

# Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

## Fiscal Year 2015 Citizen Centric Report



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### Our Mission

“Administer the Guam Ancestral Lands Act in order that ancestral landowners, their heirs and descendants may expeditiously exercise all the fundamental civil rights in the property they own; establish a land bank to provide just compensation for dispossessed ancestral landowners; and when appropriate, assume the role of Claims Facilitator to assist ancestral landowners in pursuit of just remedies.”

### About GALC

The Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) was created through Public Law 25-45 to acquire federal excess lands and convey properties to the original land owners. GALC is known as the Land Claims Facilitator. Also, GALC was merged with the Department of Land Management (DLM) through Advisory No. 9.

### Our Goal

Increase the number of federal return parcels and provide just compensation to the families who will not benefit from the returns.

### Board Members

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**Returned Property**

In FY 2015 GALC returned a total of 15.10 acres to the original landowners. This increased the cumulative total of returned property to 2,593.90 acres.



**Land Bank**

GALC board members, Director, and the Assistant Attorney General assigned to DLM worked collectively to finalize the proposed Land Bank Rules and Regulations (LBRR). The proposed LBRR will be submitted to the AG’s office for review immediately after GEDA submits the Economic Impact Statement as requested and required under the Administrative Adjudication Law.

**Financial System**

The last three financial audits conducted on GALC each reported a finding of GALC’s lack of utilization of a formal accounting system. In FY 2015 GALC implemented and utilized a financial accounting system. As a result, the finding from previous financial audits was not a rollover in GALC’s FY 2015 Financial Audit.



# FY 2015 Finances

A Financial Audit conducted on GALC's FY 2015 financial statements received an unmodified (clean) opinion from independent auditors, Deloitte and Touche, LLP.

## Ancestral Lands Operations Fund

GovGuam Appro.	\$ 113,174
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 113,174</u></b>

Salaries	\$ 60,758
Fringe Benefits	\$ 16,639
Health Benefits	\$ 8,567
Contractual Services	\$ 24,460
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,755
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$ 113,179</u></b>

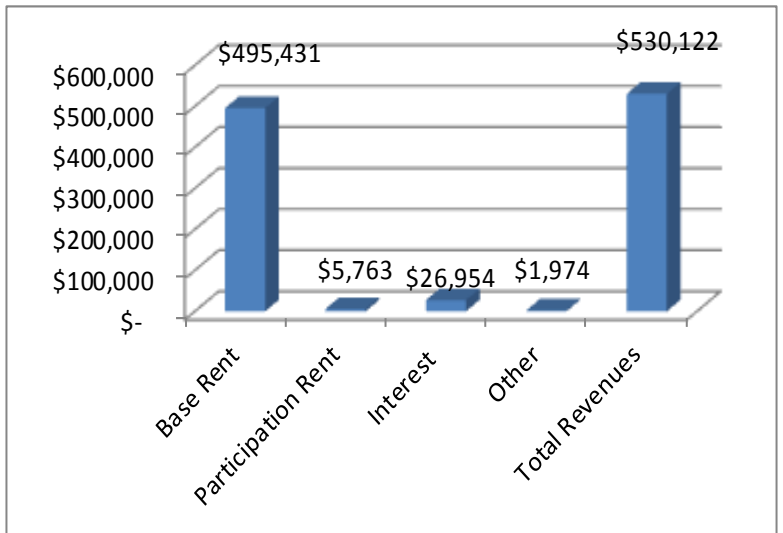
## Landowners Recovery Fund

Interest	\$ 2
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>

## Land Bank Trust Fund

Base Rent	\$ 495,431
Participation Rent	\$ 5,763
Interest	\$ 26,954
Other	\$ 1,974
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 530,122</u></b>

Management Fee	\$ 71,999
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$ 71,999</u></b>

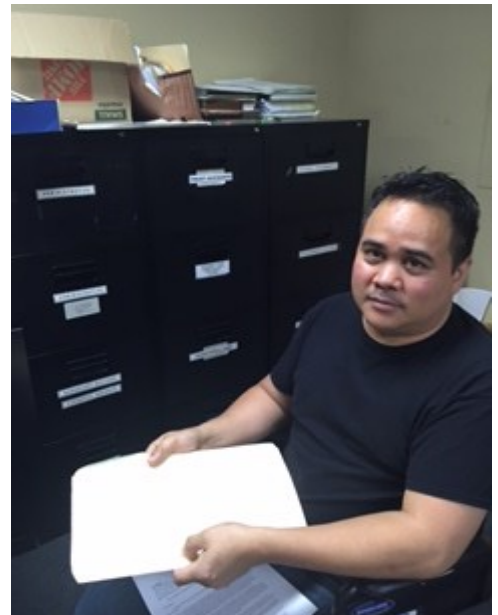


## Future Challenges

Due to budgetary constraints GALC continues to struggle with acquiring more federal excess property and conveying of excess property. Furthermore, GALC beneficiaries of federal returned property continue to experience the inability to access properties returned. GALC has many dormant programs due to the unfunded status of the programs.

## Outlook

GALC Board and Director will remain optimistic that the Land Bank Rules and Regulations will be completed and forwarded to the Guam Legislature in FY 2016. Moreover, management will engage with the administration and Guam Legislature to create legislation to authorize GALC to expend an agreeable percentage of commercial revenue to fund administrative costs and reduce the financial obligation of the General Fund.



### We Want to Hear from You

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