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✓	38GL-26-2447	Department of Public Health and Social Services	EMS Commission and EMS for Children Advisory Committee Meeting held May 28, 2026 and reconvened on June 04, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2448	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Acting Director Designation of PeterJohn D. Camacho, MPH, for the Department of Public Health and Social Services from June 15, 2026 to June 17, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2449	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Guam Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Board Meeting Packet for June 8, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2450	Department of Public Health and Social Services	Guam Board of Medical Examiners Board Meeting Packet for June 10, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2451	Department of Parks and Recreation	Approval of the Above-Step Recruitment of Gabrielle Lynn Lupola for Historian*
✓	38GL-26-2452	Civil Service Commission	Board Meeting Packet for June 11, 2026*
✓	38GL-26-2453	Commission on Decolonization	FY2024 Citizen-Centric Report*
✓	38GL-26-2454	Guam Commission for Educator Certification	This is a Transmittal to I Liheslaturan Guåhan of Proposed Rules and Regulations pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Law for Proposed Amendments to Existing Rules and Regulations, 5A GAR Education, Chap. 8 Guam Commission for Education Certification (PL.31-50/PL32-220).
✓	38GL-26-2455	Department of Public Works	Prior Years Obligations to pay Xerox Corporation in the total amount of \$854.87*

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38GL-26-2453	Commission on Decolonization	FY2024 Citizen-Centric Report*
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CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT

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THE COMMISSION

The Commission on Decolonization was established by the 24th Guam Legislature in 1997 to enhance the efforts of the Commission on Self-Determination. Its purpose is to educate the people of Guam on the various political status options available. Since then, the Commission and each respective Task Force have conducted educational and outreach programs including meetings, rallies, and seminars in efforts to inform the public about the decolonization process and three status options - Free Association, Independence, and Statehood.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Commission on Decolonization is charged with carrying out the mandates of P.L. 23-147 and with assisting the Guam Election Commission to populate the Decolonization Registry. The Commission is also mandated to develop and implement an educational plan for an upcoming Political Status Plebiscite.

MANDATES

- "To ascertain the intent of the Native Inhabitants of Guam as to their future political relationship with the United States." (1 GCA Ch. 21 §2105)
- To conduct a public education program in conjunction with the three (3) political status task force options: Independence, Free Association, and Statehood, as provided by law, based on their position relative to their political status option (1 GCA Ch. 21 §2109).

GOALS

- To continue to develop and produce decolonization-related educational materials and programming in various forms (i.e. print, broadcast, social media) for community distribution.
- To create opportunities for public education and engagement on Self-determination, the ongoing decolonization process, and the political status options (Statehood, Free Association, and Independence) by planning and conducting community events.

OUR PERFORMANCE

COMMUNITY EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

As part of the Commission on Decolonization (COD)'s mandate to conduct a Public Information Program (1 GCA, Ch. 21 §2109), the office carried out community outreach initiatives to expand public education, awareness, and discourse. Notable highlights include:

- **Fanhita: Security, Sovereignty, and a Path to Peace:** From October 30 to November 1, 2023, COD held its third Fanhita conference. Attendees were invited to learn more about the connections between Self-determination, decolonization, the militarization of Guam, our role in geopolitics, and the implications for our island's genuine security. The conference also had a youth-focused component. Students participated in a day of breakout sessions centered on exploring Guam's ongoing decolonization through visual, musical, and literary arts.
- **Radio Show - Challenge the Status Quo:** In January 2024, COD began a partnership with WAVE 105.1 FM. The company has offered COD a weekly two-hour time slot for *Challenge the Status Quo*, a radio talk show hosted by Executive Director Won Pat-Borja. The show invited community members to listen and engage in conversations on Guam's political status and its connections to current events. The Task Forces were also invited to use this platform to discuss and advocate for their chosen political status option.
- **Community Presentations & Outreach Events:** COD continued to deliver comprehensive community presentations, primarily to high school and college students. In FY 2024, the office developed and delivered several specialized presentations at community events, such as the Mo'na Manhoben: 2023 Sustainability Summit on Food Security. COD also engaged the community by hosting outreach tables during Mes CHamoru and various school events.
- **T-Shirt Collaboration Project:** As a strategy to expand awareness, COD partnered with three local clothing companies (Fokai, LongLive, and Opake) to develop t-shirt designs promoting Self-determination and decolonization in Guam. Notably, all the t-shirt designs included a QR code linked to COD's website, which hosts electronic versions of the COD educational resources. Each t-shirt design had a limited print run and was distributed to the community through various in-person outreach events.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

As mandated by §2112 of 1 GCA Ch. 21, COD is empowered to engage with "any person, firm, association, corporation or any agency and instrumentality of the government of Guam or the United States or any country, state, territory or the United Nations" that is necessary or appropriate to conduct its activities. In FY 2024, COD continued to participate in relevant regional and United Nations events that promote and prepare Guam for elevation to a fully Self-governing political status.

