



# COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF MILITARY AFFAIRS (CBMA)

CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT (CCR)

FISCAL YEAR 2025

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## ABOUT US

The Commonwealth Bureau of military Affairs, through Executive Order 2019-004, serves as the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Central Clearinghouse for all communications, documents, and information between the Department of War (DoW), and its various component entities and command structures operating within and throughout the CNMI. In administering this mandate, the CBMA, through the Special Assistant of the Governor for Military Affairs, serves as the liaison between DoW and the CNMI Government, and aids, assists, and coordinates with various CNMI Government entities in their engagements with DoW.

## WHO WE SERVE

CBMA supports the Goals and Vision of the entire CNMI populations for Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands. CBMA serves a total population of ~45,000 residents and their desire for cooperation and mutual benefit from Military Activities on their islands.

## WHO WE ENGAGE WITH

The United States Department of War Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force) and various components assigned to the Indo-Pacific Theater, along with the Pentagon, 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 of mutual respect and understanding.

### VISION

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

### LEADERSHIP

David M. Apatang  
Governor

Dennis James C. Mendiola  
Lt. Governor

Edward C. Camacho  
Special Assistant on Military Affairs

### SUPPORT TEAM

CBMA Central Office  
Seven Employees (7)

CBMA Tinian Satellite Office  
Two Employees (2)

# OUR PROGRESS

## MILITARY FOOTPRINT

As part of its mandate, CBMA conducts regular engagements with uniformed Military Personnel on behalf of the Governor and engages directly with local agencies in facilitating requirements as provided for in statute and/or regulation.

Fiscal Year 2025	
Infrastructure Support Contracts	
Entity	Support Type
Port Authority	Owner-Agent-Engineer
Port Authority	Terminal Infrastructure Master Plan
Utility Corporation	Utility Infrastructure Master Plan

## TOYS FOR TOTS

The CBMA, in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps and Private Sector Partners conducts the annual Toys for Tots Collection to support children who are less fortunate during the holiday season. In 2025, with the “First Lady Wella Foundation”, the office was able to obtain a total of 3,144 toys which were distributed during the holidays to the scores of children who showed up at the drive-through event.



Fiscal Year 2025			
Supported Visits		Military Exercises	Training
Dignitary	24	Rota	1
Aircraft	640	Tinian	8
Ship	3	Saipan	6
Personnel	1567	FDM	4

**Note:** Numbers are conservative estimates based on existing data files and DoW engagements on record. Actuals will range within these figures.

## CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

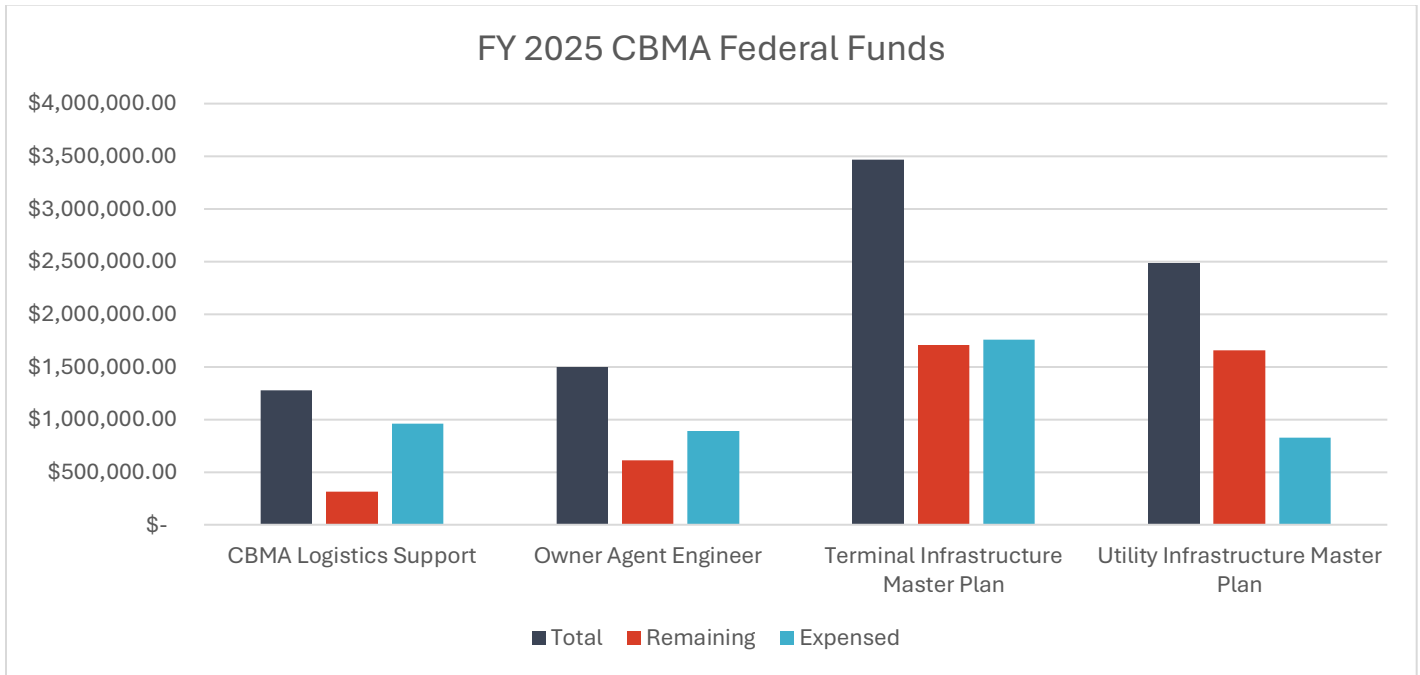
In an effort to ensure that critical lifeline infrastructures are properly maintained, the CBMA currently supports three contracts aimed at formulating an overall Master Plan that will enable infrastructure entities to provide potential grantors with an overall vision of their organizations and proposed areas of improvement/financial support to sustain critical lifelines for the CNMI Community.



