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Guam Offices of Homeland Security and Civil Defense



Fiscal Year 2021 Citizen-Centric Report

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Vision

Building a resilient Guam through proactive, comprehensive, and equitable homeland security and emergency management preparedness strategies to ensure our community's safety, well-being, and prosperity in the face of any challenge, setting the standard for Pacific readiness.

OHS Mission

Develop and coordinate the implementation of a comprehensive plan to protect Guam and its people from terrorism, invasion, insurrection, rebellion, lawless violence, or the threat thereof



OCD Mission

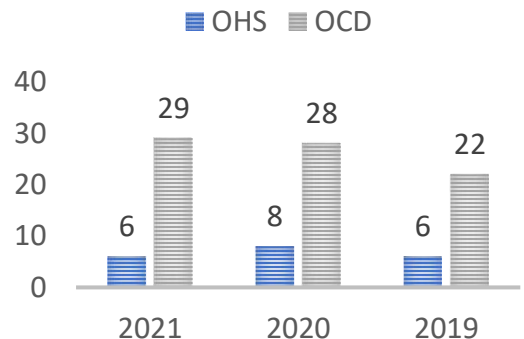
Executing all emergency functions to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damages from natural and human-cause disasters.

Strategic Goals

1. Pandemic Response and Recovery
2. Infrastructure Resilience
3. Strengthened Partnerships and Collaborative Initiatives
4. Community Engagement and Public Awareness

Personnel

	2021	2020	2019
Office of Homeland Security	1	3	1
Mariana Regional Fusion Center	5	5	5
Office of Civil Defense	23	22	19
Public Assistance	6	6	3
TOTAL	35	36	28



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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COVID-19 Response and Recovery Operations

Public Health Coordination

We continued coordinating with the Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) to support testing, vaccination, and public health information campaigns.

Resource Distribution

Managed the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), testing kits, and other critical supplies to frontline workers and vulnerable populations.

Community Support Initiatives

Supported community-based initiatives to provide relief and assistance to those impacted by the pandemic, including food distribution programs and aid.



National Preparedness Month

Community Engagement and Education

We led the island in celebrating National Preparedness Month (NPM) under the theme “Disasters Don’t Wait. Make Your Plan Today.” The annual event encouraged the community to take proactive steps in disaster preparedness, emphasizing the importance of planning, communication, and safety measures, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. GHS/OCD highlighted Guam’s emergency management capabilities, urging families and organizations to update their emergency plans with pandemic-specific considerations.

Weekly Preparedness Themes

We promoted weekly themes designed to guide residents through essential preparedness activities. The themes included making a communication plan, building an emergency kit, preparing homes for disasters, and teaching youth about preparedness. Each week focused on actionable steps that individuals and families could take to enhance their safety and resilience against various hazards, including typhoons and other common threats to Guam.



Youth Engagement and Social Media Outreach

We engaged the island’s youth through emergency preparedness contests for elementary, middle, and high school students. These contests, conducted safely from home, aimed to foster a culture of preparedness among young residents. The community was also encouraged to follow GHS/OCD on social media for continuous updates and to stay informed about how to protect themselves and their families during emergencies.

NPM Grand Finale

Our Grand Finale brought together various emergency management stakeholders, including federal and local agencies, non-profits, and the private sector. The expo featured demonstrations, information booths, and hands-on activities designed to engage and educate the public.

FINANCIALS

Appropriations

General Fund

GHS-OCD does not have a general fund appropriation and remains 100% federally funded.

Federal Funds

In FY21, GHS-OCD secured critical funding through various federal grants to bolster Guam's emergency preparedness and infrastructure resilience. **HSGP** saw an increase to \$1.05 million, continuing its steady growth from previous years. **NSGP** also provided significant support, with \$464,000 awarded to enhance the security of Guam's non-profit organizations.

