

HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT FY2019



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- Communications Section
- Response Coordination
- Resource Section
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- Information Technology
- State Warning Point
- Monitoring Program

Rota Field Office
Tinian Field Office

ABOUT US

In 2005, Public Law No. 14-63 created and established the Office of Homeland Security under the Office of the Governor. It was not until 2013, when Public Law No. 18-4 reorganized the Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Management, unifying to create the Commonwealth Northern Marianas Island's (CNMI) Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM).

MISSION

Our mission is to protect lives and property by effectively preparing for, preventing, responding to and recovering from all threats, crimes, hazards and emergencies by coordinating the efforts of the first response community to effectively manage incidents, and to collaborate with public, private, and community partnerships.

VISION

Through efficacious, collaborative and island-wide partnerships dedicated to securing the islands from the many threats we face, we seek to advance a safer, more prepared CNMI.

PERFORMANCE



EXERCISES

Training and Exercise Planning Workshop

Annual National Weather Service Tropical Cyclone, Disaster Preparedness, and Climate Workshop

Mass Rescue Operations Table Top Exercise

TRAININGS

MCT 347: Incident Command System (ICS) Forms Review

MGT 904/L300: Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS) for Expanding Incidents

MGT 905/L400: Advanced Incident Command System (ICS) Command and General Staff Complex Incidents

Critical Protective Analysis Group Counter-Terrorism Training

Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Training

AWR 356: Community Planning for Disaster Recovery

MGT 460: Planning for Disaster Debris Management

Disaster Preparedness: CNMI Awareness Training

Civil Support Team: Specialized HazMat Training

Threat & Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) /Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR) Technical Assistance

Inter-Agency Training

Technical Assistance
Communication Technician Training

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Non-Profit Security Grant Program

HSEM was awarded a nonprofit security grant which provides funding support for security related activities to nonprofit organizations for at risk of a terrorist attack in October 2018.



Disaster Response and Building Resilience

CNMI HSEM, along with other partnered agencies and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) responded to Super Typhoon Yutu, which affected the entire communities of Saipan and Tinian. This typhoon along with other frequent, smaller storms underscore the importance of preparedness and resilience.

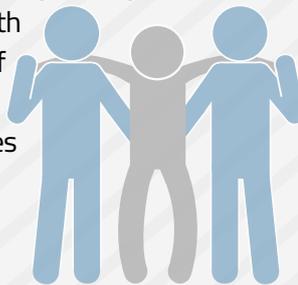


Outreach Materials

Much more friendly materials were made possible through the grants, such as: tsunami preparation playing cards and pinwheel card for more community outreach.

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)

In March 2019, HB 21-23 passed the Commonwealth Emergency Management Assistance Compact Act of 2019, which is a national interstate mutual aid agreement that enables the states and U.S. territories to share resources in managing any emergency disaster that is duly declared by the Governor of the affected state or US territories.



State Warning Point

State Warning Point (SWP) continues to successfully and punctually disseminate daily weather forecasts, warnings, advisories, and special weather, marine weather, and flash flood statements when necessary to the public on a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week basis.



FINANCES

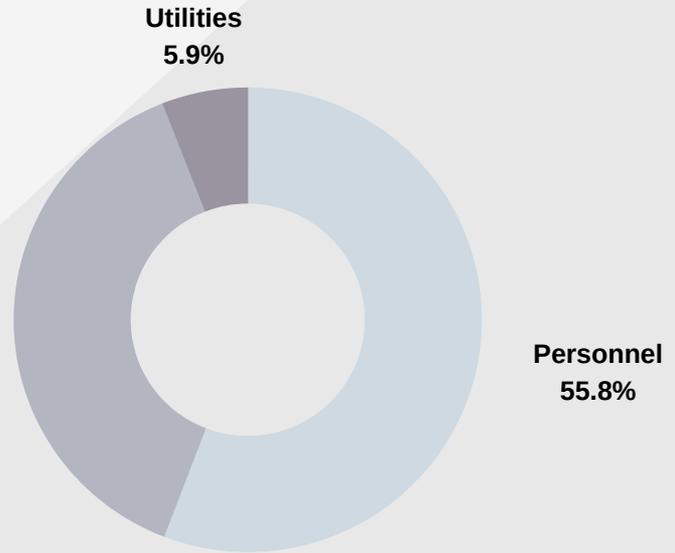
LOCAL FUNDS

House Bill 20-173, SSI, CCSI entitled, "To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentality, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for the government corporations for Fiscal Year 2019, and for other purposes."