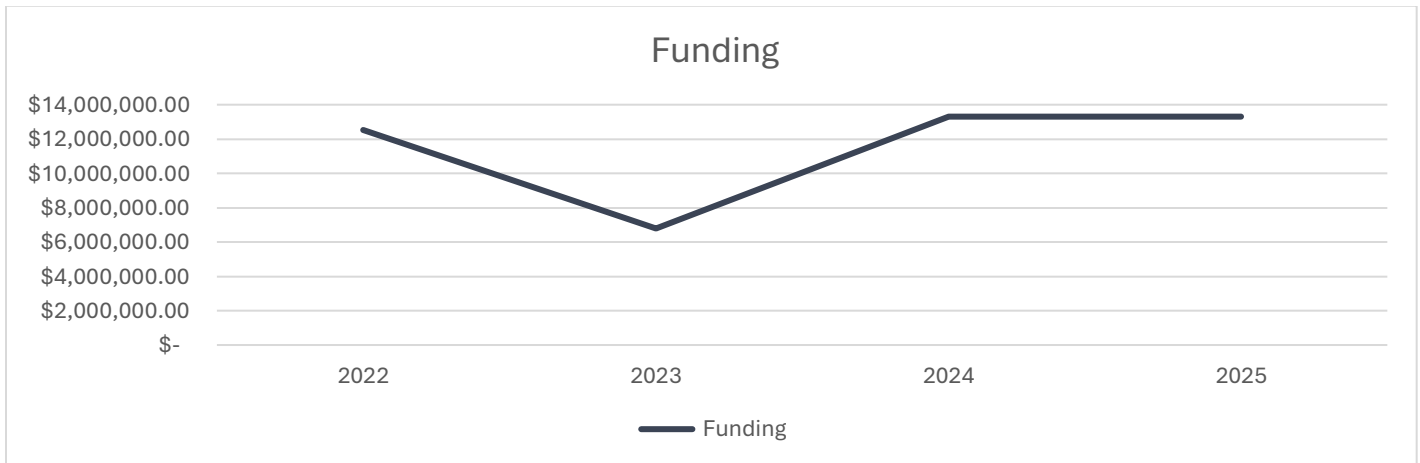
## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In partnership with the CNMI Public School System, the RED HORSE SQUADRON based on Tinian assisted the school with painting and repairs. Projects like this are conducted to build comradery and support for ongoing initiatives in the CNMI. Pictured are the team members, along with Tinian Elementary School Staff who received back to school supplies from the Red Horse Team to promote education and alleviate financial stresses for families as their kids return to school.

# OUR FINANCES



**Note:** CBMA currently manages a total of: \$ 8,730,993 from the Department of War- Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). Funding includes the CBMA Operations grant (which funds CBMA Operations) and three infrastructure opportunities (CPA and CUC) aimed at the development of an overarching plan to guide the improvements of critical infrastructure within the Commonwealth.



**Note:** The chart above outlines the current trend in funding afforded to CBMA by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation. This leveling of funding is associated with the current efforts still underway as they relate to the proposed activities, to include technical support and capacity building for autonomous entities such as the Commonwealth Port Authority (CPA) and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC).

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# WAY FORWARD

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR FY 2026

- CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN ONGOING ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR AND BRANCHES OF THE ARMED SERVICES CURRENTLY CONDUCTING ON-SITE SURVEYS AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE MARIANAS ISLAND CHAIN.
- ENGAGE WITH KEY PLANNERS AND SENIOR LEADERS REGARDING UPCOMING EXERCISES
- SUPPORT DOW IN ONGOING ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE CNMI.
- INCREASE CAPACITY BUILDING THROUGHOUT THE CBMA OFFICES AND ENSURE STAFFING PATTERNS REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT AND FUTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.
- CONTINUE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL SUPPORT WHERE POSSIBLE AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE FEEDBACK TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON CURRENT AND FUTURE PLANS OF DOW.

## CHALLENGES

- The current fiscal climate has posed significant issues for the CBMA to address existing obligations that cannot be funded through OLDCC Grants or other available revenue streams. The support provided by Federal Funding remains the sole mechanism that enables ongoing engagements with the Department of Defense.
- The CNMI continues to face personnel and technical capacity constraints to adequately assess and respond to the wide-ranging impacts from multiple activities being conducted by different DoW commands operating separately, and from the voluminous Environmental Impact Statements provided by DoW.
- The CNMI has limited technical staff to respond to the archaeological, biological, and environmental impacts associated with existing and proposed military training programs. The ability for CBMA to invest in staff and ensure continuity and stability remains the Bureau's top priority, creating a potential avenue to alleviate current and future concerns, and retain talent within the office to execute on existing priorities.
- The CBMA must be supported by the CNMI Government to stress the importance of providing additional opportunities that will enable a path toward self-sustainment. Critical to this approach is the support of key Senior Leadership with the various branches of Government, especially the Executive and the Legislative Branches.