



COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF MILITARY AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



ABOUT US

The Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs, through its Executive Order mandate, serves as the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Central Clearinghouse of all communication, documents, and information between the Department of Defense (DoD), and its various departments and commands. In furthering its mandate, the Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs through Special Assistant to the Governor for Military Affairs serves as the liaison between the DoD and the government of the CNMI and aids, assists, and coordinates the CNMI government in its engagement with the DoD.

WHO WE SERVE

CBMA supports the goals and vision for the entire CNMI population across Saipan (49,220), Tinian (3,136), Rota (2,527), Northern Islands (196) and serves a total population of over 55,000 residents and their desires for cooperation and benefits from military activities on their islands.

WHO WE ENGAGE WITH

The U.S. Department of Defense Armed Forces (U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army) and various components assigned to the Indo-Pacific Theater), along with the Pentagon, the National Guard and relevant federal agencies and contractors



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MISSION

To improve communication, coordination and response of the CNMI government to the United States Military, facilitate the military's integration into the community, and to ensure the relationship between the military and the CNMI is one based on mutual respect and benefit.

VISION

A strong and mutually beneficial collaboration between the CNMI and the U.S. Department of Defense that recognizes and preserves the cultural values of the people

LEADERSHIP

Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

DANIEL I. AQUINO

Special Assistant for Military Affairs

SUPPORT TEAM

CBMA Central Office
Seven (7) Employees

CBMA Tinian Satellite Office
One (1) Employee

2 OUR PROGRESS

MILITARY FOOTPRINT

As part of its mandate, CBMA regularly monitors military related matters for the Governor through its Clearinghouse and with active participations on military engagements throughout the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Calendar Year 2023			
Support Visits		Military Training Exercises	
Military Dignitary / Congressional and Federal Agency - Military	39	Rota	2
Military Aircraft	148	Tinian	4
Military Ship	6	Saipan	2
Military Personnel	1314	Farallon de Mendinilla	3

INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING

The Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs was awarded the top honors of the Civil-Military Partnership of the Year for the 2023 Innovative Readiness Training.

