



# CNMI HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT FY2020



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## ABOUT

In 2005, Public Law No. 14-63 created and established the Office of Homeland Security under the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Office of the Governor. It was not until 2013, when Public Law No. 18-4 reorganized the Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Management, unifying them to create the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM).

## MISSION

Our mission is to protect lives and property by effectively preparing for, preventing, responding to and recovering from all threats, crimes, hazards and emergencies by coordinating the efforts of the first response community to effectively manage incidents, and to collaborate with public, private, and community partnerships.

## VISION

Through efficacious, collaborative and island-wide partnerships dedicated to securing the islands from the many threats we face, we seek to advance a safer, more prepared CNMI.



# PERFORMANCE

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Distribution Management Plan (DMP)

- In December 2019, HSEM completed the DMP which details the process for an effective and efficient distribution of critical resources to disaster survivors in the CNMI. The plan addresses the numerous activities normally a part of 'physical distribution' systems including materials handling, warehousing, supply chain and logistics of critical equipment, commodities and services that meet incident requirements.



### Web EOC - Emergency Management Software

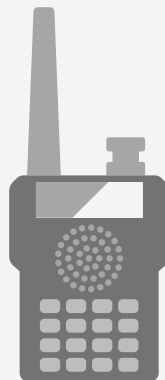
- An emergency management software was acquired for the CNMI State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to utilize before, during, and after disasters. The software allows for all disaster requests, logistics, and documentation to be conducted and stored online.

### Threat and Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (THIRA) & Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR)

- HSEM completed the THIRA process for the entire CNMI which lays the foundation of determining the community's capability gap. The SPR was simultaneously completed to determine the jurisdiction's current capability levels against the threats and hazards indicated in the THIRA.

### CNMI Deliberate Planning Initiative

- HSEM, alongside FEMA, completed the CNMI Deliberate Planning Initiative that would take planning efforts to another level as COVID-19 safety guidelines are taken into consideration while focusing on three community lifeline priorities – Mass Care, Health & Medical, and Safety & Security. Outcomes from the planning initiative will be incorporated into the CNMI's response plans.



### Response Equipment Capability Enhancement

- An additional forty (40) portable radios were procured to strengthen communication capabilities among first responders throughout the COVID-19 response and other disasters. HSEM also procured four (4) portable tower lights to enhance lighting during night operations and response.

### National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP)

- HSEM was awarded a hazard mitigation grant for reducing the impacts of tsunamis in the CNMI in September 2020. The award would assist the agency in procuring an early warning system for the island of Rota, conduct the Neowave Modeling of the Tanapag Harbor on Saipan, and continue its tsunami awareness campaign through training and outreach in the CNMI.



### FirstNet Rollout

- In March 2020, the deployment of the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN) with FirstNet was completed. The program allows for reliable, highly secure, interoperable, and innovative public safety communications platform.

## EXERCISES

- Deliberate Planning Initiative – Senior Leader Tabletop Exercise (TTX)



## TRAINING

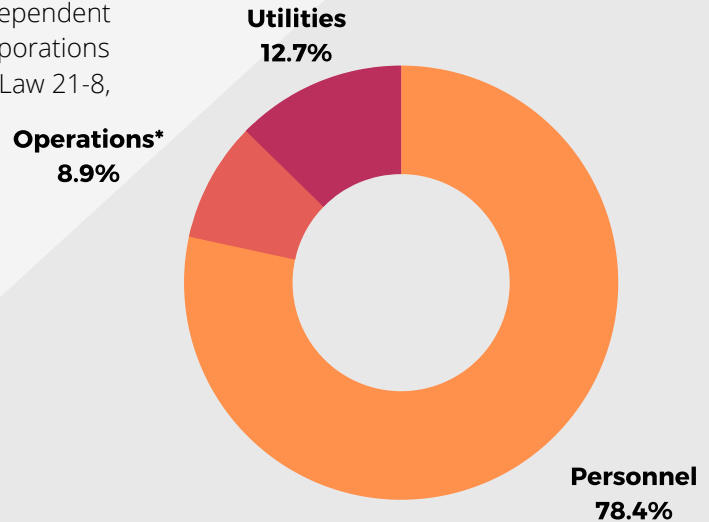
- Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Training
- AWR 122: Law Enforcement Prevention & Detection of Terrorist Acts
- National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) Training
- L0146: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

