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

August 4, 2025

GOV2025-034

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

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



8/5/25

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-18**, entitled "To appropriate \$75,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

I note that, though this bill contains a clause providing that it is enacted "[n]otwithstanding any provision(s) of law . . . to the contrary," Saipan Local Law 22-06 contained a provision that the funds it collected must first be allocated to maintain the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA) student scholarship and operations accounts at levels of at least \$3,000,000.00 and \$200,000.00, respectively.


Per a review of SHEFA account balances, *see attached*, though the funds are distributed among numerous different accounts, the aggregate balance exceeds the threshold under Saipan Local Law 22-06 and thus there is no conflict with this enactment.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 24-08**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

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Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance; Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of the Northern Islands;
Acting Special Assistant for Administration; Programs and Legislative Review



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2025**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-18

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

To appropriate \$75,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 20-06; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Marissa R. Flores,
John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul

Introduced on July 14, 2025

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on
July 15, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	7/15/25 Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 24-35] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 24-36] 18 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 24-37]
Comments Received:	7/21/25 Mayors Comm. 24-08
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	July 22, 2025

A blue ink signature of Frances Joan P. Kaipat, written in a cursive style.

**Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk**



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

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2025

H. L. B. NO. 24-18

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

To appropriate \$75,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06; and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate local funds from the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.

Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Third Senatorial District the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) hereby appropriates \$75,000.00 of the revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06 as follows:

(A) \$75,000.00 for the CNMI Legislative Bureau for costs, expenses, and reimbursements, directly relating to the hosting of three events, to wit: 1) the 2025 Association of Pacific Island

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1 Legislatures 65th Board of Directors Meeting on Saipan; 2) the 2025 Association of Pacific Island
2 Legislatures 42nd General Assembly Meeting on Saipan; and 3) the Third General Assembly of
3 the Mariana Island Legislature Association Meeting on Saipan. The expenditure authority under
4 2(A) shall be the Legislative Bureau Director or his/her designee.

5 **SECTION 3. REPROGRAMMING.**

6 Funds appropriated under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose and
7 notwithstanding any provision of law, all funds appropriated under this Act shall be without fiscal
8 year limitation. Provided further, to ensure continuity in administrative and operational planning,
9 any unobligated balance remaining after the conclusion of events listed in Section 2(A) may be
10 used by the Legislative Bureau for purposes consistent with its mandate.

11 **SECTION 4. REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

12 Expenditures of the funds allocated under Section 2 of this Act shall be responsible to report
13 all expenses to Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. Provided
14 further that failure to provide all expenses, entities that were afforded funds under this Act shall
15 not be able to avail to any future funds appropriated by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative
16 Delegation.

17 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

18 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
19 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act
20 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held
21 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

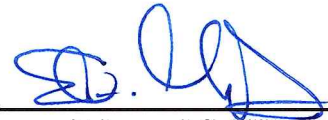
This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman

Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker

24th House of Representatives

Approved

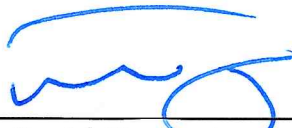
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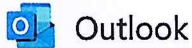
August

, 2025.



David M. Apatang
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



Re: HLB 24-15/HLB 24-18

From Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr <E.Palacios@dof.gov.mp>

Date Mon 8/4/2025 8:23 AM

To Amelia C. Shai <ac.shai@cnmi.gov>; Tracy B. Norita <T.Norita@dof.gov.mp>; Kartrinalynn Henriquez <k.henriquez@dof.gov.mp>

Cc John Brendan Layde <j.layde@cnmi.gov>

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YTD 2702 SHEFA Scholarship and Operations Revolving Accounts (ACTIVE) August 2025.pdf;

Good morning Amy,

As you requested, please see attached the Y-T-D fund status listing of all "**ACTIVE**" SHEFA Scholarships & Operations revolving accounts as of August 2025.

Please note this is just a fund status report.

We hope this helps. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our office. Thank you.

