

**GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST
(A Component Unit of the Government of Guam)**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
And
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Year ended September 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
Guam Preservation Trust

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Guam Preservation Trust (the Trust), a component unit of the Government of Guam, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and General Fund of the Trust, as of September 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

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The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4-13 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements. The accompanying comparative financial statement information and the Schedule of Committed and Restricted Funds on pages 32-34, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the comparative financial statement information and the Schedule of Committed and Restricted Funds are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

We have previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the basic financial statements of the Trust as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, which is not presented with the accompanying financial statements, and we expressed unmodified opinions on the respective financial statements of governmental activities and general fund of the Trust. That audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements as a whole. The comparative financial statement information for the year ended September 30, 2023, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial information. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 basic financial statements. The information was subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the 2023 comparative financial statement information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 22, 2025, on our consideration of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Bruge, Comer & Associates

Tamuning, Guam
May 22, 2025

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Management's Discussion and Analysis
September 30, 2024

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Guam Preservation Trust's financial performance for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 is presented to better understand the Trust and its financial status in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the Standards of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Introduction

The Guam Preservation Trust (the Trust) was created in 1990 as a non-profit, public corporation governed by a Board of Directors. It is dedicated to preserving and protecting Guam's historic sites and culture as well as educating the public about those issues.

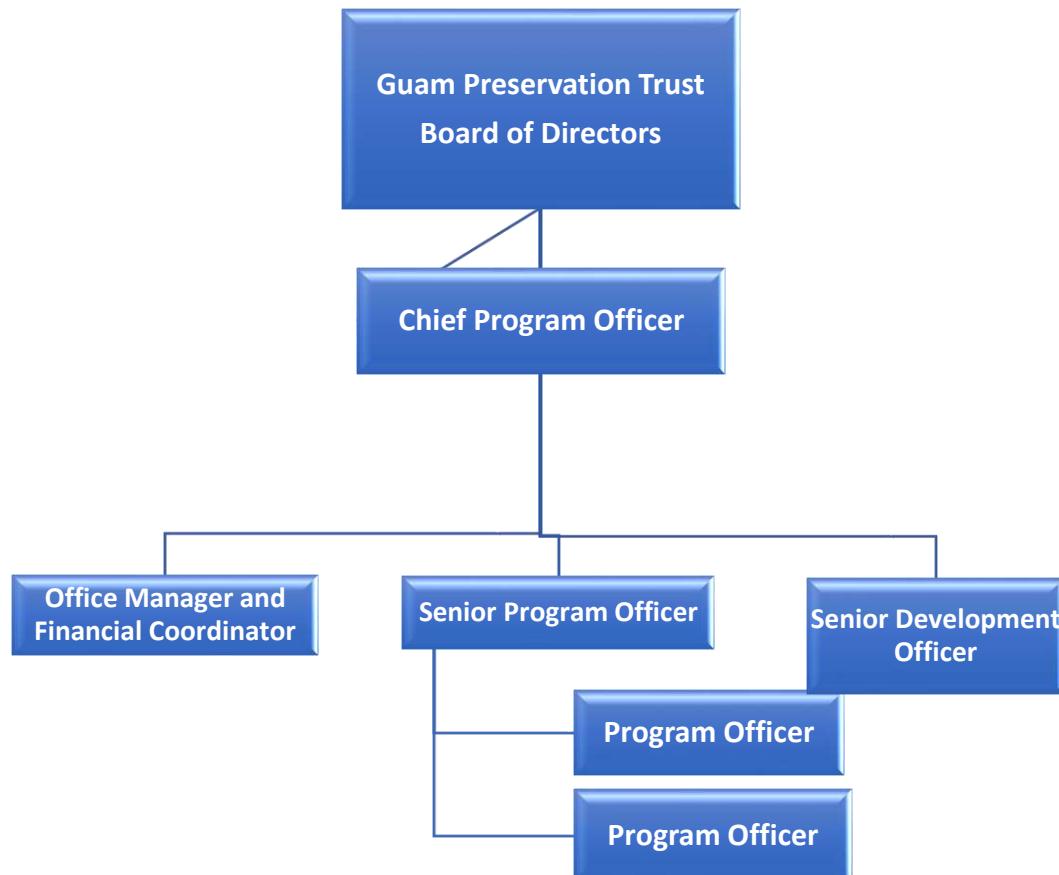
Management

The Trust is a 501(c) 3 Non-profit Corporation comprised of ten board members representing five disciplines (Archaeology, Architecture, Chamorro Culture, Community Planning, and History). Each discipline is represented by a primary and an alternate Board Member. Board Members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Legislature to the Historic Review Board of the Guam Department of Parks and Recreation, automatically sit on the Trust Board. The Board of Directors conducts its regular monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00pm.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the delay in appointments to fill vacant board member positions have subsequently prevented a quorum to conduct official GPT Board meetings, which resulted in a total of three (3) Trust Board of Directors meetings for the fiscal year. A total of thirteen (13) board resolutions were made. Attendance of Board Members representing four of the five disciplines constitute a quorum.

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Management, continued

The Trust Board Members by discipline are:

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Primary Members</u>	<u>Alternate Members</u>
Architecture	Michael Makio, AIA (Board Chair)	(Vacant)
Archaeology	(Vacant)	(Vacant)
Chamorro Culture	Zina Ruiz	(Vacant)
History	Eric Forbes	Vincent Leon Guerrero
Planning	Dave Lotz	Edwin Reyes

The Trust is currently staffed by Joseph Quinata, Chief Program Officer; Ruby Santos, Office Manager/Financial Coordinator; Andrew Tenorio, Senior Program Officer, Lawrence Borja Jr., Senior Development Officer, Kyle Riordan, Program Officer, and Troy Cruz, Program Officer. The Trust personnel are non-government employees and are governed by the Trust's personnel handbook policy. Legal and accounting services are contracted by the Trust.

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The Trust Vision

Historic Preservation on Guam is a public responsibility that is shared through education, cooperation, and advocacy all linking to Guam's Cultural Heritage.

The Trust Mission

The Trust will preserve and protect Guam's historic sites, culture, and perspectives for the benefit of our people and our future.