Regional Engagement

In FY 2024, Executive Director Won Pat-Borja attended both the Micronesian Islands Forum (MIF) and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF). During which, COD supported the Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration's push for Associate membership in PIF. An elevation in membership status was achieved, and has created greater access and engagement with PIF members.

United Nations

In FY 2024, COD participated in the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization (UN C24) Regional and Substantive Sessions and the UN Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth Committee)'s 79th Annual Session. All three engagements created an opportunity for the Guam delegation to engage with fellow Non-Self-Governing Territories (NSGTs) and UN Permanent Missions.

IN-PERSON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Type of outreach	FY 2024
COD Community/ Specialized Presentations	7
College-Level Presentation	18
High School-Level Presentation	5
Material Distribution Events	31
Outreach Table/ Community Events	11
Challenge the Status Quo - Radio Shows	35

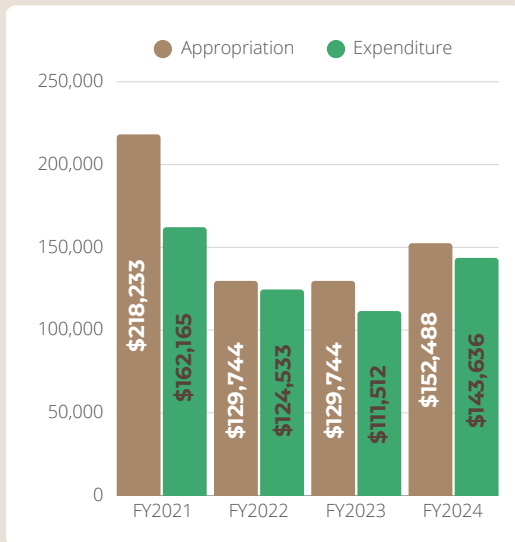


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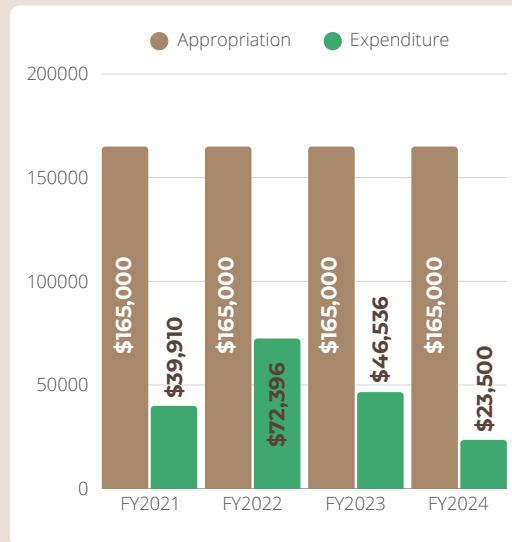
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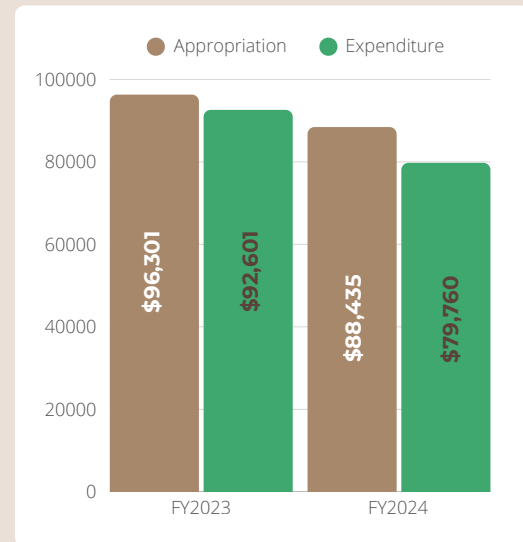
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MOVING FORWARD



A LOOK AHEAD

In FY 2025, the Commission on Decolonization aims to build upon the foundation of outreach and community education initiatives established in prior years.

One successful strategy in FY 2024, was the expansion of community partnerships to widen reach. COD plans to continue to partner with a diverse group of local organizations and companies to distribute educational material and promote awareness and discourse on Self-determination and decolonization in Guam. Notably, COD has established a partnership with Nihi Indigenous media and will debut two short video projects in Quarter 1 of FY 2025.

COD also aims to continue key initiatives, such as hosting Challenge the Status Quo and conducting a fourth Fanhita Conference. Both projects will invite community members, experts, and organizations to participate in spaces that foster learning and conversations on decolonization-related topics.

Finally, COD will continue to provide support to the educational initiatives led by the political status task forces.

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