Respectfully,



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From: Amelia C. Shai <ac.shai@cnmi.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 10:22 AM

To: Tracy B. Norita <T.Norita@dof.gov.mp>; Eleuterio G. Palacios Jr <E.Palacios@dof.gov.mp>; Kartrinalynn Henriquez <k.henriquez@dof.gov.mp>

Cc: John Brendan Layde <j.layde@cnmi.gov>

Subject: Re: HLB 24-15/HLB 24-18

Subject: Request for Current Status of SHEFA Scholarship and Operations Accounts

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFERS/ ADJUSTMENTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
27 OFFICE OF THE MAYOR							
51270200 SP: SHEFA							
2702A SLL22-10 SHEFA							
51270200 61200 2702A BOARD & OT	1,200	0	1,200	1,200.00	.00	.00	100.0%
51270200 63000 2702A PROF SVCS	0	0	0	30,992.80	.00	-30,992.80	100.0%
51270200 63100 2702A REPAIR AND	0	0	0	2,456.69	256.00	-2,712.69	100.0%
51270200 64060 2702A UTILITIES	8,000	0	8,000	7,999.84	.00	.16	100.0%
51270200 64090 2702A COMMUNICAT	0	0	0	16,907.62	451.12	-17,358.74	100.0%
51270200 64100 2702A PRINTING A	0	0	0	3,819.50	.00	-3,819.50	100.0%
51270200 64110 2702A ADVERTISING	0	0	0	1,178.00	.00	-1,178.00	100.0%
51270200 64720 2702A RENTAL-OFF	0	0	0	240.00	.00	-240.00	100.0%
51270200 64730 2702A RENTAL-OE	0	0	0	240.00	.00	-240.00	100.0%
51270200 64790 2702A RENTAL-OTH	0	0	0	180.00	.00	-180.00	100.0%
51270200 65000 2702A SUPPLIES	0	0	0	1,467.17	.00	-1,467.17	100.0%
51270200 65010 2702A SUPPLIES-O	0	0	0	7,612.29	65.00	-7,677.29	100.0%
51270200 65030 2702A FUEL & LUB	0	0	0	1,049.18	.00	-1,049.18	100.0%
51270200 65040 2702A FURNITURE	0	0	0	1,726.00	1,548.00	-3,274.00	100.0%
51270200 66070 2702A TECHNOLOGY	0	0	0	4,418.00	.00	-4,418.00	100.0%
51270200 69000 2702A OTHER EXP	203,505	-60,770	142,735	.00	.00	142,735.38	.0%
TOTAL SLL22-10 SHEFA	212,705	-60,770	151,935	81,487.09	2,320.12	68,128.17	55.2%
2702B SLL 22-17 SHEFA HIGHER ED FINANCIAL							
51270200 61000 2702B WAGES&SAL	250,000	0	250,000	239,423.11	.00	10,576.89	95.8%
51270200 61020 2702B HOLIDAY	0	0	0	7,615.43	.00	-7,615.43	100.0%
51270200 62000 2702B FICA	0	0	0	9,264.99	.00	-9,264.99	100.0%
51270200 62010 2702B MEDICARE	0	0	0	2,166.82	.00	-2,166.82	100.0%
51270200 62100 2702B 401K	0	0	0	4,561.92	.00	-4,561.92	100.0%
51270200 62200 2702B HEALTH INS	0	0	0	16,411.30	.00	-16,411.30	100.0%
51270200 62211 2702B PERS INS	0	0	0	579.60	.00	-579.60	100.0%
51270200 69000 2702B OTHER EXP	2,000,000	-250,000	1,750,000	145,200.00	.00	1,604,800.00	8.3%
51270200 69100 2702B SCHOLARSHI	0	0	0	1,560,000.00	.00	-1,560,000.00	100.0%
TOTAL SLL 22-17 SHEFA HIGHER ED FINA	2,250,000	-250,000	2,000,000	1,985,223.17	.00	14,776.83	99.3%

