COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS



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CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

Municipality of Rota

FY 2026 Citizen-Centric Report

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OUR DEPARTMENT

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs in Rota consists of the Office of Administration, Child Care Program, Youth Services, Nutrition Assistance Program, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture, Historic Preservation Office, Sports & Recreation, and Office on Aging. We are dedicated civil servants committed to enhancing our community. Our responsibilities cover a wide range of direct and indirect services essential to the welfare of Rota residents, both young and old. We provide staff at the shelters during the activation period until all are cleared. We maintain historical sites, baseball & basketball fields, and support community events. We develop, implement, and officiate sports programs, cultural presentations, and activities for youth, adults, and the elderly. We meet schools' requests for sports support and cultural activities. Our department is committed to serving our diverse community throughout the fiscal year.

OUR MISSION

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs oversees human and social services, historic and landmark conservation and preservation, activities to protect and preserve Chamorro and Carolinian heritages and traditions, public arts and sports programming in accordance with Article VI of the CNMI Constitution.

OUR VISION

We carry on and fulfill our commitment to provide direct and indirect services to our diverse community of Rota, the youth, and elderly people. We promote, protect, and preserve the local culture through teachings, presentations, activities, programs, and outreach.



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Site Maintenance

Efforts are managed by three divisions: Sports & Recreation Office, Historic Preservation Office, and CCAC Office with a team of six personnel. They provide monthly landscape and maintenance services for 12 key locations:

1) DCCA Main Office Compound
2) Casa Re'al in Songsong Village
3) Japanese Water Well in Tatachog
4) Japanese Pre-war Rectory in Tatachog
5) Ma'ya Ancient Latte Site
6) Mochong Ancient Latte Site
7) Pictograph Cave in Chugai
8) Latte Village in Duge'
9) Konbentu in Songsong
10) Joaquin M. Ogo Baseball Field
11) Sinapalo Youth Basketball Court
12) DYS Youth Center
13) Sonton to Tatachog Pavilion Highway (Adopt-A-Highway Program)
14) Joe Charfauros, Jr. Veteran's Memorial Park

Funding and Resources: To sustain operations, the department relied on support from the Office of the Mayor and the Rota Legislative Delegation. Department personnel covered most operational expenses; key resources needed such as fuel & oil, equipment & vehicle parts, and office supplies were also required. This report highlights the department's commitment to innovative strategies that enable it to maintain operations despite financial constraints. For Fiscal Year 2026, the department received minimal operational funds. The revised budget covered only personnel costs and Office of Public Auditor (OPA) fees. Acknowledgements: Special thanks go to the Rota DCCA site maintenance team and Mayor Hocog for their contributions, which ensure these sites remain accessible and enjoyable for the public, students, and visitors.



Community Support Activities

Rota DCCA personnel, including staff from Administrative, Sports, Arts Council, and Historic Preservation Office (HPO), actively support the Public School System and community initiatives. Their efforts include:

- Providing cultural education and supporting seasonal sports leagues and festivals.
- Assisting with officiating for softball, basketball, and volleyball games during school hours, after school, and at night.
- Offering cultural education through the Arts Council and HPO upon request.
- Conducting historical site tours, especially by HPO personnel, for students, residents, and visitors, including weekend tours to sites like the Chugai Pictograph Cave. Special recognition is given to Mr. Antonelli Rosario for his dedication to touring island visitors.
- Additional responsibilities: HPO personnel also issue occasional earthmoving permits.

Acknowledgements and Dedication: Rota DCCA personnel often work beyond their scheduled hours without overtime funding, earning compensatory time instead. Despite limited operational funds, their commitment promotes healthy living, preserves Chamorro & Carolinian heritage, and supports community sports and youth engagement.

Direct Services

Direct service programs include the Child Care Development Fund Program, the Division of Youth Services, the Nutrition Assistance Program, and the Office on Aging. This division provides:

- ✓ Client intake and case management.
- ✓ Preparation and execution of action plans.
- ✓ Weekly and monthly nutritional support for low-income families and elderly people.
- ✓ Protection from neglect and abuse.
- ✓ Recreation and outreach services, along with other necessary human services.

Under the "State Plan" program, Saipan DCCA predominantly funds these direct services, covering 98% of operational costs for the Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP), Division of Youth Services (DYS), Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Program, and Office on Aging (OoA), ensuring continued support for these services despite the department's funding limitations.



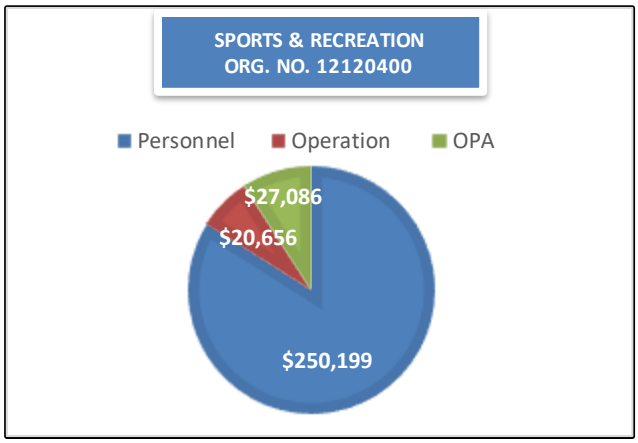


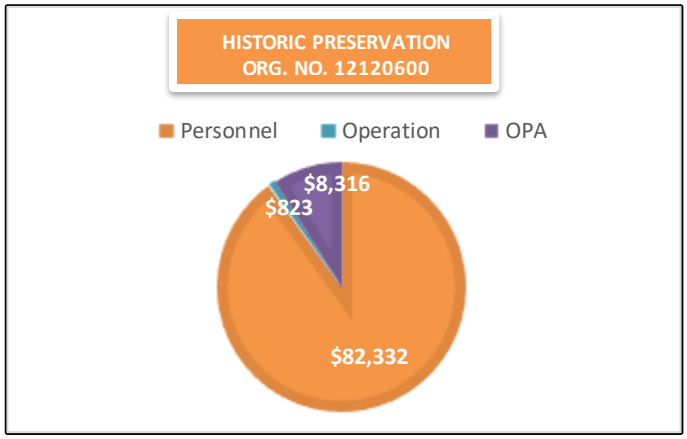




FINANCES

Public Law No. 24-20
October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026





