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# **HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (CNMI HSEM)**

**CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT  
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## ABOUT US

### CNMI HSEM HISTORY

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).

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to protect lives, property, and the environment 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.

### Leadership & Programs

#### Special Assistant

Franklin R. Babauta

#### Finance and Administration

Personnel Management  
Financial Management

#### Planning Section

Grants Program  
Training and Exercise Program

Marianas Regional Fusion Center Node

#### Operations Section

Resource Management  
Response Management

#### Emergency Management

Information Technology & Communication  
Systems  
State Warning Point

#### Logistics

Facilities Management  
Fleet Management



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# PERFORMANCE

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### **Establishment of the Muti Agency Coordination Group (MAC)**

Comprised of Members from the Government Cabinet appointees and Stakeholders who have been delegated authority and provide essential management decisions for the state coordination to ensure a smooth and steady state of disaster operations.

### **Tsunami Evacuation Maps & Signs**

Tsunami Evacuation Maps were developed with a whole-community approach for the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Evacuation routes were assessed and refined through special considerations made from input and data gathered from CNMI stakeholders and residents during town hall meetings. This effort was done in tandem with the replacement of Tsunami Evacuation Signs around the island of Saipan.

### **Tsunami Outreach Material Development**

Tsunami outreach materials were updated to reflect accurate and current information. Children's activity booklets were created and printed to educate the youth on tsunami-related terms and concepts.

### **Pre-Position Planning Information Brief**

CNMI HSEM, along with the CNMI Department of Finance and the CNMI Public Assistance Office, hosted the Pre-Position Planning Information Brief provided an opportunity for all partners, stakeholders, and vendors to gain a better understanding of the territory's plan for the procurement of goods and services, the different programs under the Public Assistance Office, and the required elements of a contract and its process during times of disaster.

### **Awarded FY 2023 Federal Funding**

CNMI HSEM was awarded a total of \$2,076,096 in preparedness grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency and \$264,795 in tsunami mitigation funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal year 2023.



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# PERFORMANCE

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### **CNMI HSEM Capabilities Brief**

The CNMI HSEM Capabilities Brief was conducted to brief federal and local counterparts on the current capabilities of the agency. During the brief, CNMI HSEM disclosed the background of the agency, organizational structure, types of working groups, readiness affairs, communication capabilities, asset and resource inventory, and shelter-in-place capabilities. The National Qualification System was briefed to stakeholders to explain the importance of qualifying, certifying, and credentialing all response personnel in the CNMI.

### **Disaster Response**

CNMI HSEM, as the lead coordinating agency for all disasters, responded to Typhoon Mawar (DR-4716-MP) and Typhoon Bolaven (EM-3602-MP) that have impacted the CNMI. During these disasters, CNMI HSEM has led the response and recovery efforts alongside the support and assistance of local and federal counterparts to restore water and power to the impacted residents of the CNMI.

### **WebEOC: Crisis Management Solution**

Completed the development of a crisis-management solution that enables monitoring and management of daily and crisis operations. This solution is applicable during the planning, mitigation, response, and recovery phases of an emergency.

### **Acquisition of Kagman JDU Facility**

The former Kagman Juvenile Detention Unit facility was successfully transferred to CNMI HSEM for training, exercise, and staging area capacity. The facility will be renovated and retrofitted to serve the identified needs of the organization.

### **Completion of the Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) & Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR)**

CNMI HSEM completed the THIRA process for the entire CNMI which lays the foundation for 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.



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# PERFORMANCE

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### **Updates of CNMI's State Wide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP)**

The SCIP represents the CNMI's continued commitment to improving emergency communications interoperability and supporting the public safety practitioners throughout the CNMI. It is a plan for stakeholders throughout CNMI's communications ecosystem to prioritize resources, strengthen governance, identify future investments, and address interoperability gaps.

### **Updated CNMI's Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP)**

The TICP is a collection of radio communications technical reference material and interoperable communication information about resources that are available for emergency responders. This plan is intended to support emergency and planned events that require the use of expanded radio and broadband communications capabilities.