3359 SHEFA FALL '21 TERM FINANCIAL ASST

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ ADJUSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
51270200 69000 3359 OTHER EXP	14,262	367,569	381,831	187.50	.00	381,643.26	.0%
51270200 69100 3359 SCHOLARSHI	0	0	0	252,400.00	.00	-252,400.00	100.0%
TOTAL SHEFA FALL '21 TERM FINANCIAL	14,262	367,569	381,831	252,587.50	.00	129,243.26	66.2%
3386 SAIPAN HIGHER EDUCATION OPERAT							
51270200 61020 3386 HOLIDAY	0	0	0	4,692.33	.00	-4,692.33	100.0%
51270200 62000 3386 FICA	0	0	0	6,342.60	.00	-6,342.60	100.0%
51270200 62010 3386 MEDICARE	0	0	0	1,483.35	.00	-1,483.35	100.0%
51270200 62100 3386 401K	0	0	0	2,669.87	.00	-2,669.87	100.0%
51270200 62200 3386 HEALTH INS	0	0	0	12,351.39	.00	-12,351.39	100.0%
51270200 62211 3386 PERS INS	0	0	0	390.60	.00	-390.60	100.0%
51270200 69000 3386 OTHER EXP	51,079	0	51,079	.00	.00	51,078.96	.0%
TOTAL SAIPAN HIGHER EDUCATION OPERAT	51,079	0	51,079	27,930.14	.00	23,148.82	54.7%
7190w PL 20-10 SHEFA (CONTINUOUS)							
51270200 69000 7190w OTHER EXP	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
51270200 69100 7190w SCHOLARSHI	0	0	0	200.00	.00	-200.00	100.0%
TOTAL PL 20-10 SHEFA (CONTINUOUS)	200	0	200	200.00	.00	.00	100.0%
7193Y SLL 22-05 SHEFA							
51270200 69000 7193Y OTHER EXP	3,700	0	3,700	2,000.00	.00	1,700.00	54.1%
TOTAL SLL 22-05 SHEFA	3,700	0	3,700	2,000.00	.00	1,700.00	54.1%
SL031 SLL 23-07 SHEFA/OPS							
51270200 61000 SL031 WAGES&SAL	200,000	0	200,000	191,596.26	.00	8,403.74	95.8%
51270200 61020 SL031 HOLIDAY	0	0	0	11,903.92	.00	-11,903.92	100.0%
51270200 61200 SL031 BOARD & OT	200	0	200	390.00	.00	-190.00	195.0%

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51270200 62000 SL031 FICA	0	0	0	12,617.10	.00	-12,617.10	100.0%
51270200 62010 SL031 MEDICARE	0	0	0	2,950.77	.00	-2,950.77	100.0%
51270200 62100 SL031 401K	0	0	0	6,805.88	.00	-6,805.88	100.0%
51270200 62200 SL031 HEALTH INS	0	0	0	18,942.11	.00	-18,942.11	100.0%
51270200 62211 SL031 PERS INS	0	0	0	327.60	.00	-327.60	100.0%
51270200 64060 SL031 UTILITIES	5,000	0	5,000	6,543.54	453.91	-1,997.45	139.9%
51270200 69000 SL031 OTHER EXP	44,800	0	44,800	.00	.00	44,800.00	.0%
51270200 69100 SL031 SCHOLARSHI	1,297,000	0	1,297,000	739,800.00	.00	557,200.00	57.0%
TOTAL SLL 23-07 SHEFA/OPS	1,547,000	0	1,547,000	991,877.18	453.91	554,668.91	64.1%
SL050 SLL 23-13 SHEFA SCHOLARSHIP							
51270200 69000 SL050 OTHER EXP	100,000	0	100,000	.00	.00	100,000.00	.0%
51270200 69100 SL050 SCHOLARSHI	0	0	0	48,000.00	.00	-48,000.00	100.0%
TOTAL SLL 23-13 SHEFA SCHOLARSHIP	100,000	0	100,000	48,000.00	.00	52,000.00	48.0%
SL075 SLL 23-21 SHEFA							
51270200 61000 SL075 WAGES&SAL	220,000	0	220,000	5,538.47	.00	214,461.53	2.5%
51270200 61020 SL075 HOLIDAY	0	0	0	615.39	.00	-615.39	100.0%
51270200 61200 SL075 BOARD & OT	1,000	0	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
51270200 62000 SL075 FICA	0	0	0	381.55	.00	-381.55	100.0%
51270200 62010 SL075 MEDICARE	0	0	0	89.23	.00	-89.23	100.0%
51270200 62100 SL075 401K	0	0	0	215.39	.00	-215.39	100.0%
51270200 62200 SL075 HEALTH INS	0	0	0	591.07	.00	-591.07	100.0%
51270200 64060 SL075 UTILITIES	5,000	0	5,000	.00	.00	5,000.00	.0%
51270200 69000 SL075 OTHER EXP	250,000	-226,000	24,000	.00	.00	24,000.00	.0%
51270200 69100 SL075 SCHOLARSHI	1,400,000	0	1,400,000	.00	.00	1,400,000.00	.0%
TOTAL SLL 23-21 SHEFA	1,876,000	-226,000	1,650,000	7,431.10	.00	1,642,568.90	.5%
SL111 SLL 24-04 SHEFA							
51270200 61000 SL111 WAGES&SAL	250,000	0	250,000	.00	.00	250,000.00	.0%
51270200 69000 SL111 OTHER EXP	1,450,000	0	1,450,000	.00	.00	1,450,000.00	.0%
TOTAL SLL 24-04 SHEFA	1,700,000	0	1,700,000	.00	.00	1,700,000.00	.0%
GRAND TOTAL	7,754,946	-169,201	7,585,745	3,396,736.18	2,774.03	4,186,234.89	44.8%

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