EMPG remained stable at \$995,000, and additional support was provided through the American Rescue Plan Act, contributing an extra \$280,000 to address pandemic-related challenges. **BRIC** was a key funding source, with \$1.18 million allocated to ongoing disaster resilience initiatives. Furthermore, the NTHMP received \$803,000, reflecting continued efforts to strengthen Guam's preparedness against tsunami threats.

A significant portion of the federal funds for FY21 was the \$52.10 million received through the **PA** grant, which was explicitly related to COVID-19.

Federal Grants

	2021	2020
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)		
Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)	\$ 1.05M	1.00M
Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP)	\$ 464K	-
State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)	\$ -	-
DHS-Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)		
Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)	\$ 995K	995K
EMPG American Rescue Plan Act	\$ 280K	-
EMPG-Supplemental	\$ -	280K
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	\$ 1.18M	3.32M
Public Assistance (PA)	\$ 52.10M	-
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	\$ 238K	-
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)		
National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	\$ 803K	578K
TOTALS	\$ 57.11M	\$6.17M

Budget by Object Class

	2021	% of Total
Personnel	\$ 1.12M	29.7
Fringe Benefits	\$ 456K	12.1
Travel	\$ 122K	3.1
Equipment	\$ 74K	2.0
Supplies	\$ 35K	0.9
Contractual	\$ 1.97M	52.2

Expenditures

Contractual services dominated the budget, accounting for 52.2% of the total expenditures, up from 39.7% in FY20. The increase highlights a growing reliance on external expertise and services to meet operational demands. Personnel costs comprised 29.7% of the budget, reflecting a decrease from 35.0% in the previous year, indicating a slight reduction in emphasis on internal staffing costs. Travel expenses remained modest at 3.1%, while equipment spending decreased significantly to 2.0% from 5.1% in FY20. The allocation for supplies was minimal at 0.9%, consistent with the previous year. Overall, the FY21 budget reflects a strategic shift towards increasing external support through contractual services, while maintaining essential internal resources and operational readiness.

OUR FUTURE

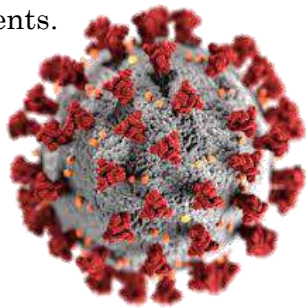
Economic Outlook

The availability of federal grants will continue to be vital in sustaining and advancing GHS-OCD's mission. Over the past year, we have secured significant funding, particularly in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has bolstered our ability to protect and serve the island's residents. However, as the immediate crisis subsides, there is uncertainty about whether such levels of federal support will continue. Federal priorities may shift, potentially leading to changes in the allocation of funds for homeland security, disaster preparedness, and public health initiatives.

To navigate these challenges, it is imperative that GHS-OCD remains proactive in seeking out new grant opportunities and strengthening our relationships with federal agencies to ensure ongoing financial support. Additionally, exploring innovative funding mechanisms and partnerships will be crucial in supplementing federal grants. Our approach will help ensure that our critical programs and initiatives remain resilient and effective in safeguarding the island's residents against emerging threats. As we progress, it will also be important to advocate for general fund support from the local government to supplement these efforts. A diversified financial strategy will be key to maintaining our operational readiness and adaptability in an evolving environment.

Future Challenges

We must navigate a rapidly evolving landscape of challenges. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to exert immense pressure on our public health and emergency response systems, requiring ongoing adaptation to manage its far-reaching impacts. At the same time, the escalating frequency and intensity of climate-related disasters demand that we enhance our preparedness and resilience strategies to protect our island from the increasing threats posed by typhoons, flooding, and other severe weather events.



One of the critical challenges we face is the instability of global supply chains. The pandemic has underscored the vulnerabilities in our ability to procure essential equipment, medical supplies, and other critical resources needed for effective emergency management. Ensuring supply chain resilience is now more important than ever, as delays or disruptions could significantly impact our capacity to respond to emergencies swiftly and effectively.

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