2024 Highlights

The *Atantåo Heritage Preserve Master Plan* completed the Plant and Cultural Resources Inventories through a \$200,000.00 grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Interior.

***Guam Preservation Trust Five-Year Strategic Plan* (<https://www.pacificpreservation.org/2023>)**

The Guam Preservation Trust and about one hundred community stakeholders present the five-year GPT Historic Preservation Strategic Plan (2023-2027) as a statement of our community's bold step continues to take action to preserve and protect our heritage for all to benefit. The plan's framework is goal-oriented and therefore provides strategies that if coordinated well, will bring together Guam's citizens and the preservation community to identify where our diverse goals complement historic preservation and how we can all work together to ultimately preserve Guam's heritage.

Capacity Building, Education, and Outreach

The Guam Preservation Trust continues to provide for education and outreach such as the *Oral Narratives Recalled and Appreciated (ONRA) Summit* that brought together about 200 local and regional preservation stakeholders to share, educate through experiences and oral histories; the annual *Guam History Day* (www.guamhistoryday.weebly.com) competition for middle and high school students; *Historic Lujan House* – over 50 employees from the First Hawaiian Bank Community Care Program participated in the Historic Lujan House Education and Spring Cleanup; *Atantano trail maintenance* in partnership with the Piti Mayor's Office; and the annual Santa Cruz Fiesta Atantano Exhibit.

Restoration, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction of Historic Structures

The Architectural and Engineering Design Plans for the **George Flores House** in Inalåhan and the **Rosario House** in Hagåtña are completed, bringing a total of four (4) historic structures that are shovel-ready for the construction phase upon availability of funds. GPT was awarded \$250,000.00 from the Department of Interior Maintenance Assistance Program for the repairs of the historic **Lujan House** in Hagåtña.

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Community Partnerships and Investments

In 2024, the Trust partnered with over thirty public and private organizations, and individuals from the community to oversee grants and projects to accomplish our *proposed outcomes* (Goals) for the year. All have been successful in their respective delivery to the community for their benefit and appreciation.

Regional, National and International Support

The Trust made strides in developing partnerships with technical and professional resources in the preservation arena. These resources are invaluable and contribute to the capacity building of our community in advancing preservation on Guam. The following are preservation partners in the region, the nation, and international:

Palau Conservation Society, Micronesia Conservation Trust, Conservation Society of Pohnpei, St. Croix Crucian Heritage and Nature Tourism, Asian & Pacific Islanders American for Historic Preservation (APIAHiP); National History Day, Inc. (NHD); The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP); National Park Service; Association for Preservation Technology International (APT); U.S. Department of Interior (OIA/TAP); National Preservation Partners Network; University of Pompeu Fabra Barcelona, Spain; Historic Preservation Education Foundation,

Trust Standards of Success (Goals)

Guam's preservation stakeholders presented the Trust Five-Year Historic Preservation Strategic Plan as a statement of our community's bold step towards taking action to preserve and protect our heritage for all to benefit. Today, the Trust presents its report as a testimony of the diligence and dedication of the Trust Board of Directors, staff, and the preservation community in accomplishing this year's *proposed outcomes* and achieving the *standards of success* or goals expected by the community.

The Guam Preservation Trust Goals

1. Historic Property Documentation and Register Nomination

The Trust will provide opportunities for documentation of the historic significance of places, objects, structures, buildings, and sites, and is in the formal process for registration and nomination for listing on the Guam/and or National Register of Historic Places.

Action Outcomes

No proposals were received in this category; therefore, no funding was approved for FY24.

2. Public Interpretation and Presentation

The Trust will assist historians and other writers in the interpretation and presentation of historic properties for public education and appreciation.

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Action Outcomes

Project Name	Date Approved	Approved Amount	Expenditures To Date	Balance as of 9/30/2024
Teaching With Historic Places	8/13/15	\$14,400	\$11,348	\$3,052
Capital Development Campaign	7/10/17	\$20,000	\$266	\$19,734
Board Orientation	3/11/20	\$800	\$0	\$800
Five Year Strategic Plan	2/9/22	\$25,000	\$3,641	\$21,359*
The Lanchu Project	5/17/22	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$0
Architecture Book Reprint	12/14/22	\$8,000	\$7,686	\$314*
Archbishop Flores House Cleanup	2/8/23	\$1,200	\$1,140	\$60*
Malesso Revitalization Plan	4/20/23	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000
The Association of Chamorros in Midwest	4/20/23	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000*
Marianas History Conference	8/9/23	\$6,000	\$396	\$5,604*
Archbishop Flores House Cleanup -FY24	3/13/24	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$0
National History Day 2024	3/13/24	\$30,300	\$30,258	\$42**

*Defunded by Board motion 12/13/23

**Project completed. Balance remains with GPT.

3. Architecture Research

The Guam Preservation Trust, in collaboration with architectural engineering organizations, will develop architectural research and documentation of historic structures for use in rehabilitation, renovation, restoration, or re-construction.

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Action Outcomes

Project Name	Date Approved	Approved Amount	Expenditures To Date	Balance as of 9/30/2024
FQ Sanchez Facility A&E	12/18/14	\$208,054	\$207,554	\$500
FQ Sanchez Facility A&E – Amendment 1	5/12/21	\$51,913	\$50,123	\$1,790
FQ Sanchez Facility A&E – Amendment 3	7/12/22	\$189,450	\$0	\$143,982

4. Ethnography and Oral History

The Guam Preservation Trust, in collaboration with organizations involved in ethnography and oral history, will dedicate resources, the research and documents: 1) Historic places; and 2) Traditional cultural values and practices significant to Guam.

Action Outcomes

No proposals were received in this category; therefore, no funding was approved for FY24.

5. Repair, Rehabilitation, Restoration, or Renovation of Historic Buildings and Structures

The Guam Preservation Trust, in collaboration with other organizations and property owners, will dedicate resources for the care and treatment of deteriorating historic structures and buildings.

