



CNMI Homeland Security & Emergency Management

2025 Citizen Centric Report

YOUR HSEM



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 that 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

To effectively manage incidents by coordinating and facilitating efforts among CNMI government agencies, federal partners, and non-governmental organizations. This includes preparing for, preventing, and responding to threats, crimes, hazards, and emergencies. The goal is to mitigate catastrophic events, ultimately protecting lives, property, and the environment.

OUR VISION

To build and train employees to exercise the capabilities of the organization, set the facilities, and execute all functions of an incident command system to advance a safer and more prepared CNMI.

LEADERSHIP & PROGRAMS

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Finance and Administration
Personnel Management
Financial Management

Operations Section
Resource Management
Response Management
Facilities Management
Fleet Management
Logistics

Planning Section
Grants Program
Training and Exercise Program

Emergency Management
Information Technology &
Communications Systems
State Warning Point

Marianas Regional Fusion
Center Node



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORTS
- USCG MASS RESCUE OPERATIONS (MRO)
- TABLETOP EXERCISE
- CHCC PEDIATRIC SURGE TABLETOP EXERCISE
- CNMI PUBLIC SCHOOLS TSUNAMI SIGNS
- CNMI AMSTEP FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE
- 100-FT COMMUNICATIONS TOWER
- FY 2025 FEDERAL GRANTS AWARDED
- APPLIED FOR THE NEXT GENERATION 911 GRANT PROGRAM
- HOSTED 10 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRAININGS FOR CNMI STAKEHOLDERS
- CNMI INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SUCCESS
- CNMI LMR/LTE COVERAGE ANALYSIS DRIVE TEST
- DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS VEHICLE STANDARD OPERATING GUIDE
- ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CNMI EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP
- WEBEOC: CRISIS MANAGEMENT SOLUTION (SAAS)
- APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1.3 MILLION IN DISASTER FUNDING



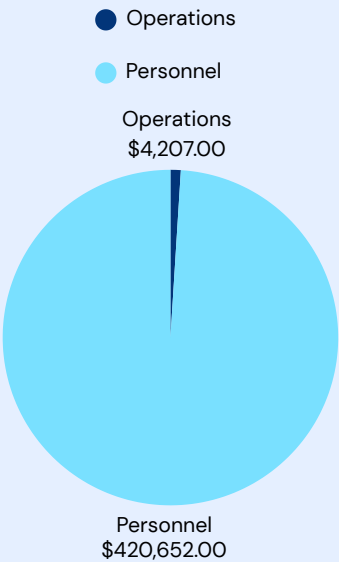
FINANCES

Local Funds

Through House Bill 24-46, HD1, SS1, entitled to “make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2026; and for other purposes,” which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature became Public Law 24-14, CNMI HSEM has budgeted a total of \$424,859 in local funding.

