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Citizen Centric Report: Fiscal Year 2021



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ABOUT US

The Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is the primary government of Guam agency responsible for providing health and social services to our island community. Our mission is *“To assist the people of Guam in achieving and maintaining their highest levels of independence and self-sufficiency in health and social welfare.”* Our vision is *“Empowered people of healthy mind and body living in a safe environment throughout their lifetime.”* DPHSS has five divisions which include Division of General Administration, Division of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health, Division of Senior Citizens, and Division of Public Welfare. These divisions are responsible for providing health and social services to the community. These services include providing health programs and activities to prevent and control the spread of diseases; promoting healthy lifestyle behaviors; issuance of birth and death certificates; marriage licenses; overseeing island-wide environmental health programs; providing assistance, such as food, childcare, foster care, medical and other services to low-income individuals and families; and services toward promoting, maintaining and protecting the total well-being of older persons (senior citizens age 60 years and older).

In FY 2021, DPHSS employed 564 employees that support DPHSS’s mission. The employees include classified, limited-term appointments, temporary appointments and contract employees whose work is to achieve our goal to strengthen our public health infrastructure and become a stronger public health workforce by providing continuous education and training to staff, improving our business processes, modernizing our information technology, and staying abreast of innovative approaches.

OUR PERFORMANCE

ELC PROGRAM SURVEILLANCE AND CONTAINMENT COVID-19 RESPONSE DATA

COVID-19 Cases Filed and Entered	12,624
Investigations Completed	11,973
Isolation and Quarantine Calls Completed	36,389
Isolation Clearances Issued	8,326
Quarantine Clearances Issued	7,391



The total number of Guam's eligible population (residents 12 years and older who were fully vaccinated in FY 2021 was 119,436 or 87.63%.

This percentage includes 10,655 fully vaccinated residents between ages of 12-17, and 108,781 fully vaccinated adults.



IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM COVID-19 VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED (12/17/2020 – 9/30/2021)

Pfizer-BioNTech	147,508
Moderna	63,929
Janssen	6,677
TOTAL	218,114



Pandemic-EBT Project School Year 2020-2021

Guam Dept. of Education

Benefit Per Student: \$1,243.32
 Number of Students Enrolled: 25,824
 Amount Issued \$32,107,495.68

Dept. of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)

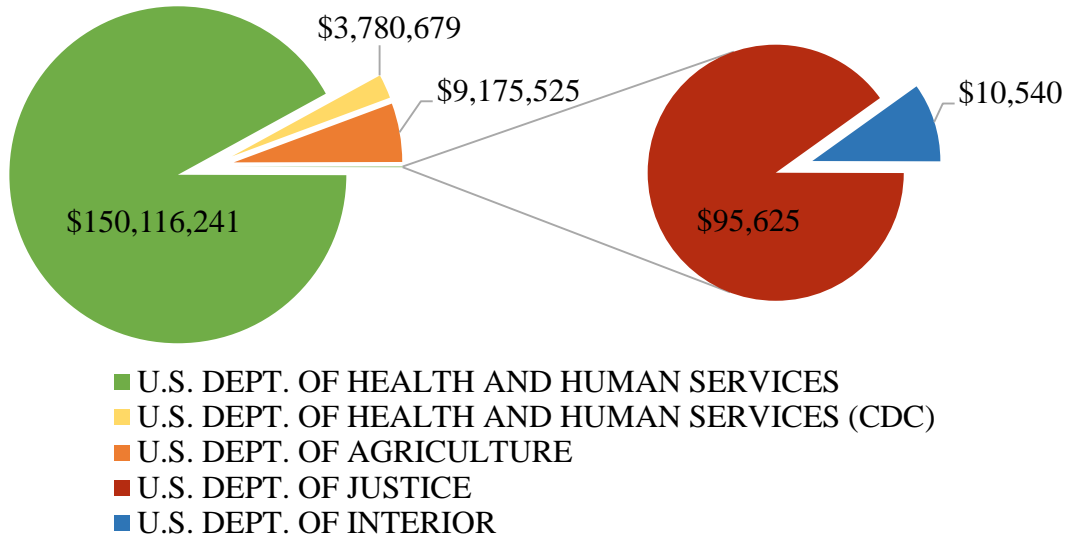
Benefit Per Student: \$334.74
 Number of Students Enrolled: 38
 Amount Issued \$12,720.12