Action Outcomes

Project Name	Date Approved	Approved Amount	Expenditures To Date	Balance as of 9/30/2024
George Flores House	11/12/20	\$93,936	\$93,936	\$0
Amendment-HSR	2/9/22	\$18,028	\$18,028	\$0
Amendment-Floor Elevation	8/23/23	\$8,000	\$8000	\$0
Inalåhan Baptist Church Fencing	4/20/23	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
FQ Sanchez Rehabilitation-PL36-82	2/25/23	\$3,500,000	\$1,321,925	\$2,178,075
FQ Sanchez – GPT	8/9/23	\$499,298		\$499,298

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6. Archaeological Research

The Guam Preservation Trust will work with the archaeological organizations to provide for archaeological research to better understand Guam's history.

Action Outcomes

Project Name	Date Approved	Approved Amount	Expenditures To Date	Balance as of 9/30/2024
Guam Rock Art Study	8/9/19	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
Archaeological Field School	7/8/20	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500*
FQ Sanchez Archaeological Monitoring	3/8/23	\$30,000	\$11,436	\$18,564

*Defunded by Board motion 12/13/23

7. Archival Research

The Guam Preservation Trust, in collaboration with archival organizations, will develop and provide archival research that focuses on specific historic places or broad patterns of events significant in Guam's history for public education and appreciation.

Action Outcomes

No proposals were received in this category; therefore, no funding was approved in FY24.

8. Grants Awarded to GPT

The Guam Preservation Trust applied for and was awarded grants from local, federal, and national institutions to fund community outreach programs in preservation.

Action Outcomes

Project Name	Date Approved	Approved Amount	Expenditures To Date	Balance as of 9/30/2024
Take Care Grant – Heritage Communities are Healthy Communities	1/11/19	\$3,000	\$2,877	\$123
Dept. of Interior – Pacific Preservation Technology	4/29/19	\$94,801	\$94,601	\$200**
Dept. of Interior - World Heritage Training & Workshop	9/6/19	\$63,217	\$61,391	\$1,826**
Dept. of Interior – Atantano Heritage Preserve	6/25/21	\$200,000	\$167,302	\$32,698

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Guam Museum – I Hinanao-ta Exhibit	9/16/21	\$33,599	\$24,560	\$9,039**
GEDA – Cannon Refurbishing	12/16/21	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Dept. of the Navy – Hila'an Survey & Appraisal	9/23/21	\$150,000	\$17,351	\$132,649
Office of the Attorney General – Education/Cooperation/Advocacy Programs	8/17/22	\$200,000	\$37,292.96	\$162,707
Dept. of Interior – Historic Lujan House Critical Repair Project	8/15/24	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000

**Project completed. Balance remains with GPT.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trust's financial discussion and analysis are intended to present the Guam Preservation Trust's financial statements that comprise of the basic financial statements and financial notes to present the financial position and operating results of the Guam Preservation Trust.

The statements are expected to provide the Trust's operational accountability information and to enable them to do the following:

- understand the true financial position of the Guam Preservation Trust, including capital and financial assets and long-term as well as short-term liabilities;
- determine whether the entity can continue to provide current service levels and meet its obligations as they become due; and
- determine the operating results of the entity, including the economic cost and the net cost of services, and assess the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of operations.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on the Trust's assets and liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources (which is the acquisition of net assets by the Trust for future period) and deferred outflows (which is the outflow of net position which will be recognized in a future period). Net position may, over time, serve as an indicator to measure or gauge the Trust's financial condition. The Statement of Activities presents information on how the Trust's net position changed during the fiscal year. All the current year's revenue and expenses are reported in this profit and loss statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in the future fiscal period. The following analysis provides a summary of the Trust's net position as of September 30, 2024 and 2023:

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	Statement of Net Position		% Change Increase	
	2024	2023	(Decrease)	\$ Change
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,376,834	\$ 1,712,161	38.8%	\$ 664,673
Investments	2,991,594	4,141,131	(27.8%)	(1,149,537)
Prepays	-	17,196	(100.0%)	(17,196)
Due from Government of Guam				
building permit fund, net	362,328	37,861	857.0%	324,467
Right-of-use asset	2,486	5,022	(50.5%)	(2,536)
Depreciable capital assets, net	30,233	33,726	(10.4%)	(3,493)
Nondepreciable capital assets	<u>11,259,667</u>	<u>10,873,408</u>	3.6%	<u>386,259</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 17,023,142</u>	<u>\$ 16,820,505</u>	1.2%	<u>\$ 202,637</u>
Liabilities and Net Position:				
Accrued expenses	\$ 244,901	\$ 29,476	730.8%	\$ 215,425
Grant deposit	8,000	8,000	0.0%	-
Compensated absences	57,159	64,208	(11.0%)	(7,049)
Lease liability	<u>3,065</u>	<u>5,602</u>	(45.3%)	<u>(2,537)</u>
Total liabilities	<u>313,125</u>	<u>107,286</u>	191.9%	<u>205,839</u>
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	1,381,685	1,001,455	38.0%	380,230
Restricted - non expendable	9,910,701	9,910,701	0.0%	-
Restricted - expendable	3,666,303	4,951,873	(26.0%)	(1,285,570)
Unrestricted	<u>1,751,328</u>	<u>849,190</u>	106.2%	<u>902,138</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 16,710,017</u>	<u>\$ 16,713,219</u>	(0.0%)	<u>\$ (3,202)</u>
Statement of Activities		% Change Increase		
	2024	2023	(Decrease)	\$ Change
Revenues:				
Grants and other support	\$ 74,496	\$ 308,114	(75.8%)	\$ (233,618)
Building permit fees	1,194,808	1,014,377	17.8%	180,431
Recovery of bad debt	249,659	-	100.0%	249,659
Interest income	152,869	115,220	32.7%	37,649
Increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	<u>431,872</u>	<u>27,391</u>	1,476.7%	<u>404,481</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 2,103,704</u>	<u>\$ 1,465,102</u>	43.6%	<u>\$ 638,602</u>
Expenditures:				
Expenditures	<u>2,106,906</u>	<u>672,735</u>	213.2%	<u>1,434,171</u>
Change in net position	(3,202)	792,367	(100.4%)	(795,569)
Beginning of year	<u>16,713,219</u>	<u>15,920,852</u>	5.0%	<u>792,367</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 16,710,017</u>	<u>\$ 16,713,219</u>	(0.0%)	<u>\$ (3,202)</u>

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Revenues

The Guam Preservation Trust revenues derived from local and federal grants, individual and corporate donations, investment income, and Building Permit Fees administered by the Guam Department of Public Works. The Trust is a public corporation (501c3) and therefore is excluded from the Government of Guam Budget Act.