Local Funding FY 2025

Operations: \$4,207
Personnel: \$420,652
Total: \$424,859





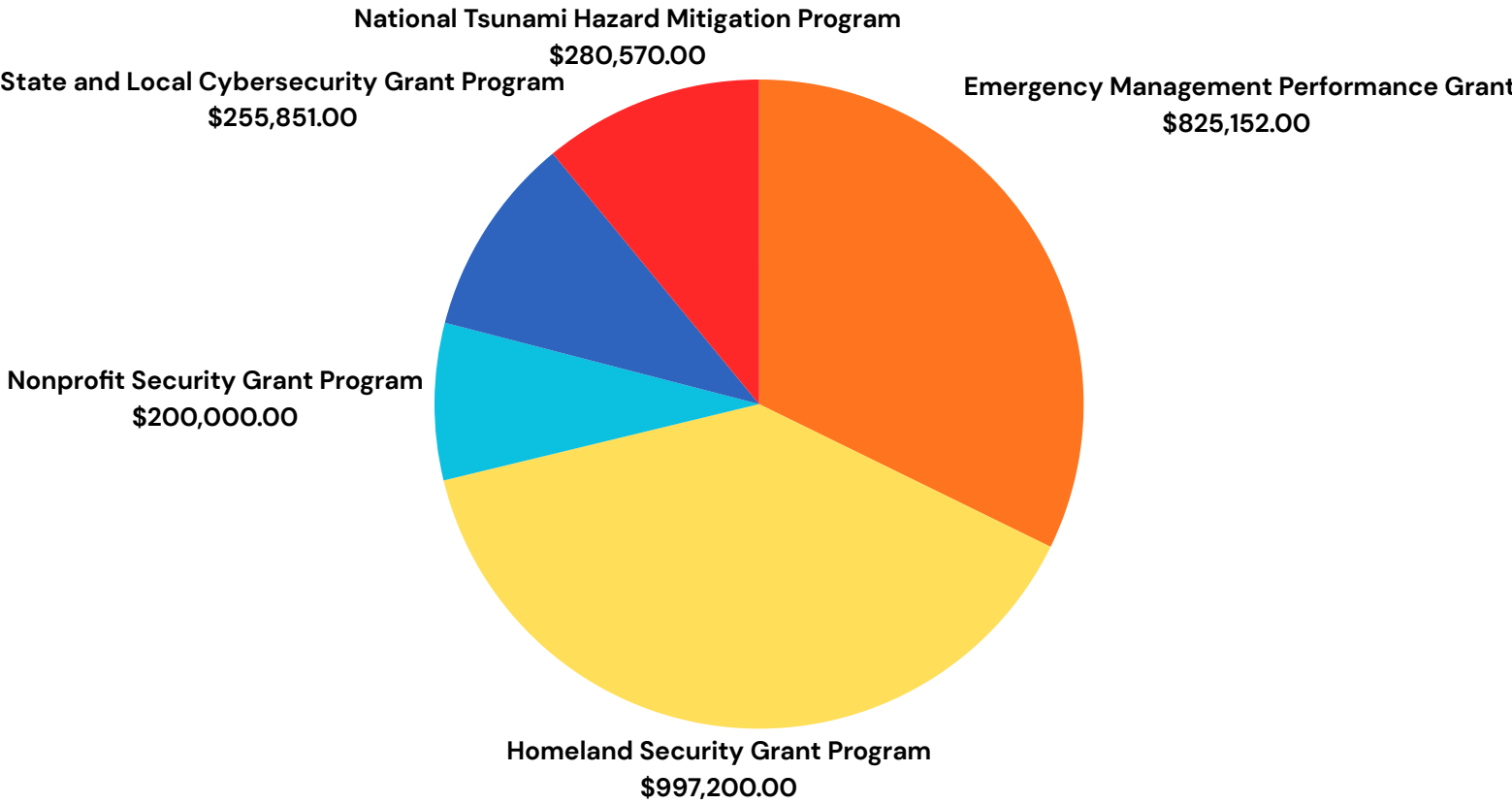
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Federal Grants

In 2025, CNMI HSEM was awarded \$2,558,773 from the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), the Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP), the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program (NTHMP), and the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP).

Federal Grants FY 2025

- Emergency Management Performance Grant
- Homeland Security Grant Program
- Nonprofit Security Grant Program
- State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program
- National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program





OUTLOOK



CHALLENGES

COVID-19 CLOSEOUT ACTIVITIES	FINANCIAL CHALLENGES
COVID-19 closeout activities reporting, accountability, and document processing are time-consuming and delay the reimbursement process. The lack of staff dedicated to COVID-19 delayed the demobilization, disposition, and disposal process.	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	FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN
Due to austerity measures, CNMI HSEM projects and activities continue to be monitored and reviewed carefully.	A U.S. federal government shutdown immediately strains the CNMI HSEM due to its heavy reliance on federal funding, primarily from FEMA preparedness grants. This disruption means that the approval of new grants for preparedness, equipment, and training is likely to be frozen or delayed. Additionally, the slower processing of reimbursements for past disaster costs puts immense pressure on the CNMI government’s already strained local finances.
PERSONNEL TURNOVER	DEDICATED HSEM WAREHOUSE
CNMI HSEM faced significant challenges due to high personnel turnover, which directly impacted the agency’s operational continuity and effectiveness, especially in a region prone to natural disasters.	CNMI HSEM lacks a dedicated secure warehouse dedicated to pre-position and store critical disaster commodities before a major event like a typhoon or tsunami.

LOOKING FORWARD ➔

- 200-FOOT COMMUNICATIONS TOWER REPLACEMENT
- INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY AM RADIO BROADCAST STATION BUILDOUT
- DESIGNATION OF THE CNMI EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AS AN EAS PRIMARY ENTRY POINT (PEP) STATION
- WIRELESS EMERGENCY ALERTS (WEA) SYSTEM
- GIANT VOICE ALERT SYSTEM
- LOW POWER TELEVISION FOR THE CNMI (LPTV).
- COMPLETION OF CNMI’S EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS).

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