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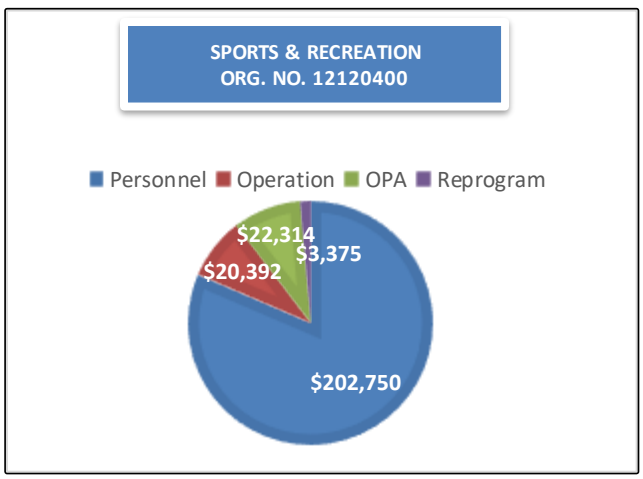

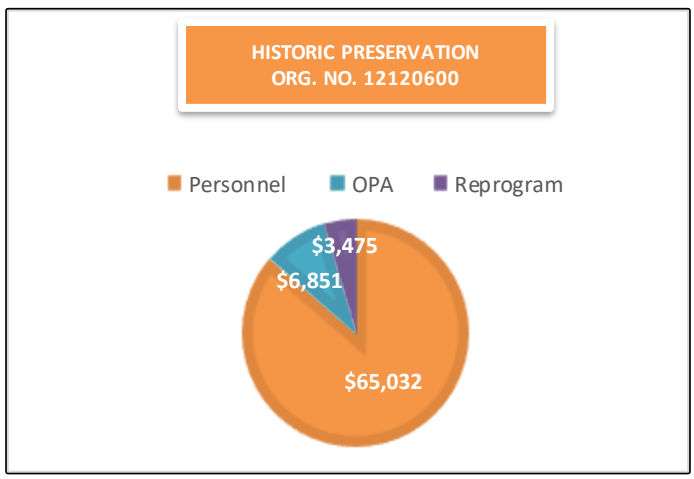

Historic Preservation Office
Rota Cultural Outreach and Tour
Rota Local Law No. 24-03

Revenue Generated

HPO Cultural Tour	**Total: $365.00**

KEY INITIATIVES

The following initiatives will be pursued if the identified funding sources become available:

1. FY 2027 Supplemental Appropriation by the CNMI Legislature to enhance project funding.
2. Appropriations from the Rota Legislative Delegation to support local initiatives.
3. Federal and Foundation Grants: Actively seek and apply for grants through the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for a Special Community Project Grant, as well as the Office of Grants Management and the Clearance House.
4. Rota Mayor's Office Support: Engage with the Mayor's Office to secure additional backing.
5. 20th Rota Municipal Council Support: Promote local initiatives.
6. Local and Regional Partnerships: Collaborate with local, Saipan DCCA, communities, government department heads, and business sectors to strengthen support and resources for key programs and projects.

These efforts aim to secure diverse funding and support to implement critical initiatives across Rota.

CHALLENGES

1. Our department faces significant challenges due to limited funding and staffing, which constrain our ability to implement and maintain all desired programs and services. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to serving the community by maximizing available resources, prioritizing key initiatives, and fostering partnerships that support our work. Our team remains dedicated to finding innovative solutions, such as cross-training employees, seeking collaborative support, and applying for grants, to ensure that essential services and cultural programs continue to reach those who depend on them.

2. Natural disasters such as the Super Typhoons Sinlaku and Bavi have added to these challenges, straining the department's limited financial resources and hindering its daily programs and activities. The activation of typhoon shelters forced employees to stop performing normal duties to assist in shelters.

3. Executive Order 2026-014: the transfer of the Arts Council to the Marianas Visitors Authority, directed by its Authority; Section 1. Enactment; and Section 2. General Provisions, and were ordered, signed, and promulgated on the 6th day of August 2026 by Governor David Apatang. The absence of the Arts Council at DCCA is a challenge for the department moving forward in the perpetuation of cultural heritage and traditions for generations.

KEY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

1. Non-Standard Work Week Schedule
   - After-School and Evening Programs: Offer youth and adult sports as well as cultural programs outside traditional hours.
2. Jr. & Sr. High School Skill Awareness Outreach
   - Skill Demonstrations: Expose students to a variety of skilled professions through interactive presentations.
3. Go SMART GRANT PROGRAM:
   - Promote cultural practices within the community through presentations and demonstrations on different cultural artworks.
5. Medicinal Workshop and Archiving
   - Conduct workshops on traditional medicine practices and create an archive for knowledge preservation.
6. Weaving Class
   - Host classes to teach traditional weaving techniques.

These initiatives emphasize cultural preservation, skill development, and community engagement across various age groups.