Total revenue for fiscal year ending 2024 is \$2,103,704, an increase of \$638,602 from FY2023 total of \$1,465,102. In 2024, the Trust received \$1,194,808 from building permit fees; \$74,496 from grants and donations, and \$431,872 from investment income.

Building Permit Revenues Collections

For fiscal year 2024, a total of \$1,194,808 was collected from building permit fees to the Guam Preservation Trust, an increase of \$180,431 from the FY 2023 total of \$1,014,377. This increase is attributed solely to the increase in construction activity in FY2024. Construction activity can be as large as hotel development or as small as renovation on a home or existing small structure.

Investments

Investment income for FY2024 is \$431,872, an increase of \$404,481 from FY2023 total of \$27,391. This is attributed to an increase in investments for FY2024. Total investment for FY2024 is \$2,991,594, a decrease of \$1,149,537.00 from FY2023 total of \$4,141,131. The decrease is attributed to drawdowns to fund capital projects such as the rehabilitation of the Historic F.Q. Sanchez School and the Architectural and Engineering Design to rehabilitate the George Flores House in Inalåhan (an acquired property of the Trust).

Expenditures

Overall expenditures for FY2024 are \$2,106,906, an increase of \$1,434,171 from FY 2023 of \$672,735. This is attributed mostly to the increase in capital project expenditures in FY2024 such as the Historic F. Q. Sanchez School project.

Bad Debt Recovery

A highlight that is significant is the recovery of \$249,659 due to the Guam Preservation Trust for FY2024 and previous debt due to GPT. In accordance with Public Law that created the Guam Preservation Trust, Building Permit Fees collected is deposited into the Guam Preservation Trust Reserve Account and transmitted quarterly to the Guam Preservation Trust.

Contacting the Trust's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Trust's finances and to demonstrate the Trust's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional information, please contact Joe Quinata or Ruby Santos at the Guam Preservation Trust P.O. Box 3036 Hagåtña, Guam 96932 or e-mail jqpreservation@guam.net or rspreservation@guam.net Tel: (671)472-9439/40.

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	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,376,834	\$ -	\$ 2,376,834
Investments	2,991,594	-	2,991,594
Due from Government of Guam			
building permit fund, net	362,328	-	362,328
Right of use asset - equipment	-	2,486	2,486
Depreciable capital assets, net	-	30,233	30,233
Nondepreciable capital assets	-	<u>11,259,667</u>	<u>11,259,667</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 5,730,756</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,292,386</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,023,142</u></u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position:			
Accrued expenses	\$ 244,901	\$ -	\$ 244,901
Grant deposit	8,000	-	8,000
Long-term liability			
Due in one year	-	36,144	36,144
Due after one year	-	<u>24,080</u>	<u>24,080</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>252,901</u></u>	<u><u>60,224</u></u>	<u><u>313,125</u></u>
Fund balance:			
Restricted	2,792,736		
Committed	873,567		
Unassigned	<u>1,811,552</u>		
Total fund balance	<u><u>5,477,855</u></u>	<u><u>(5,477,855)</u></u>	
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 5,730,756</u></u>		
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	1,381,685		
Restricted - non-expendable	9,910,701		
Restricted - expendable	3,666,303		
Unrestricted	<u>1,751,328</u>		
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 16,710,017</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,710,017</u></u>	

See accompanying notes to financial statements

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Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and
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	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Revenues:			
Building permit fees	\$ 1,194,808	\$ -	\$ 1,194,808
Grants and other support	74,496	-	74,496
Recovery of bad debt	249,659	-	249,659
Investment income	152,869	-	152,869
Increase in fair value of investment	<u>431,872</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>431,872</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,103,704</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,103,704</u>
Expenditures:			
Program services – projects/grants	<u>1,469,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,469,331</u>
Supporting services:			
Personnel	477,414	(7,050)	470,364
Contractual	43,907	-	43,907
Trust fund and investment fees	37,175	-	37,175
Supplies and equipment rental	28,895	(2,537)	26,358
Travel	18,164	-	18,164
Utilities	12,781	-	12,781
Insurance	10,791	-	10,791
Depreciation	-	6,904	6,904
Communication	4,182	-	4,182
Advertising	3,552	-	3,552
Amortization of lease expense	-	2,537	2,537
Miscellaneous	860	-	860
Capital outlays	<u>389,670</u>	<u>(389,670)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,027,391</u>	<u>(389,816)</u>	<u>637,575</u>
Total expenditures/expenses	<u>2,496,722</u>	<u>(389,816)</u>	<u>2,106,906</u>
Excess of expenditures over revenues	(393,018)	393,018	-
Decrease in net position	-	(3,202)	(3,202)
Fund balance/net position:			
Beginning of year	<u>5,870,873</u>	<u>10,842,346</u>	<u>16,713,219</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 5,477,855</u>	<u>\$ 11,232,162</u>	<u>\$ 16,710,017</u>

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(1) Organization

The Guam Preservation Trust (the Trust) was established by Public Law 20-151 dated March 21, 1990 (as amended by Public Law 21-07 on April 19, 1991 and amended by Public Law 27-89 on May 6, 2004) as a public, non-profit corporation.

The Trust is a component unit of the Government of Guam. The Trust is governed by a Board of Directors (the Board), who shall be appointed by the Governor of Guam with the advice and consent of the Guam Legislature. Employees of the Trust are not Government of Guam employees and, accordingly, do not participate in the Government of Guam's retirement system.

