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CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT

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"Rota - The Jewel of the Marianas"



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Mayor of Rota

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ABOUT *Our Office*

At the Office of the Mayor of Rota, we are dedicated public servants striving to enrich our community. Our responsibilities cover a wide range of municipal duties essential to the welfare of Rota residents. We provide leadership in times of emergency, keeping our people safe. We maintain infrastructure, beautify public spaces, and support community events. We develop inclusive programs that serve Rota's children, youth, adults, and elderly. We manage staff and resources efficiently to carry out the Mayor's vision. Guided by integrity and compassion, we work diligently to improve quality of life and build a prosperous future for all who call Rota home. Our office is committed to responsive, responsible governance that empowers and protects our diverse community.

OUR *Mission*

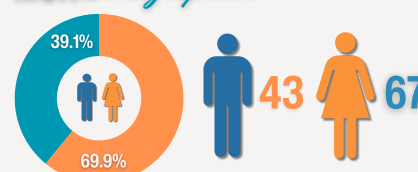
The Office of the Mayor of Rota is dedicated to fostering an inclusive, equitable, and just society where all residents can thrive. We will work diligently to promote economic prosperity, enhance quality of life, and preserve our natural and cultural heritage. We aim to build a safer, healthier, more vibrant Rota for generations to come.

OUR *Vision*

The Office of the Mayor envision a thriving, resilient Rota with a diverse, equitable economy that protects and preserves local culture, its values and the environment.



MOR *Demographics*



OUR Progress

Key Initiatives

1000 Fruit Tree Initiative

In just 3 years the Municipality of Rota has surpassed its goal of planting 1,000 Fruit Trees. As of October 30, 2025, a total of 1,153 Fruit Trees have been planted in various locations around Rota,

MOR - Rota Island Beautification Initiative

The Rota Mayor's Office has continued its commitment to beautifying our island for our people and visitors. The MOR Field and Beautification Teams have worked diligently this year to maintain our road side, beaches, and residential areas. Various Government Departments work diligently to maintain their designated beautification sites.

Solar Light Installation at Rota Medical Referral Facility in As Lito, Saipan

Solar lights were successfully installed at the Rota Medical Referral As Lito Facility. These new installations will provide essential lighting for our patients, especially during the evening hours, by harnessing the power of the sun. The solar lights were generously provided by the CNMI Department of Public Works (DPW): Energy Division.



1000 Fruit Tree Initiative



Solar Light Installation Rota Medical Referral Facility



Sinapalo II Basketball Court & Youth Center



Pona Point Pavilion/ Safety Railing



Grants

Solar Panel/ Lights Installation in Public Facilities/ Areas

Funded by the US Department of Interior - OIA [FY 2023 Energizing Insular Communities]

Rota Pavilion Solar PV Installation Project *On-going*

Pona Point Cliff Fishing Park Pavilion *Completed*

Funded under National Park Services - the Land & Water Conservation Fund

Rota Aquaponic Multipurpose Stage & Pavilion Project *On-going*

Funded under the US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), Community Planning & Development (CDP) Funds FY 2023, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Rota Office on Aging (Man Amko' Center) Solar Project *Completed*

Funded under the US Department of Interior - OIA [Energizing Insular Communities Program]

Na' Ma'lak Luta: Light Up Luta Solar LED Streetlight Project *On-going*

Funded under the US Department of Interior - OIA [FY 2023 Energizing Insular Communities Program]

MOR - Rota Island Beautification & Tourism Enhancement Program *On-going*

Capital Improvement Projects

Renovation of Sinapalo II Basketball Court & Youth Center *Completed*

Funded the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Community Development Block Grant.

Equipment of Department of Public Works - Rota *Completed*

Funded under the Capital Improvement Projects, the Municipality was able to procure heavy equipment for DPW Rota such as a Utility Vehicle, Dump Truck, Motor Grader, Back Hoe Loader with Pay Loader arriving in Nov. 2024.

Renovation of Songsong Sport Facility Complex *On-going*

Funded under the House Local Bill No. 23-03 D1, the Songsong Sport Facility Complex has gone under renovation. Renovations include: to replace the fencing, resurface the court, install score board, repair the boards and rims.

Pending Projects

Projects Funded under House Local Bill No. 23-03 D1

- Construction of Shower Facility at Teteto Beach
- Renovation of Guata Beach Restroom/West Harbor Marina Restroom
- Construction of Shower Facility at East Harbor Marina
- Renovation Rota Guest House in Navy Hill and Finasisu, Saipan

Songsong Sports Facility Renovation



Man Amko' Solar Photovoltaic System



Event Highlights

Gilita Festival



Coconut Festival



Bisita Luta



OUR *Finances*

Public Law 24-01 FY 2025

Personnel	\$2,604,435
Operations	\$113,401
Utilities	\$150,000
Total	\$2,867,836

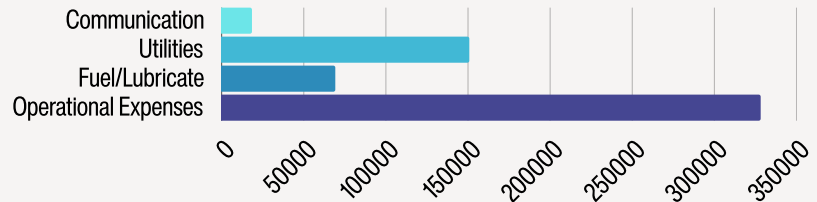
Rota Mayor's Office: Financial and Project Overview