Personnel	\$471,802
Operations*	\$323,370*
Utilities	\$50,198
Total:	\$845,370

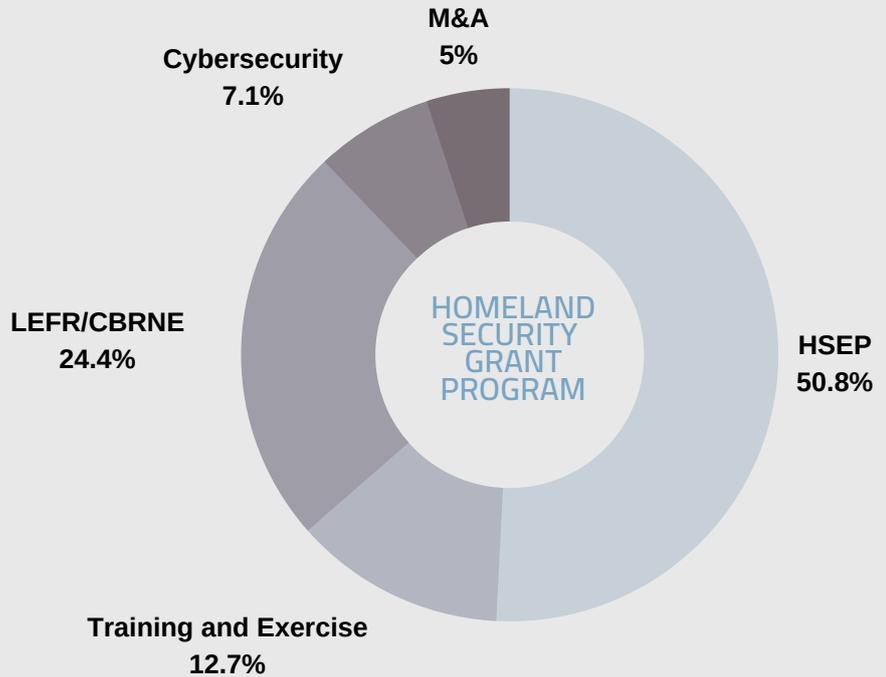
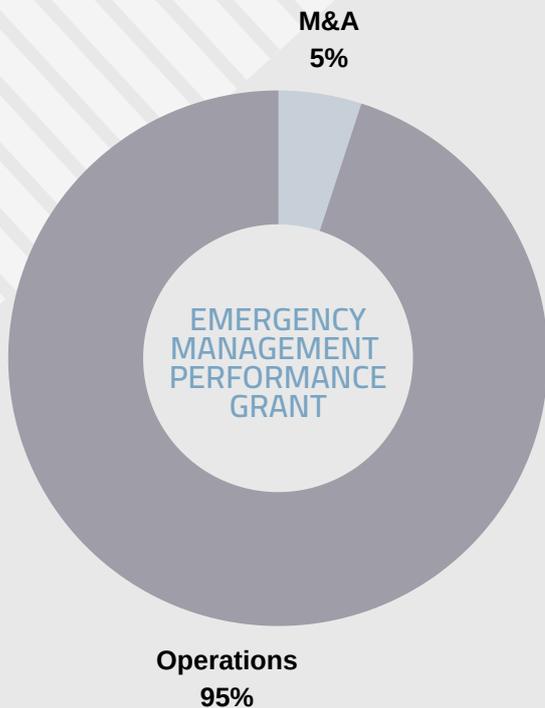
*Due to austerity measures, operational funding was reverted.

Operations*
38.3%



FEDERAL GRANTS

Every year, the CNMI HSEM applies for the Emergency Management Program Grant (EMPG) and the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). For both grants in fiscal year 2019, we were awarded close to \$2 million:



M&A: Management and Administration

LEFR/CBRN EP: Law Enforcement First Responder/Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear & Explosives Enhancement Program

HSEP: Homeland Security Enhancement Program



OUTLOOK

CHALLENGES

Frequent Typhoons

Having to face more frequent and stronger typhoons in the typhoon season, HSEM personnel often suspend their daily work duties to assume the roles and responsibilities in emergency operations, which in turn causes delay and extensions to many grant submissions.

Super Typhoon Yutu

Super Typhoon Yutu put a major setback as it stretched the agency's capabilities due to the lack of manpower and resources.

Relying on Federal Grants

Nearly 50% of a grant is allocated towards salaries. Utilizing a full percentage of that limits operational funding that could go to projects, equipments and more.

Austerity

Due to austerity, CNMI HSEM projects and activities were either suspended, extended and/or limited.

Communication Shutdown

Super Typhoon Yutu completely severed one of the main cable lines which resulted in communication blackout.

LOOKING FORWARD

Continued Community Outreach, Trainings & Exercises

CNMI HSEM personnel receive training and exercise to enhance and improve performances within the agency. Our personnel also continue to provide training for the private sectors and partnering agencies on emergency preparedness. Additionally, CNMI HSEM also continues to provide community outreach to the public on matters regarding emergency preparedness on all disaster scenarios.

ReadyCNMI App

The agency's Information Technology (IT) department continues to update our ReadyCNMI app, which enables users on island to view the latest updates from the Joint Information Center. Along with the alerts of disaster preparedness, this app also provides readiness resources for shelters, emergency plans, condition readiness and more.

Early Warning System

An early warning system will soon be implemented by placing five (5) sirens on the island of Saipan, and one (1) on Tinian. Rota is soon to be assessed. This early warning system is designed to predict and mitigate the harm of tsunamis, and other natural or human-initiated disasters.

We want to hear from you. Do you think there should be more additional information? Please let us know by contacting the Homeland Security and Emergency Management main office.

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