The Trust was created for the following purposes:

- To seek local grants, federal grants and donations;
- To acquire title to threatened Guam properties for the preservation of their value whether in fee simple, leasehold, or by easement, through donation, transfer, dedication, purchase and eminent domain;
- To award grants for archaeological investigations;
- To prepare a Guam Preservation Trust Master Plan (the Plan) identifying by order of priority, the buildings, structures and sites which in the opinion of the Trust are deserving of preservation and which shall be preserved. The Trust shall hold a public hearing on the proposed plan and shall transmit the Plan to I Liheslaturan Guahan sixty (60) days prior to its implementation;
- To support other activities directly related to increasing public appreciation of and benefit from historical places.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Trust's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

The financial statements of the Trust are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Principles.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position presents the reporting entity's non-fiduciary assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in the following categories:

- *Net investment in capital assets* consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt that are attributed to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- *Restricted net position - nonexpendable* consists of permanent funds in which donors or other outside sources have stipulated that the principal is to be maintained inviolate and in perpetuity and invested for the purpose of producing present and future income, which may either be expended or added to the principal.
- *Restricted net position - expendable* consists of resources in which the Trust is legally or contractually obligated to spend resources in accordance with restrictions either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, and the like, or imposed by law.
- *Unrestricted net position* consists of net position which does not meet the definition of the three preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often is designated (for example, internally restricted), to indicate that management does not consider such to be available for general operations.

Measurement Focus/Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using a flow of economic resources measurement focus. The governmental-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Trust gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants and donations. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Measurement Focus/Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements, continued

The governmental fund financial statements of the Trust are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The statement of governmental fund revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by governmental funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). “Measurable” means that the amount of the transaction can be determined and “available” means that the amount of the transaction is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all governmental fund type revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

Fund Financial Statements

The Trust uses one governmental fund to report on its financial position and results of operations. The operations of this fund are accounted for with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures.

Separate financial statements are provided for Governmental funds. The Trust presents a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for its government fund. The ending fund balance on the balance sheet is then reconciled to the ending governmental net position.

Adjustments required to reconcile total governmental fund balance to net position of governmental activities in the statement of net position as of September 30, 2024, are as follows:

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Fund Financial Statements, continued

Fund balance – governmental funds	\$ 5,477,855
Add – capital assets and lease asset	11,292,386
Less – lease liability	(3,065)
Less – compensated absences payable	(57,159)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 16,710,017

Adjustments required to reconcile net change in total governmental fund balance to change in net position of governmental activities in the statement of activities for the year ended September 30, 2024, are as follows:

Net change in fund balances – governmental funds \$ (393,018)

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which the capital outlays exceeded depreciation.

Some income and expenses reported in the statement of activities do not affect the current financial resources and therefore are not reported as income and expenditures in the governmental funds. For the current year, these activities consist of personnel and equipment rental, and amortization of lease expense.

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ (3,202)

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Fund Financial Statements, continued

Fund Balance

Fund balance classifications are based on the extent to which the Trust is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent and are reported under the following fund balance classifications:

- Non-spendable - includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints.
- Restricted - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Committed - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision-making authority which is the Board. Formal action required to establish a committed fund balance typically includes formal approval by the Board. Once committed, these funds cannot be used for any other purpose unless the same formal action is taken to modify or rescind the commitment.
- Assigned - includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted nor committed. The authority to assign amounts to specific purposes lies with the Board.
- Unassigned - includes amounts that are available for any purpose in the General Fund. This classification is only used for the General Fund or for negative fund balances in other governmental funds when expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts that are available within those funds.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the Governmental Funds balance sheet/statement of net position, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash balances deposited in banks and money market accounts.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Investments

Investments are recorded at fair value. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale and are primarily determined based on quoted market values.

Capital Assets

Property and equipment are stated at cost at the date of acquisition. Capital assets are defined by the Trust as assets with an anticipated life or useful value of property over one year. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend the useful life of the assets are expensed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Capital assets are depreciated over a period of 3 to 25 years using the straight-line method. Construction in progress includes acquisition and other costs deemed necessary for the restoration and the development of a master plan for the future use of assets acquired.

Impairment of Capital Assets

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 42, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries*, the Trust evaluates prominent events or changes in circumstances affecting capital assets to determine whether impairment of a capital asset has occurred.

A capital asset generally should be considered impaired if both (a) the decline in service utility of the capital asset is large in magnitude; and (b) the event or change in circumstances is outside the normal life cycle of the capital asset. Impaired capital assets that will no longer be used are reported at the lower of carrying value or fair value.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recorded upon notification of receipt of building permit fees by the Government of Guam's Department of Administration.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Revenue Recognition, continued

Revenues of the Trust are comprised of building permit fees and interest earned on cash and investment balances. Public Law 20-151, Section 13, provides that the Trust will receive building permit fees and re-inspection fees collected by the Department of Public Works of the Government of Guam and fines for vandalism and unlawful taking of historic properties.

Public Law 36-107 amended Article 6, Chapter 76, Title 21 of the Guam Code Annotated, to allow for 100% of all building permit fees to be deposited in the Trust's fund. This became effective starting fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

Income Taxes

The Trust is exempt from Guam income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Guam Territorial Income Tax Law.

Compensated Absences

GASB Statement No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, provides that liabilities for vacation leave and other compensated absences, excluding sick leave, will be accrued provided the leave is attributable to past service.

The Trust compensates its employees for annual leave as follows:

- One half day (4 hours) for each full biweekly pay period in the case of employees with less than (1) to five (5) years of service;
- Three-fourths day (6 hours) for each biweekly pay period except that for accrual for the last full biweekly pay period in the year shall be one and one-fourth (10 hours) in the case of employees with six (6) to ten (10) years of service; and
- One day (8 hours) for each full biweekly pay period in the case of employees with eleven (11) or more years of service.

Employees entitled to annual leave may accumulate up to four hundred eighty (480) hours thereof. Any annual leave earned by eligible employees in excess of four hundred eighty (480) hours shall be automatically credited to such employee's accumulated sick leave, provided, that not more than one hundred (100) hours shall be credited to said sick leave.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

Leases

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and as inflows of resources or outflows of resources recognized based on the payment provisions of the contract. The implementation of this statement did not have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements.