The Rota Mayor's Office is primarily sustained by annual appropriations from the CNMI Legislature, which fund the foundational governmental services for the municipality. For Fiscal Year 2025, the core budget allocated for personnel reached \$2,136,151, complemented by \$23,861 for general operational expenses and a separate allocation of \$150,000 designated for utilities. In a significant local legislative action, House Bill 24-4, enacted on April 7, 2025, provided an additional \$40,731 in localized funding derived from local poker and Commonwealth casino license fee collections.

This special allocation was strategically distributed, dedicating \$19,500 toward the Rota medical subsistence allowance, \$20,000 to augment the Mayor's Office operations, and smaller amounts for related mailing and fuel needs. Beyond the local coffers, the Office actively secures federal aid to drive major infrastructure and community improvements. Currently active federal grants, largely sourced through the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), include significant projects such as the \$1.9 million Rota Municipality Track and Field Construction Project (OIA NPS LWCF), the \$380,000 Rota West Marina Pavilion and Parking Lot Project, and the \$320,000 Rota Island Beautification and Revitalization Project. Further investments target equipment and sustainability, including the acquisition of a Boom Tractor Mower and Lifter (OIA-MAP, \$230,000) and the implementation of a 160kW Solar PV System at the Mayor's Office (OIA-EIC) to boost energy resilience. Additionally, Rota participates in CNMI-wide OIA-TAP initiatives focused on infrastructure (Street Name Plates) and community heritage (Veterans Cemeteries National Recognition). The cumulative value of these active and ongoing grant-funded projects spanning Fiscal Years 2022 through 2025 totals approximately \$3.2 million, reflecting a substantial investment in the island's infrastructure and quality of life.

Expenditures

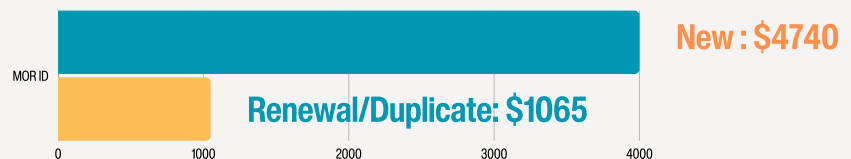
Communication	\$18,467.64
Utilities	\$150,789.00
Fuel & Lubricate	\$69,208.98
Operational Expenses	\$328,164.00



Revenue Generated

Rota Municipal ID	\$5,805.00
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The Office of the Mayor, Rota ID Section has issued a total of 308 MOR IDs. Out of the 270 issued IDs, 237 of them were new IDs and the remaining 71 were renewals and duplicates.



Grants

Public Assistance Office	\$1,511,297.63
Office of Insular Affairs	\$724,136.00
HUD, CDBG, CDP	\$1,822,004.42
Office of the Governor - OGM	\$100,000

This administration has worked very diligently to apply for many federal grants to support Mayor Hocog's vision to construct new facilities and renovate current ones. With the support of the Rota Legislative Delegation and the assistance of the Office of Grants Management, and other grant writers, the Rota Mayor's Office has been successful in being awarded funds for many of its projects.

MOVING *Forward*

Current Challenges & *Solutions*

The Office of the Mayor Rota faces several key operational challenges. Utility costs, particularly street lighting, represent our second-highest expenditure after personnel. We are planning on implementing solar energy solutions and cost reduction measures to address this issue. The lack of formal street addresses (currently only P.O. Boxes available) hinders local businesses from securing DoD contracts and federal opportunities through SAM.gov. Transportation infrastructure, especially stevedoring services at West Harbor Marina, impacts business efficiency, tourism, and local commerce through increased costs and reduced accessibility. Additionally, high construction costs and limited labor availability continue to affect development projects.



Future *Goals*

✿ Strategic Initiatives & Infrastructure Progress

Our 1,000 Fruit Tree Initiative remains a priority, addressing multiple community needs including tourism enhancement, food security, and serves as mitigation to help minimize the impacts of inflation. Current infrastructure projects include new facilities construction (Pavilions at Songsong Village Sports Facility, West Harbor Marina restroom, showers at Guata, Teteto, and Veterans Memorial Park), sports facility improvements (Construction of the Sinapalo Soccer and Track and Field), and community development (Chamorro Village pavilions, road construction in Taimama', Sinapalo Elementary School area, and the Liyo-Songsong-West Harbor Marina connector).

✿ Future Development

Through the SWIFR Grant we will also be constructing a Community Convenience Center which includes a hydraulic baler, baler housing and electrical connections and peripheral equipment to support operations. This project will help alleviate the accumulation of metals in our island, extend the life of our local landfill and encourage members of our community to recycle. The Wedding Cake Grotto Nature Trail Project is one of Rota's newest initiatives designed to enhance the island's natural attractions and promote eco-tourism. This project aims to create a safe, scenic trail that allows both locals and visitors to explore and appreciate the area's natural beauty.



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