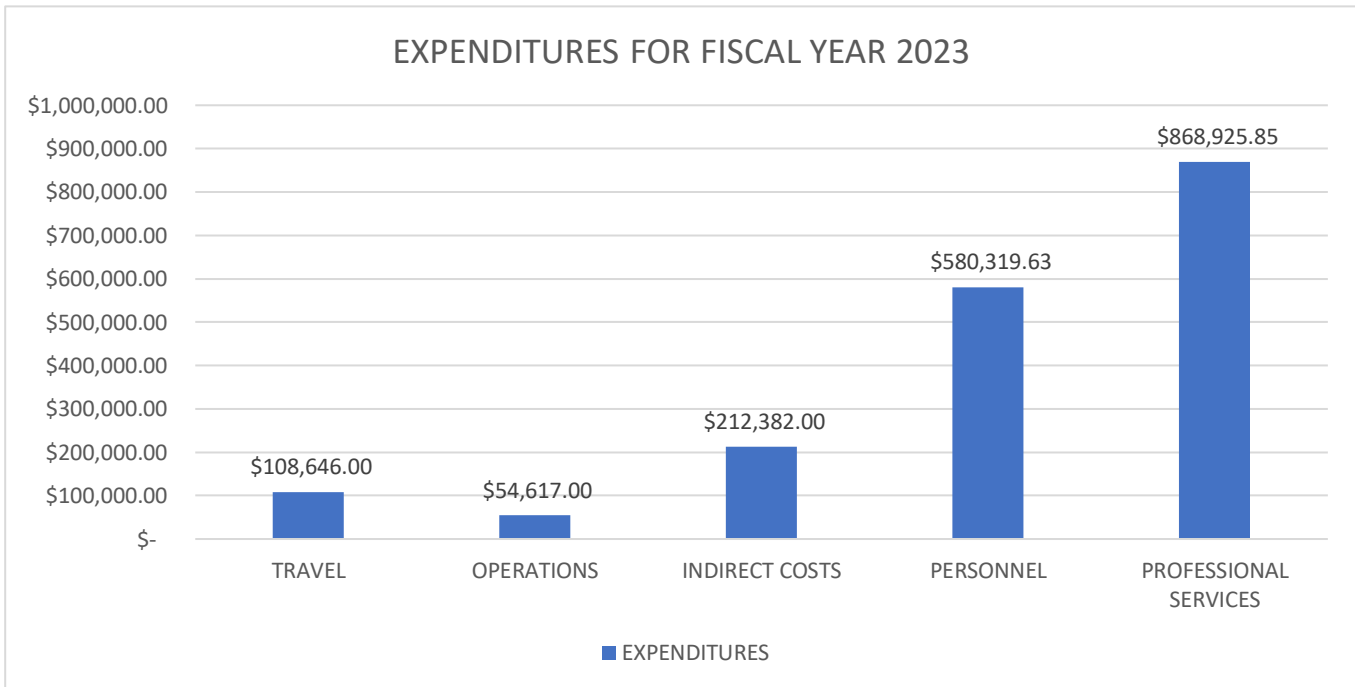
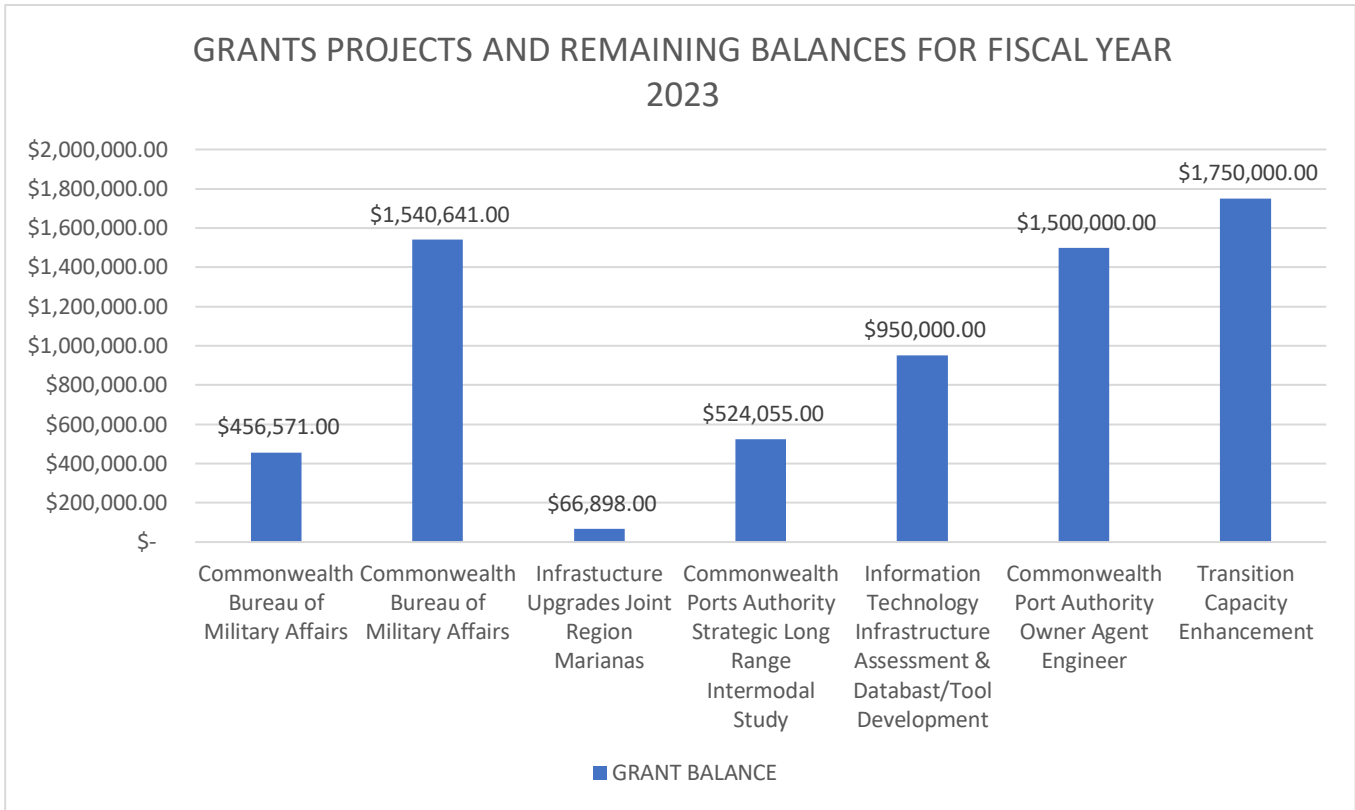
The CNMI beat out 30 other IRT applicants to claim the top honor. The CBMA team put in a lot of work prepping the Marianas Resort Hotel and transporting medical equipment to Tinian and Rota.



CRITICAL COORDINATION HIGHLIGHTS

- CNMI-DOD CJMT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
- INNOVATIVE READINESS TRAINING 2023
- INNOVATIVE READINESS PDSS 2024
- INNOVATIVE READINESS INITIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP 2024
- TOYS FOR TOTS 2023

3 OUR FINANCES



In managing the various programs assigned to CBMA, total expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 amounted to \$1,824,890.48.

4 WAY FORWARD

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Finalize Commonwealth Ports Authority Strategic Long Range Inter-modal Study
- Continue to build stable and lasting relationships with the U.S. Department of Defense and expand the benefits of U.S. Military activities in the region to the economy and residents of the CNMI
- Enhance clients and services to CNMI local businesses to increase clients' access to federal government contracts
- Execution of military support for full medical services to include full medical mission in Fiscal Year 2023, which would include dental, optometry, behavior health, public health education campaign, and veterinary services at no cost to residents of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

CHALLENGES

CBMA will continue to seek more opportunities to expand the technical capacity of the CNMI government to adequately assess and respond to the wide-ranging impacts proposed in voluminous Environmental Impact Statements and proposals provided by the U.S. Department of Defense and to seek benefits within the CNMI's partnership with our nation's military.