Total Issued: \$32,120,215.80



OUR FINANCES

EXPENDITURES BY FUND SOURCE FY 2021 TOTAL: \$163,178,610



EXPENDITURES BY REVENUE	FY 2021	FY 2020
GENERAL FUND	\$32,316,689	\$42,490,563
SPECIAL FUND	\$22,703,444	\$23,557,254
GRAND TOTAL	\$55,020,133	\$66,047,817

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS BY FUNCTION	FY 2021	FY 2020
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS	\$5,100,821	\$5,049,231
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	\$1,285,336	\$1,239,209
HEALTHY FUTURES	\$38,500,276	\$39,776,193
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	\$355,261	\$216,403
MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS	\$15	\$11,000
OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS	\$223,494	\$176,694
GRAND TOTAL	\$45,465,203	\$46,468,730

EXPENDITURES BY FUND FUNCTION	FY 2021	FY 2020
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS	\$5,304,609	\$4,158,716
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	\$940,968	\$918,856
HEALTHY FUTURES	\$38,702,486	\$31,121,942
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	\$220,264	\$151,230
MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS	-	-
OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS	\$273,509	\$96,765
GRAND TOTAL	\$45,441,836	\$36,447,509

OUR CHALLENGES AND OUTLOOK

On October 1, 2020, the Governor of Guam signed Executive Order (EO) No. 2020-36 relative to authorizing the operation of additional businesses and activities during Pandemic Condition of Readiness (PCOR) 1. The Joint Information Center (JIC) officially reported cumulative results of 2,550 COVID-19 cases with 49 deaths. The EO limited social gatherings or congregations to no more than five (5) persons; eligible places of worship, gyms, fitness centers, and dance studios may continue to operate at no more than twenty-five percent (25%) capacity; and all government of Guam parks and beaches and private and public pools, although open to the public, shall be limited to no more than five (5) persons. At the end of Fiscal Year 2021, the JIC reported 15,041 COVID-19 cases and 197 deaths. The Covid Area Risk (CAR) score was at 24.

DPHSS continued to take the lead on the COVID-19 response efforts in collaboration with various governmental, non-governmental, military and community stakeholders. Together, DPHSS and key external partners provided crucial services to the community including, but not limited to, COVID-19 testing, vaccination, homebound/home-visits and treatment, health education/awareness and outreach to key populations.

At the height of COVID-19 pandemic, people struggled to secure adequate food, supplies, and medical care. As the pandemic continued to spread, people were forced to stay home, some workers lost their jobs, some local businesses closed permanently, and healthcare providers, especially the hospital healthcare and frontliners, were strained due to increasing number of patients and the fear of contracting the disease. The unemployment rate went up from 4.3% in March 2019 to 16.5% in March 2021 (Guam Bureau of Labor Statistics Unemployment Rate).

Amidst the economic suffering, uncertainty and challenges created by COVID-19 pandemic, the Division of Public Welfare continuously provided support to the people of Guam by providing the basic necessities of life. Furthermore, additional federal aids were provided, such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Emergency Allotment (EA), SNAP Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) for school enrolled children, Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund, Medicaid American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, increased on the SNAP maximum monthly allotment, Child Care Development Fund Cares Act, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA), and ARPA monies to increase reimbursement to healthcare and childcare providers to assist the struggling economy.

MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR FUTURE. Executive Order No. 2021-26 was signed by the Governor of Guam on October 29, 2021. The EO created a 6th division with DPHSS titled: Division of Children's Wellness (DCW). This newly created division seeks to prioritize childcare programs that are critical in providing benefits to thousands of Guam residents in need of childcare as they navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. DCW will include the Bureau of Social Services and all its components and offices such as Child Protective Services. The Bureau of Child Care Services was also created within this new division which includes the Child Care Development Fund Section. This bureau is responsible for managing all federally funded childcare programs needed to support the expansion of childcare supply in Guam so that more families may return to work, pursue higher education, or to receive training necessary for employment.

We want to hear from you! Do you believe this report should include more information? Please let us know by contacting Bertha A. Taijeron, Program Coordinator IV at (671) 922-2512 or bertha.taijeron@dphss.guam.gov. For more information about DPHSS, please visit our website at www.dphss.guam.gov



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In compliance with 1 GCA Chapter 19 §1922(a), please find attached the Department of Public Health and Social Services' FY 2021 Citizen Centric Report. The same file will be posted on the DPHSS website at www.dphss.guam.gov

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bertha A. Taijeron, Program Coordinator IV at (671) 922-2512 or email her at bertha.taijeron@dphss.guam.gov


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