

**NMI Museum
of History & Culture**



CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT – FY 2020

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Purpose

To serve the people of the Northern Mariana Islands by:

- Preserving the local heritage
- Promoting the indigenous local cultural pride
- Promoting better understanding and foster local study of the NMI's heritage
- Assuring proper disposition of historical and cultural artifacts
- To assure there are adequate storage and preservation facilities for the safety of the historical and cultural artifacts
- Pursuant to Public Law 10-5 the NMI Museum serves as the Official State Repository of all historical artifacts

About us

The Northern Mariana Islands Museum was opened on November 4, 1998 to promote our heritage and culture to the public by providing shelter to the numerous collections of archeological, historical, cultural artifacts and related documentation of our native people. The museum does not only preserve the collections of archeological, and historical artifacts of the NMI. The facility also conducts research on these collected objects/materials and presents them to the public and tourists for educational purposes or for their enjoyment. The museum organizes exhibits to showcase new and ancient collections.



Our Performance

Completed and Ongoing Projects

Major accomplishment

Several accomplishments of the NMI Museum for FY 2020:

- Constructed concrete slabs for the future outdoor local exhibits of food and other cultural products.
- Old Japanese Laboratory was repaired and maintained.
- Construction of additional storage capacity from 3 donated 20ft steel containers.
- Grounds beautification and enhancement by adding palm trees throughout the museum.

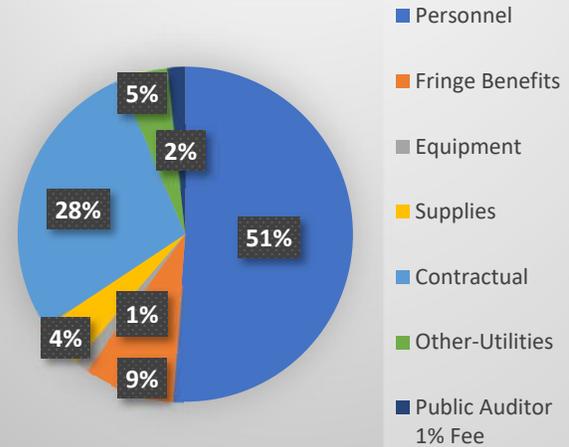


Our Finances

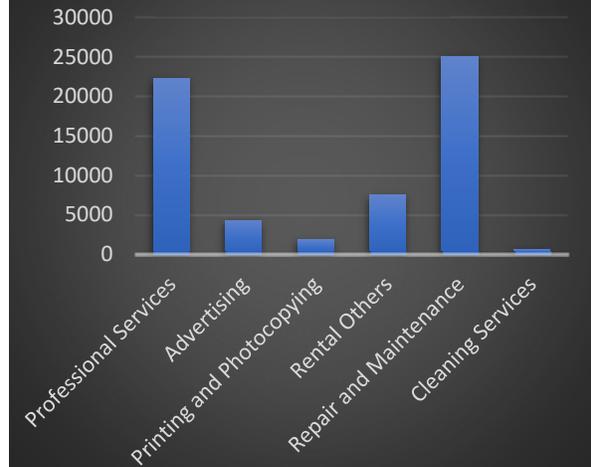
Expenses

The island was hit by Super Typhoon Yutu in October 2018 causing major damages to the facility. Tourism also declined affecting the CNMI economy due to Covid 19 travel restrictions. Despite these challenges, the NMI Museum was able to restore the facility.

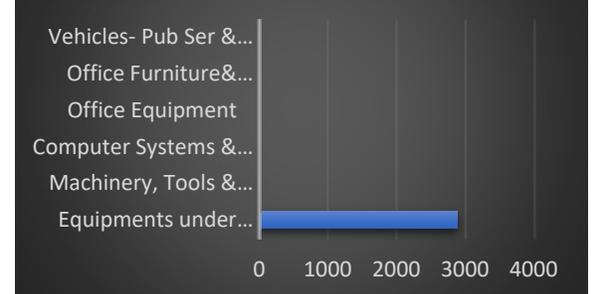
Total Expenditure Request



Contractual



Equipment



Expenses FY-2020

Personnel

Wages and Salaries – Civil Svc	\$ 17,765
Wages and Salaries – Ungraded	94,814
Overtime Compensation	- 0 -
Personnel – Appropriate Only	- 0 -

Fringe Benefits

Personnel Insurance	\$ 596
401k DC Ret. Emplr Contr.	1,426
FICA Contribution	7,339
Health Insurance Premium	8,283
Medicare Contribution	1,716

Equipment

Equipment under \$5,000	\$ 2,888
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Supplies

Fuel & Lubricate	\$ 894
Supplies-Office	424
Supplies-Operations	8,267

Contractual

Professional Services	\$ 22,200
Advertising	4,275
Printing and Photocopying	1,844
Rental-Others	7,500
Repair and Maintenance	25,052
Cleaning Services	650

Other

Utilities – Power	\$ 10,069
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Public Auditor 1% Fee	\$ 3,883
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Total Expenditure Request	\$ <u>219,886</u>
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Revenues

Public Law 21-16

CNMI Appropriation:	
Personnel	\$ 135,284
Operations	53,923
Utilities	25,000
Supplemental appropriation	<u>-0-</u>
Total appropriation	214,207
 Donations	 \$ -0-

Moving Forward Opportunities and Challenges



Future Plans

Future plans of the Museum are to continue to plan and collaborate with other partners to build capacity, promote the Museum and seek assistance from the CNMI and the Northern Islands delegation to help with technologically upgrading the exhibits through visual and digital technology. The Museum hopes to create interactive learning for students and visitors who have interest on learning about ancient CNMI.

Visitors

The Museum continuously strives to make improvement to its facilities and maintenance in hope to increase its visitors.

The museum hours for visiting guests are Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Challenges

Lack of funding impedes the Museum to accomplish its major goal which is to upgrade the exhibits through visual and digital technology. If this succeeds, it may help increase the museum's visitors by enabling those who could not have gone to the museum due to physical disabilities so they may actively engage in the experience to see the exhibits.

The museum is still recovering from the devastating effects of Super Typhoon Yutu in October 2018 along with the budget cuts received to help with recovery efforts.

The recent COVID-19 pandemic has placed many restrictions on our operations and halting of incoming tourist flights. Tourists accounts for more than 80 percent of our guests.