During the year ended September 30, 2023, the Trust adopted the following pronouncements which did not materially impact the accompanying financial statements.

In May 2019, GASB issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*. The primary objectives of this statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. GASB Statement No. 95 postponed the effective date of GASB 91 to fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements, continued

In March 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*. Public-private and public-public partnerships, collectively referred to hereinafter PPPs, comprise a wide variety of arrangement between a government and another party that are engaged in providing services to a government's constituents. Availability payment arrangements (APAs) also have been used in practice to procure governmental services. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that enter into PPPs and APAs and by enhancing the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about PPPs and APAs. GASB Statement No. 94 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. It has become common for governments to enter into subscription-based contracts to use vendor-provided information technology (IT). Subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) provide governments with access to vendors' IT software and associated tangible capital assets for subscription payments without granting governments perpetual license or title to the IT software and associated tangible capital assets. Prior to the issuance of this Statement, there was no accounting or financial reporting guidance specifically for SBITAs. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of the financial statement users by (a) establishing uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for SBITAs; (b) improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that have entered into SBITAs; and (c) enhancing the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about SBITAs. GASB Statement No. 96 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

In April 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. The requirements of this Statement will enhance comparability in the application of accounting and financial reporting requirements and will improve the consistency of authoritative literature. Consistent authoritative literature enables governments and other stakeholders to more easily locate and apply the correct accounting and financial reporting provisions, which improves the consistency with which such provisions are applied. The comparability of financial statements also will improve as a result of this Statement.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements, continued

Better consistency and comparability improve the usefulness of information for users of local government financial statements. GASB Statement No. 99 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023. The comparability of financial statements also will improve as a result of this Statement. Better consistency and comparability improve the usefulness of information for users of local government financial statements. GASB Statement No. 99 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The requirements of this Statement will improve the clarity of the accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections, which will result in greater consistency in application in practice. In turn, more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information will be provided to financial statement users for making decisions or assessing accountability. In addition, the display and note disclosure requirements will result in more consistent, decision useful, understandable, and comprehensive information for users about accounting changes and error corrections. GASB Statement No. 100 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

New Accounting Standards

In June 2022, GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The unified recognition and measurement model in this Statement will result in a liability for compensated absences that more appropriately reflects when a government incurs an obligation. In addition, the model can be applied consistently to any type of compensated absence and will eliminate potential comparability issues between governments that offer different types of leave.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

New Accounting Standards

The model also will result in a more robust estimate of the amount of compensated absences that a government will pay or settle, which will enhance the relevance and reliability of information about the liability for compensated absences. GASB Statement No. 101 will be effective for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.

The Trust is currently evaluating the effects the above upcoming accounting pronouncements might have on its financial statements.

(3) Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, the Trust has assessed the custodial credit risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, and concentration of credit risk of its cash and cash equivalents, and investments.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for cash and cash equivalents and investments is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty to the transaction, the Trust's deposits and investments may not be returned to it. The Trust does not have a deposit and/or investment policy for custodial credit risk. As of September 30, 2024, cash and cash equivalents and investments were held by depositories totaling \$5,368,428 of which \$1,750,000 were insured and \$3,618,428 were uninsured and uncollateralized. Based on negotiated trust and custody contracts, all of the investments were held in the Trust's name by the Trust's custodial financial institution at September 30, 2023.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. To minimize interest rate risk, a majority of the Trust's investments have maturities of one year or less. This reduces the impact of interest rate movements seen with longer maturity investments.

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(3) Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments, continued

Concentration of Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk for investments is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an entity's investment in a single issuer. The Trust minimized credit risk losses by limiting investments to low-risk securities. The following represents the Trust's investments as of September 30, 2024:

Type	Amount	% of Portfolio
Exchange traded funds (ETFs)	\$ 2,239,336	75%
Mutual funds	513,930	17%
Equities	238,328	8%
	<u>\$ 2,991,594</u>	<u>100%</u>

Investments Measured at Fair Value

The Trust categories its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The following presents the Trust's assets carried at fair value by fair value hierarchy at September 30, 2024:

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments by fair value:				
Exchange-traded funds (ETFs)	\$ 2,239,336	\$ 2,239,336	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	513,930	513,930	-	-
Equities	238,328	238,328	-	-
Total investments by fair value level	<u>\$ 2,991,594</u>	<u>\$ 2,991,594</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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(3) Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments, continued

At September 30, 2024, the Trust had the following investment maturities:

Investment type	< 1 Year	1 - 5 Years	6-10 Years	> 10 Years	Total
Exchange-traded funds (ETFs)	\$ 2,239,336	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,239,336
Mutual funds	513,930	-	-	-	513,930
Equities	238,328	-	-	-	238,328
	<u>\$ 2,991,594</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,991,594</u>

(4) Due from/to Government of Guam Building Permit Fund

The Trust records amounts due from the Government of Guam Building Permit Fund for accumulated building permit fees and re-inspection fees collected and deposited with the Treasurer of Guam by the Government of Guam's Department of Public Works but not yet transferred to the Trust. Management of the Trust is of the opinion that such balances are due and payable to the Trust. The Trust recorded an allowance for uncollectible receivables totaling \$1,289,000 as of September 30, 2024.

(5) Property and Equipment

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for the year ended September 30, 2024:

	Beginning Balance 10/1/2023	Transfers and Additions Disposals	Ending Balance 9/30/2024
Capital assets depreciated:			
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$ 124,436	\$ 3,411	\$ -
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(90,710)</u>	<u>(6,904)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net capital assets depreciated	<u>\$ 33,726</u>	<u>\$ (3,493)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
			<u>\$ 30,233</u>
Capital assets not depreciated:			
Construction-in-progress	\$ 420,289	\$ 386,259	\$ -
Land	<u>10,453,119</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,453,119</u>
Total capital assets not depreciated	<u>\$ 10,873,408</u>	<u>\$ 386,259</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
			<u>\$ 11,259,667</u>
Right-of-use asset (Note 9)			<u>\$ 2,486</u>

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(5) Property and Equipment, continued

In February 2014, the Trust received donated land with a fair market value of approximately \$9.9 million at the date of donation. The donor placed restrictions over the use of the land in perpetuity. Accordingly, the Trust recorded the land as a component of permanently restricted – nonexpendable in the accompanying statement of net position.net position.