### **Developed CNMI's Next Generation 9-1-1 Strategic Plan (NG 9-1-1)**

The purpose of this NG 9-1-1 Strategic Plan is to establish a vision for the implementation of NG 9-1-1 services throughout the Commonwealth. This Plan provides directives with high-level goals and concise, specific, and measurable objectives.

### **Updated CNMI's Emergency Communications Annex**

The CNMI's Emergency Communications Annex contains information regarding emergency communications organization, capabilities, requirements, and mitigation strategies for the CNMI. This plan articulates a comprehensive understanding of the CNMI's disaster emergency communications environment.

### **Weather Station System**

Installed an industrial-grade weather station engineered to measure, monitor, and manage weather data at the CNMI EOC. This system collects data daily from the following sensor suites: Anemometer, Rain Collector, Temperature, and humidity.



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# PERFORMANCE

## MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



### **Security Cameras & Access Control System**

Upgraded the security camera and access control system at the CNMI EOC. The main roles of our security system are perimeter protection, real-time activity tracking, streamlined entry and exit processes, heightened security and risk management emergency, and disaster plan testing.

### **Delivery of ICS 300 / 400**

ICS-300 "Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents" this course provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced knowledge and application of the ICS. This course expands upon information covered on the ICS-100 to ICS-300. ICS-400 "Advanced ICS" this course provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced applications of ICS. This course expands upon information covered in ICS-100 through ICS-300.

### **Closeout of COVID-19 Activities**

The operational, logistical, financial, and recovery closeout of COVID-19 activities. Now that quarantine measures have been closed. Training and exercises for the HSEM team and other local CNMI agencies my resume post-COVID-19 closeout.

### **Establishment of the Emergency Support Functions (ESF)**

ESF grouping of government and certain private sector capabilities into an organizational structure to provide the state and federal support, resources, programs, and services needed to save lives and protect property and the environment. While restoring essential services and critical infrastructure, and helping victims and communities return to normal.



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## FINANCES

### LOCAL FUNDS

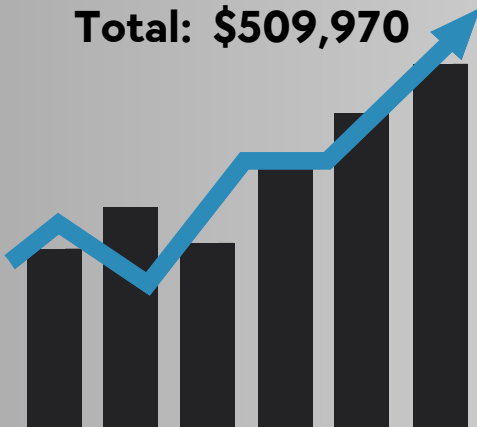


Through House Bill 23-23-66, HS1, SS2, CCS1 entitled "To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the The Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for the government corporations for Fiscal Year 2024; and for other purposes," which was passed by the House of Representatives and The Senate of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature became Public Law 23-09, CNMI HSEM has budgeted a total of \$509,970 in local funding.