# FINANCES

## LOCAL FUNDS

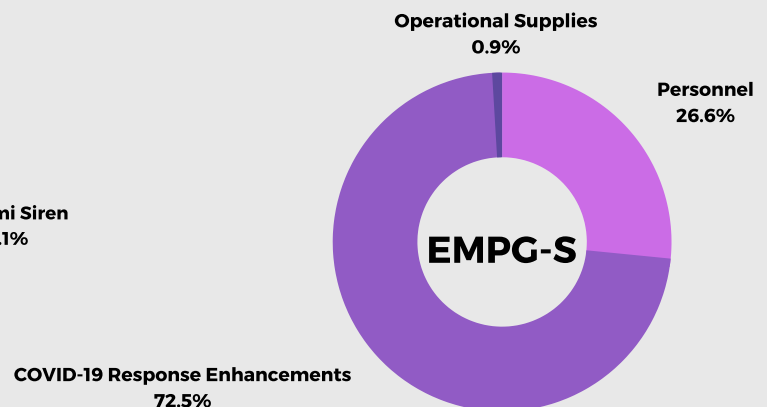
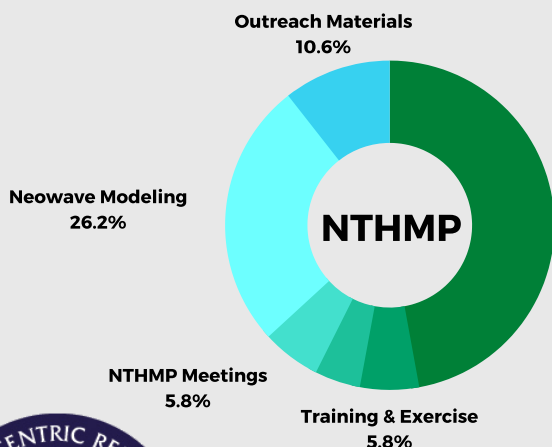
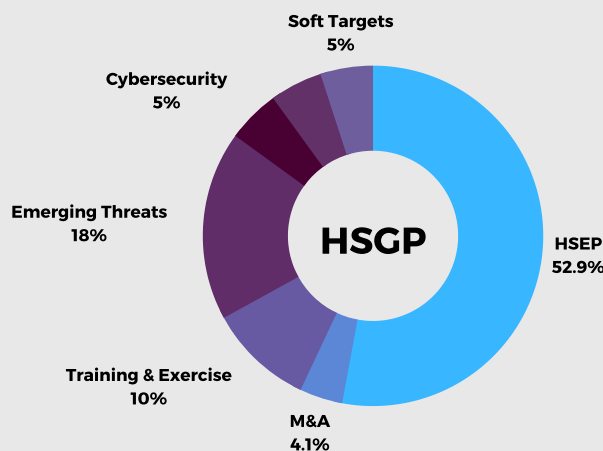
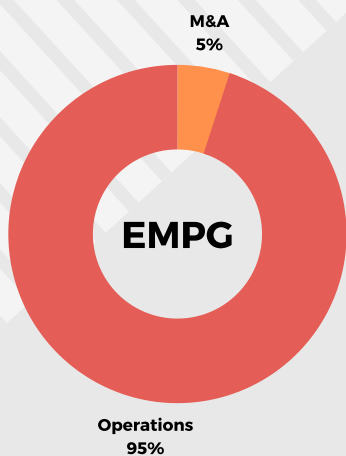
Through House Bill 21-64, HD2, SD1 "To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentality, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for the government corporations for Fiscal Year 2020, and for other purposes" which became Public Law 21-8, CNMI HSEM was budgeted a total of \$630,784 in local funding.

Personnel	\$494,539
Operations	\$56,245
Utilities	\$80,000
Total:	\$630,784



## FEDERAL GRANTS

In 2020, CNMI HSEM was awarded over \$2.5 million from the following federal grants: Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), Emergency Management Performance Grant - COVID-19 Supplemental (EMPG-S), Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), and National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP).





# OUTLOOK

## CHALLENGES

### COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted HSEM's many projects, planned events, and training and exercises. Most of the planned preparedness events had to be cancelled or postponed to help stop the spread and flatten the curve.

### Typhoon Response Planning During COVID-19

Typhoon response planning efforts were challenging as there were many limiting factors to consider and innovative solutions would have to be created to address pre-identified gaps. Shelter management was a critical issue to address as CDC COVID-19 guidelines for congregate shelters would be implemented.

### Relying on Federal Grants

Nearly 50% of a grant is allocated towards salaries. Utilizing a full percentage of that limits operational funding that could go to projects, equipments and more.



## LOOKING FORWARD

### Continued Community Outreach, Trainings & Exercises

The agency remains committed to providing quality training for the CNMI's first responder community and residents. HSEM personnel will continue to participate in training and the different types of exercise to enhance both their knowledge and hands-on skills in regards to emergency management.

### Mass Vaccination Coordination & Planning

As the state lead coordinating agency for all natural or man-made disasters, HSEM continues to work with partner agencies and stakeholders to ensure a smooth mass COVID-19 vaccination for the community.

### Emergency Operations Plan Update

HSEM has been continuously working on the update and data collection of the current EOP. The final draft of the CNMI All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan is anticipated to be completed in 2021.

We want to hear from you. Do you think there should be more additional information? Please let us know by contacting the Homeland Security and Emergency Management main office.

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