OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, ROTA
THE JEWEL OF THE MARIANAS

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CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT



Honorable Aubry M. Hocog
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

Male	45
Female	70

The Office of the Mayor, Rota has a total of *115 staff* across various different divisions and offices.



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OUR PROGRESS

Events

Gilita Festival



Cliff Fishing



Bisita Luta



Christmas



Completed Projects

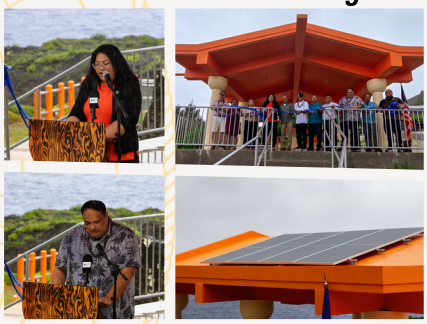
Na Malik Luta, Streetlights



Light up Solar LED Streetlight, funded through the FY 2023 Office of Isular Affairs Energizing Insular Communities TAP 2023, program, with a total cost of $298,013.10. The project installed 27 solar powered LED streetlights at key location around Rota.

Pona Point Cliff Fishing Park

The "Pona Point Cliff Fishing Park" Project, Federal Award No. P22AP01925-00 has been funded under the Land & Water Conservation Fund & National Park Service. Pona Point Cliff Fishing Park now has a pavilion with solar lighting and outlets, cliff railings walkway, and water.



Songsong Sports Facility



The renovation contract to resurface the court and repair the basketball goal was awarded to J&J Construction and was funded by the Rota Legislative Delegation.

East Harbor Marina

The completion of the new pavilions aims to create more accessible and functional areas for gatherings, recreation, and local events. The newly built pavilions will provide residents and visitors with safe, shaded spaces for leisure activities



Welcome to Rota Sign



The project was funded by the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation DR Funds, whose support helped bring this project to life.



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OUR FINANCES

Public Law 24-20 *Fiscal Year 2026*

MOR PROPOSED BUDGET - FY 2026

Personnel	$2,766,541.00
Utilities	$700,500.00
Operations	$634,105.00
Total	$4,101,146.00

FINAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2026

Personnel	$1,965,926.80
Utilities	$112,281.52
Operations	$158,159.00
Total	$2,236,367.32

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 $2,604,435, complemented by $113,401 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.

FY 2026 EXPENDITURES

Communications	$15,503.22
Fuel	$37,186.30
Operations	$99,638.71
Utilities	$111,281.52

The Utilities Expenditures does not include the Department of Public Safety and Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services Utilities

MOR *Revenue Generated*

MAYOR'S OFFICE ID SECTION - FY 2026

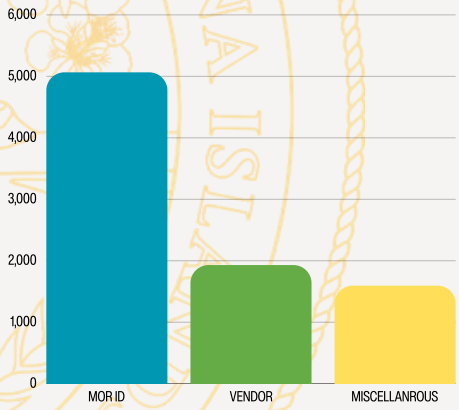
NEW	$3,340.00
RENEWAL	$1,725.00
TOTAL	$5,065.00

VENDORS - FY 2026

2025	$1,305.00
2026	$725.00
TOTAL	$2,030.00

MISCELLANEOUS FY 2026

TKO BASEBALL FIELD LIGHTS	$725.00
MARRIAGE LISCENSE	$870.00
TOTAL	$1595.00



As of September 2026, the Office of the Mayor, Rota - Identification Section has issued a total of 273 MOR ID, a total of 167 IDs were New applicant and 106 were Renewals generating a revenue of $5,065.00. The Mayor of Rota, the Honorable Aubry M. Hocog has officiated a total of 7 weddings for couples for this Fiscal Year.

MOR *Grants*

USDA	$230,000.00
NMHC & HUD	$760,000.00
REPI	$480,000.00
Total:	$1,470,000.00

Helmsey Foundation Grant is currently a work in progess. This funding will assist with the remodeling of the Navy Hill Medical Referal Facility

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. Mayor Hocog and her Chief of Staff, Dean Manglona served as grant writers to secure grant funding. The Rota Mayor's Office has been successful in being awarded funds for many of its projects. SCORP, OIA, and CIP are issuance to the Municipality.



Looking Ahead: Challenges and Vision

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Rota moves into the year ahead facing limited budgets, equipment needs, and a punishing typhoon season. Yet the Office of the Mayor remains focused on recovery and on projects that will strengthen the health, culture, and resilience of our community.

OUR *Challenges*

Budget and manpower

Under the Governor's FY2027 austerity measures, municipal operations have been reduced to 53 hours bi-weekly. Offices now operate Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Friday, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. The possible separation of approximately 400 government employees Commonwealth-wide adds further uncertainty for the workforce and for service delivery.

Equipment

Beyond manpower, our most pressing operational need is equipment. The Rota SCEL Landfill requires specialized heavy equipment to be properly maintained and to keep waste streams from overflowing. In the interim, the Office has rented heavy equipment to control the overflow, a stopgap that draws on already limited funds.

Typhoon recovery

Rota has endured four storm events in 2026: Super Typhoon Sinlaku (April); Super Typhoon Bavi (July), whose eye passed directly over the island; Typhoon Choi-wan (early October); and Super Typhoon Champi (October), which again placed Rota under a typhoon warning. Recovery has demanded significant time, effort, and resources as we work to return Rota to normalcy.

FUTURE *Goals*

Despite these challenges, the Office is advancing projects that will serve Rota for generations:

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Chamorro Village Multipurpose Stage
- Aquaponics Multipurpose Stage
- Mayor's Office Renovation

Navy Hill Renovation

We aim to complete the Navy Hill renovation project by FY 2027 with the Support of The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust.

Track & Field Project.

Completing the project under the SCORP grant.

Hatdin Amot

Delivering equipment and facility upgrades at the central hub for Chamorro herbal and medicinal plants, under the America the Beautiful and REPI grants.

Typhoon Infrastructure Repair

Working with the FEMA and our States Public Assistance office to repair critical infrastructure and resources damaged by the recent storms.

With strong partnerships, careful stewardship of limited resources, and the resilience of the people of Rota, the Office of the Mayor remains committed to building a stronger, safer, and more self-sufficient Rota.