**Personnel \$504,783**

**Operations \$5,187**

**Total: \$509,970**







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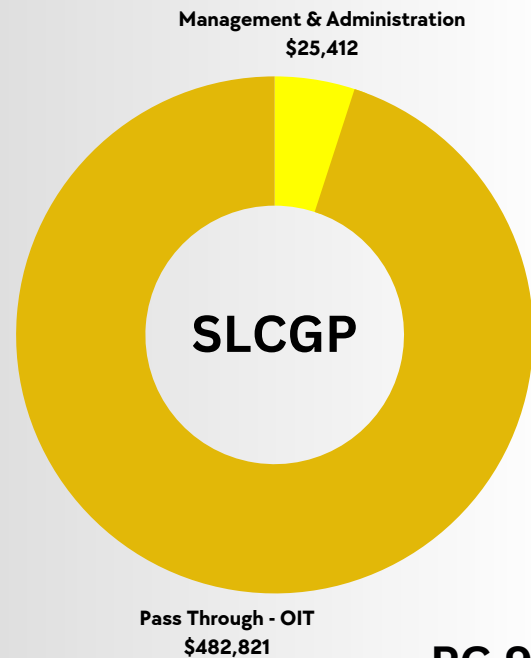
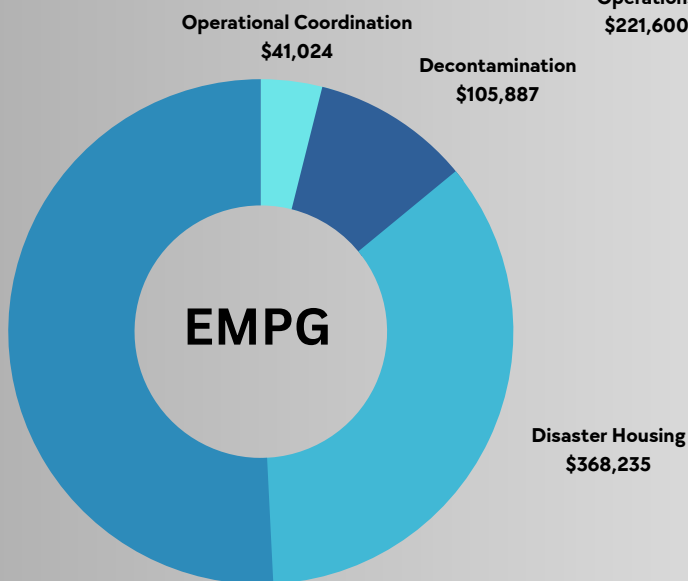
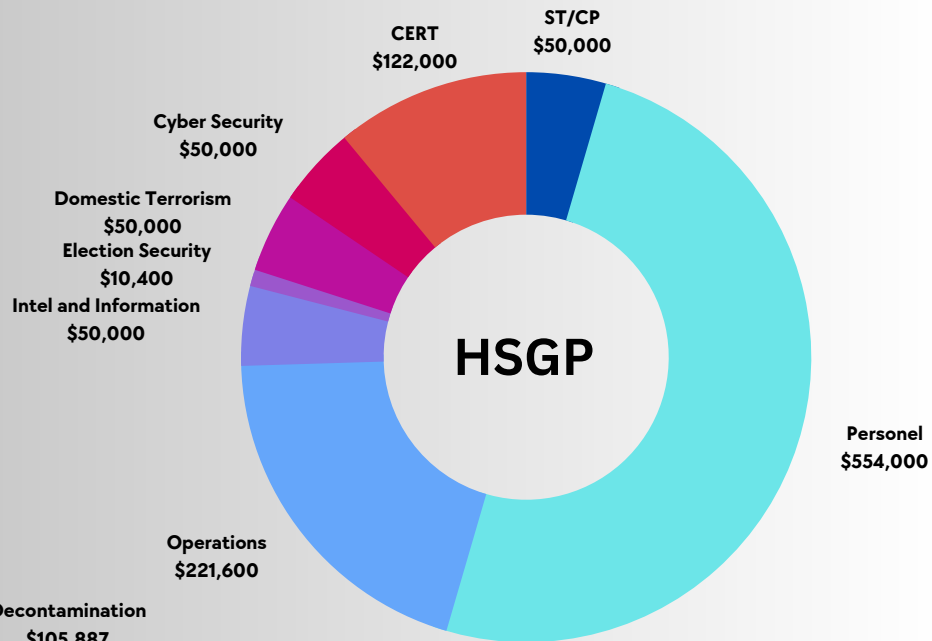


## FINANCES

### FEDERAL GRANTS



In 2022, CNMI HSEM was awarded over \$2.6 million from the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP).