During the year ended September 30, 2024, the Trust entered into a \$4 million contract related to the rehabilitation of a structure in Southern Guam. The primary funding source for the rehabilitation is Public Law 36-82 which provided \$3.5 million for this project. The remaining funds will be provided by the operating funds of the Trust. At September 30, 2024, costs totaling \$1,321,96 under this contract are reflected as a component of Program Services in the accompanying financial statements. This amount is inclusive of \$232,914 of unpaid costs which are reflected as a component of accrued expenses in the accompanying financial statements.

(6) Commitments and Contingencies

In December 2010, the Trust entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Guam Department of Parks and Recreation and the State Historic Preservation office regarding the obligations and rights with respect to the occupancy and the maintenance of the Jose P. Lujan House (“Lujan House”). In exchange of using the Lujan House for office space at no cost, the Trust is required to pay for certain costs, including utilities and insurance for the building. The term of the agreement will be for 25 years with a 5-year option to renew at the end of the term.

(7) Employees’ Retirement Plan

Employees of the Trust are not classified as Government of Guam employees and do not participate in the Government of Guam Employees’ Retirement System. Instead, the Trust’s Board of Directors, through Resolution 0806-31, approved the adoption of a Simple IRA Retirement Plan.

Employees can contribute up to the maximum allowable limit and the Trust offers a matching contribution of up to three percent (3%) of the gross annual salary of employees. To qualify, employees must complete one year of service with the Trust.

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(7) Employees' Retirement Plan, continued

For the year ended September 30, 2024, the retirement contribution amounted to \$8,569 which is included as a component of personnel services in the accompanying Statement of Government Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities.

(8) Long-Term Liability

A summary of changes in long-term liability during fiscal year 2024 is as follows:

	Outstanding at			Outstanding at		
	10/1/2023	Increase	Decrease	9/30/2024	Current	Noncurrent
Compensated absenses	\$ 64,208	\$ 28,833	\$ (35,882)	\$ 57,159	\$ 33,524	\$ 23,635
Lease liability (Note 9)	5,602	-	(2,537)	3,065	2,620	445
	<u>\$ 69,810</u>	<u>\$ 28,833</u>	<u>\$ (38,419)</u>	<u>\$ 60,224</u>	<u>\$ 36,144</u>	<u>\$ 24,080</u>

(9) Leases

A summary of future lease payments is as follows:

<u>Year ending September 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	2,620	61	2,681
2026	445	2	447
	<u>\$ 3,065</u>	<u>\$ 63</u>	<u>\$ 3,128</u>

The Trust leases a photocopier for use in administrative and grant-related activities. The lease contract was effective on August 1, 2020, for a 5-year period and requires a monthly minimum payment of \$223. The contract also includes a variable payment when the Trust exceeds its monthly allotted printed copies. The variable payment was not included in the calculation of the right-of-use asset. For the year ended September 30, 2024, the measurement of the right-of-use asset, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,486.

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Notes to Financial Statements
Year ended September 30, 2024

(10) Date of Management's Review

In preparing the accompanying financial statements and these footnotes, management has evaluated subsequent events through May 22, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no such other events requiring disclosure.

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Governmental Funds
 Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position
 September 30, 2024
 (With comparative totals as of September 30, 2023)

	General Fund		Statement of Net Position	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,376,834	\$ 1,712,161	\$ 2,376,834	\$ 1,712,161
Prepays	-	17,196	-	17,196
Investments	2,991,594	4,141,131	2,991,594	4,141,131
Due from Government of Guam				
building permit fund, net	362,328	37,861	362,328	37,861
Right-of-use asset	-	-	2,486	5,022
Depreciable capital assets, net	-	-	30,233	33,726
Nondepreciable capital assets	-	-	11,259,667	10,873,408
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,730,756</u>	<u>\$ 5,908,349</u>	<u>\$ 17,023,142</u>	<u>\$ 16,820,505</u>
Liabilities and Net Position:				
Accrued expenses	\$ 244,901	\$ 29,476	\$ 244,901	\$ 29,476
Grant deposit	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Long-term liability:				
Due in one year	-	-	36,144	18,230
Due after one year	-	-	24,080	51,580
Total liabilities	<u>252,901</u>	<u>37,476</u>	<u>313,125</u>	<u>107,286</u>
Fund balance:				
Restricted	2,792,736	3,972,954		
Committed	873,567	978,919		
Unassigned	<u>1,811,552</u>	<u>919,000</u>		
Total fund balance	<u>5,477,855</u>	<u>5,870,873</u>		
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 5,730,756</u>	<u>\$ 5,908,349</u>		
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets			1,381,685	1,001,455
Restricted - non expendable			9,910,701	9,910,701
Restricted - expendable			3,666,303	4,951,873
Unrestricted			<u>1,751,328</u>	<u>849,190</u>
Total net position			<u>\$ 16,710,017</u>	<u>\$ 16,713,219</u>

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Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and
 Changes in Fund Balance/Statement of Activities
 Year ended September 30, 2024
 (With comparative totals for the year ended September 30, 2023)

