



FY 2025 CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



"Building a sustainable CNMI for current and future generations."



About OPD:

Established in 2017 through Public Law 20-20, the CNMI Office of Planning and Development's (OPD) mission is to increase the effectiveness of government and private actions, to improve coordination among different agencies and levels of government, and to provide for the wise use of resources and future development of the CNMI.

Some Premier Projects Under OPD:



Oleai Sports Complex and Cultural Events Center Facilities Development Projects

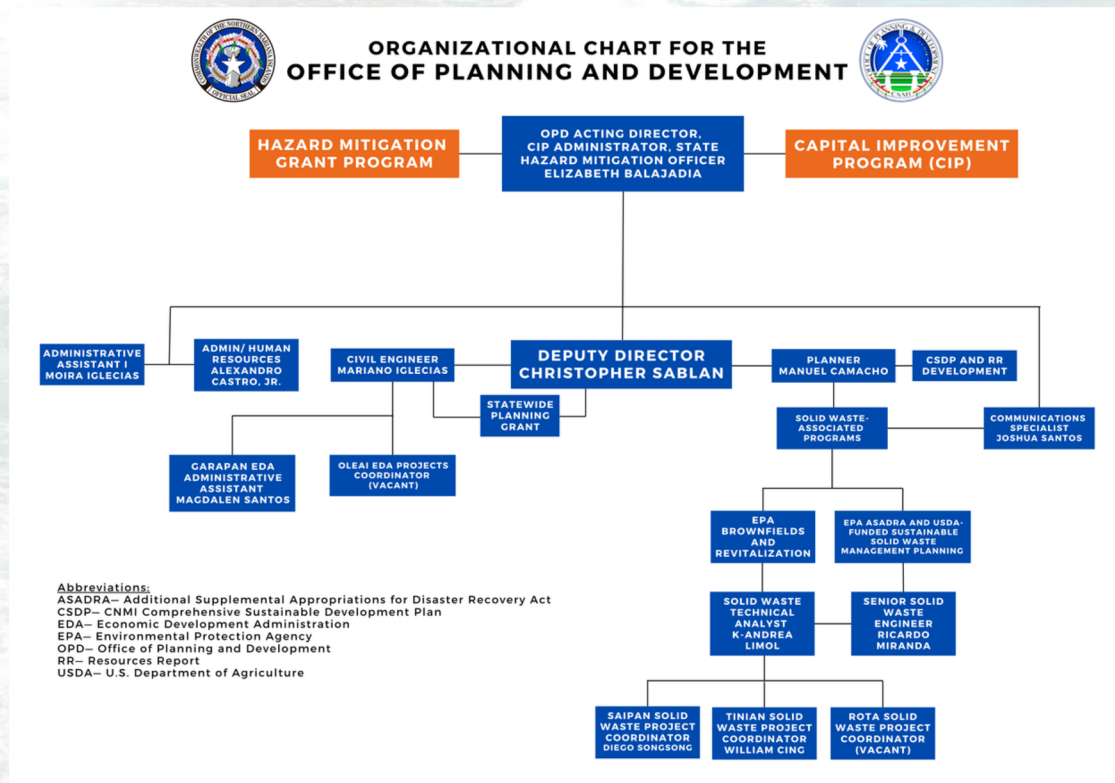


Solid Waste Infrastructure Investments:
Five-Year Plan, Tinian and Rota Landfills, Heavy Equipment Procurement/ Repairs, Hiring Solid Waste Management Staff



Garapan Revitalization Project

OPD Organizational Chart:





CNMI COMPREHENSIVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CSDP) UPDATES

- Resource Report Updates are underway to support the next CSDP update.



COORDINATED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- **Oleai Sports Complex and Events Center Development Project:** EDA awarded the CNMI \$21.2 million for this project in June 2021. Notices to Proceed on the architecture and engineering design for both the Sports Complex and the Cultural Events Center were issued in March 2023. In FY25 100% drawings for both project sites were completed. Permitting and solicitation for construction is slated for Q1 of FY26.
- **Garapan Revitalization Project:** This \$11 million EDA-funded project broke ground in November 2022 and remains on track for its amended completion target of February 2026 and ribbon cutting scheduled for November 2026. As of October 25, 2025 the project is >97% complete and solar-powered streetlights have been installed throughout the Garapan Core.