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## OUTLOOK

### CHALLENGES



#### **COVID-19 Closeout Activities**

COVID-19 closeout activities report, accountability, and processing of documents were time-consuming and preparations that delayed the reimbursement process. COVID-19 demobilization disposition and disposal process were delayed due to the financial weaknesses of the CNMI government.

#### **Financial Challenges**

Although CNMI HSEM receives the bulk of its operational funding through federal funds, there are still many tasks that are inherent to the agency that cannot be supported through federal funding.

#### **Austerity Measures**

Due to austerity measures, CNMI HSEM projects and activities were delayed.

#### **Recent shift to El Nino**

Above-normal tropical cyclone activity for the CNMI as forecasted by NWS in Guam.



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## LOOKING FOWARD



### **Tsunami Timeline**

The Tsunami Timeline is geared towards alert and warning. When a tsunami warning happens, what occurs in the CNMI? Who gets notified, how are the SOPs implemented, and identifying the gaps with the established structure? It is a collaborative effort with the Washington Emergency Management Division (WEMD).

### **Early Alert System (EAS)**

Update and commission the CNMI EAS plan and infrastructure to include re-establishing the CNMI EAS committee.

### **Enhanced Tsunami Evacuation Map Development**

Coordination efforts with federal counterparts will commence to enhance the newly developed Tsunami Evacuation Maps of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The agency is currently working on adding a pedestrian evacuation map layer to the existing evacuation map products.

### **More Law Enforcement and First Responder Support**

CNMI HSEM will continue its commitment to assist law enforcement and first responder entities to enhance their skill sets to better respond to disasters and emergencies.

### **Training Opportunities**

CNMI's Homeland Security and Emergency Management remains committed to providing quality training for the CNMI's first responder community and residents. HSEM personnel will continue to participate in training and exercise opportunities to become qualified, certified, and credentialed emergency managers.



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### LOOKING FORWARD



#### **KONFITMA 2023**

KONFITMA is a full-scale all-hazards CBRNE environment threat-based training designed to test an agency's capabilities, policies, and procedures. KONFITMA is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, and multi-organizational exercise to validate several facets of preparedness.

#### **Communication Unit Exercise (COMMEX)**

Facilitate an In-person full-scale exercise in Saipan to assess, train for, and practice mitigation, prevention, response, and recovery capabilities. This exercise will also evaluate CNMI's voice and data communications resources, procedures, tools, and personnel in each multi-agency, multi-discipline, and multi-jurisdictional training/testing landscape.

#### **CNMI All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Update**

The CNMI All-Hazards EOP will be updated within the next year to include the Essential Support Function (ESF) Annexes. The base plan will also be reviewed to make changes to response processes.

#### **AM Emergency Station**

Establish an AM Emergency Radio System that will be owned by the CNMI and expand the capability to provide programming during emergencies to be broadcast in the CNMI.

#### **Land Mobile Radio/Long Term Evolution Coverage Testing & Simulation (LMR/LTE)**

This LMR/LTE coverage analysis will evaluate the CNMI's LMR systems in Very High Frequency (VHF) high band (136-174 Megahertz (MHz)), Ultra High Frequency (UHF) (400-470 MHz), 700/800 MHz, and cellular (LTE) bands.



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### LOOKING FORWARD



#### **CNMI Communications Exercise (April 2024)**

Full-scale communications exercise scheduled for April 2024. Test CNMI communications infrastructure and landscape. (LMR, Broadband, Cellular, and Emergency Communications).

#### **Integrate CNMI's Communications Radio System**

Develop a plan to integrate Saipan, Tinian, and Rota's LMR system into the digital P25-compliant Astro25 800 MHz trunked radio system.

#### **Development of HSEM Website**


Completion of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) website. General information about HSEM. News updates, preparedness campaigns, assistance, grants and initiatives, and organization information.


#### **200 foot Communications Tower Replacement**


Replacing a rusted 28-year-old 200-foot communication tower with a vast history of typhoon experiences. Funded with CBDG-DR under Super Typhoon Yutu projects.

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