	General Fund		Statement of Activities	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues:				
Grants and other support	\$ 74,496	\$ 308,114	\$ 74,496	\$ 308,114
Building permit fees	1,194,808	1,014,377	1,194,808	1,014,377
Recovery of bad debt	249,659	-	249,659	-
Investment income	152,869	115,220	152,869	115,220
Increase in fair value of investments	431,872	27,391	431,872	27,391
Total revenues	2,103,704	1,465,102	2,103,704	1,465,102
Expenditures:				
Program services - projects/grants	1,469,331	81,075	1,469,331	81,075
Supporting services:				
Personnel	477,414	410,069	470,364	410,069
Contractual	43,907	50,335	43,907	50,335
Insurance	10,791	26,478	10,791	26,478
Supplies and equipment rental	28,895	19,017	26,358	20,259
Utilities	12,781	12,977	12,781	12,977
Travel	18,164	10,922	18,164	10,922
Trust fund and investment fees	37,175	31,050	37,175	31,050
Depreciation expense	-	-	6,904	6,746
Miscellaneous	860	5,087	860	5,087
Communication	4,182	4,278	4,182	4,278
Advertising	3,552	4,632	3,552	4,632
Stipend	-	6,089	-	6,089
Amortization of lease expense	-	-	2,537	2,738
Capital outlays	389,670	150,257	-	-
Total support services	1,027,391	731,191	637,575	591,660
Total expenditures/expenses	2,496,722	812,266	2,106,906	672,735
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(393,018)	652,836		
Increase in net position			(3,202)	792,367
Beginning of year	5,870,873	5,218,037	16,713,219	15,920,852
End of year	\$ 5,477,855	\$ 5,870,873	\$ 16,710,017	\$ 16,713,219

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Schedule of Committed and Restricted Funds
As of September 30, 2024

Description	Grant no.	Date	Grant	Year-to-date	Expenditures	Outstanding
		Approved	amount	FYE 09/30/23	09/30/24	encumbrance
FQ Sanchez A&E	HS15-01	12/18/14	\$ 208,054	\$ 207,554	\$ -	\$ 500
(F.Q. Sanchez A&E Update on Certification) - Rim Architects	HS15-01-b	05/12/21	51,913	50,124	-	1,789
FQ Sanchez Amendment 3	HS15-01-c	07/12/22	189,450	-	45,468	143,982
Guam Congress/Legislature - BME & Sons	HS15-03	05/18/15	2,759,278	2,758,379	-	899
Change Order		07/12/16	24,101	-	-	24,101
Teaching with Historic Places	BP15-16	08/13/15	14,400	8,193	3,155	3,052
Capital Development Fund	BP17-10	07/10/17	20,000	266	-	19,734
*Latte in the Marianas Art Icon in the Marianas	BP19-02	10/15/18	5,428	5,415	-	13
Archbishop Flores House Fencing	BP19-05	04/13/18	10,000	7,493	-	2,507
Guam Rock Art Study	GPTG19-03	08/09/19	12,000	9,600	2,400	-
Learning Chamoru Discovering Guam's History-Gerhard Schwab	GPT19-04	8/9/19	9,950	9,950	-	-
Atanatano Archaeology Workshop	BP20-07b	07/08/20	2,500	-	-	2,500
Section 106 Essentials Training	BP20-10	01/17/20	7,000	-	-	7,000
Board Orientation	BP20-11	03/11/20	800	-	-	800
Cliff Condo Renovation	BP20-12	07/08/20	9,000	8,000	-	1,000
George Flores House - A&E	HS21-01	11/12/20	93,936	53,361	40,575	-
George Flores House - HSR Amendment	HS21-03	02/09/22	18,028	-	18,028	-
Archaeology Technician Certificate	BP21-04	05/12/21	2,500	1,819	-	681
The Lanchu Project	GPTG22-01	05/17/22	15,500	12,400	3,100	-
Five Year Strategic Plan	BP22-02	02/09/22	25,000	3,641	-	21,359
Internship Program	BP22-04	03/09/22	16,000	4,000	-	12,000
Architecture Book Reprint	BP23-03	12/14/22	8,000	7,686	-	314
Archbishop Flores House Cleanup	BP23-05	2/8/23	1,200	1,140	-	60
Malessos' Revitalization Plan-AIA	BP23-07	4/20/23	65,000	-	-	65,000
Chamorro Association of the Midwest	BP23-08	4/20/23	1,000	-	-	1,000
Marianas History Conference	BP23-09	8/9/23	6,000	396	-	5,604
Inalahan Baptist Church Fencing	HS23-01	4/20/23	15,000	-	-	15,000
F.Q. Sanchez Archaeological Monitoring-Kleinfelder	HS23-02	2/8/23	30,000	-	11,436	18,564
F.Q. Sanchez PL 36-82 (GPT Board Motion)		8/9/23	499,298	-	-	499,298
(George Flores House-floor elevation amendment)	HS23-04	8/23/23	8,000	-	8,000	-
Inalahan Baptist Church - Structural Assessment	BP24-02	12/13/23	26,768	-	-	26,768
Archbishop Flores House Cleanup	BP24-03	3/13/24	5,400	-	5,400	-
National History/ Guam History Day	GPTG24-01	3/13/24	30,300	-	30,258	42
Total Committed Funds						873,567
Awarded grants:						
Heritage Communities are Healthy Communities	BP19-04	01/11/19	3,000	2,027	850	123
F.Q. Sanchez PL 36-82 (Construction)-BME & Sons	HS23-03	2/25/22	3,500,000	-	1,321,925	2,178,075
Pacific Preservation Technologies Grant	BP19-10	04/29/19	94,801	94,451	150	200
World Heritage Training & Workshop Opportunities	BP19-14	09/06/19	63,217	61,391	-	1,826
Ekungok I Estoriata	BP21-02	10/30/20	6,563	6,145	-	418
Atantano Heritage Preserve	BP21-05	06/25/21	200,000	98,432	68,869	32,699
I Hinanao-ta Exhibit (MOA) Guam Museum	BP21-06	09/16/21	33,599	24,560	-	9,039
Cannon Refurbishing Project (GEDA)	BP22-01	12/16/21	25,000	-	-	25,000
Hila'an Survey & Appraisal	BP22-03	09/23/21	150,000	16,220	1,131	132,649
Education/ Cooperation/ Advocacy Programs-AG Office	BP23-01	8/17/2022	200,000	-	37,293	162,707
Historic Jose P. Lujan - Guam Institute of Critical Repair Project	BP24-01	8/5/2024	250,000	-	-	250,000
Total Restricted						2,792,736
Total restricted - expendable						\$ 3,666,303



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT
AUDITING STANDARDS***

The Board of Directors
Guam Preservation Trust

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of the Guam Preservation Trust (the Trust), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 22, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Trust's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements, on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Trust's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Bruce Comis & Associates

Tamuning, Guam
May 22, 2025