CNMI SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- **CNMI Comprehensive Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (CISWMP):** OPD and the Inter-Island Solid Waste Management Taskforce (ISWMT) submitted a finalized draft of the CISWMP to the U.S. EPA, and as of September 2025 the CNMI CISWMP is formally approved by the EPA, unlocking access to nearly \$32 million in federal funds through the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 (ASADRA) for priority solid waste and recycling infrastructure projects.
- **Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Funding:** The ISWMT in FY24 secured \$612,441 in grant funding from EPA to support critical equipment purchase and repairs and staffing to jumpstart recycling initiatives in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Thus far, all National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-related processes have been completed and the procurement of metal balers for Tinian and Rota and the design and permitting of a baler house on Rota will be completed in FY26.
- **Multi-Purpose Shredder Procurement + Shredder Operations and Maintenance:** Shredding and processing of the Super Typhoon Yutu debris staged at the Marpi Landfill on Saipan began in June 2025. As of August 19, 2025 over 2,700 U.S. tons of debris have been shredded and processed.
- **Solid Waste Operator Training and Certification through the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTech):** The course, which covered landfill and transfer station operations, best management practices, and relevant safety protocols, launched in January 2025 and was completed in May 2025.
- **Tinian Backup Power Project:** The U.S. Department of Energy and the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) began work on a feasibility study for alternative energy solutions for the Tinian Transfer Station and Recycling Center and the Puntan Diablo Dump Site facilities. OPD and DPW continue to work closely with PNNL to provide the information needed for this study.
- **Small Community Exempt Landfills (SCEL) on Tinian and Rota:** The notice to proceed on the assessment and design of a future SCEL at the current Puntan Diablo Dump Site on Tinian was issued in January 2025. Since then, the contractor for this project has provided preliminary cost estimates and designs and have held stakeholder meetings with key decision makers from OPD, DPW, and the Office of the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.



FINANCIALS

Under Public Law 24-14 the Office of Planning and Development (OPD) was appropriated **\$273,874.00** in FY 2025.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPROPRIATION		
Total Personnel	Total All Others	TOTAL
\$ 271,162.00	\$ 2,712.00	\$273,874.00

OPD, in partnership with various local agencies, was awarded several multi-year grants for conservation, infrastructure improvement, and planning projects.

NATIONAL FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (NFWF)

- **Coastal Resilience Project, \$718,773.35 (revised total award for FY25)**— To build community resilience in Saipan's most populated priority management watershed through wetland and coral reef restoration.

U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

- **Oleai Sports and Cultural Tourism Enhancement Project, \$21,160,000 (total funding appropriated)**— Construction of buildings and associated infrastructure for use as a sports complex and cultural events center.
- **Garapan Revitalization Project, \$11,177,918.00 (total funding appropriated)**— A&E design and construction of improvements to the street infrastructure of the Garapan Core.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

- **Hazardous Waste Management Program, Disaster Relief Act, \$56,000,000 (total funding appropriated)**— The goal of this project is to increase solid waste management capacity to address post-storm solid waste issues including the cleanup of disaster debris from Typhoon Yutu, and develop long-term sustainable solid and zero waste programs and a comprehensive integrated waste management plan for CNMI.
- **Garapan Brownfields Assessment, \$300,000 (total funding appropriated)**— In coordination with DPL and Zoning, this project supports environmental assessments in Garapan Core that will inform revitalization planning.

STATEWIDE PLANNING GRANT

- **CNMI Economic Recovery and Feasibility Carry Capacity Study, \$999,755 (total funding appropriated)**— The CNMI Economic Recovery and Feasibility Carry Capacity Study, which will support the development of the 2025-2029 update of the CNMI Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), was completed and approved in FY25.



CURRENT CHALLENGES & NEXT STEPS

Achieving Comprehensive Sustainable Development

OPD will continue to request local funding and seek other funding opportunities to support current operations and will request additional funds to fill capacity gaps as needed to implement and update the Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan. Additional project-specific and planning capacity support funding and partnerships will be sought and leveraged as opportunities arise. Area- and resource-specific studies and technical assistance are being and will continue to be pursued to incorporate vulnerability assessments and disaster risk reduction guidance into key planning efforts such as the Garapan Revitalization Plan Update and creation of "Community Improvement Districts".

Ensuring sustained funding levels to support existing staffing and operations and to fill key positions including additional administrative staff, project managers, and planners will be a challenge, however, OPD is optimistic that support for this office will remain robust as we continue to support implementation and updates of CNMI's first Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan.

Together, we can build a more sustainable CNMI.

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~January 30, 2026



**CNMI plans and reports
compiled to date**



**Coastal Resilience Evaluation and
Siting Tool (CREST) and Data Library**



**...and announcements, calendar, a
contact form, and more!**

