

# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



## A report to the Citizens of Guam

*A report to the Citizens of Guam that looks at some of the efforts and projects of the last fiscal year, as well as a glimpse into the efforts of the new fiscal year.*

## FISCAL YEAR 2017 CITIZENS CENTRIC REPORT

### OUR MISSION

To improve government services, foster economic growth, reduce poverty, and build the Guamanian Dream for every citizen.

### OUR VISION

By 2020, the people of Guam will compete against the best in the world and win. The government will be stable. We will have a strong local workforce building new industries. The government will provide the most efficient services.

### OUR OBJECTIVE

To improve lives by breaking down barriers, bringing vision into everyday decisions, and making government transparent, responsive, caring, and restrained.

### OUR GOALS

- World-class economy
- Excellent career choices
- Best education
- Dependable medical care
- Crime prevention
- Technology
- Infrastructure
- Care for the poor & disabled

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# MAJOR ISSUES

We continued to focus on programs related to the quality of life for Guamanians.

## In Fiscal Year 2017:

- Increase in number of foster homes.
- Started constructing an emergency home for foster children.
- First Lady urged DOE to extend free meals to all public school students.
- The Governor continued the fight to help the Guam Memorial Hospital. Unfortunately, the majority of Senators ignored the call to help GMH with its perennial \$30M shortfall, opting for more temporary fixes. The Governor also fought to modernize GMH. As of FY2018 (and with Speaker Cruz's FY2019 budget) GMH still doesn't have a dedicated funding source.
- Expanded Universal Pre-Kindergarten pilot program, with the support of the Guam Education Board and the drive of the Department of Education administration. Studies show that students who participate in pre-k are more prepared for an educational career.
- Compact Impact cost is \$14.9M — still not fully reimbursed by the federal government.
- Graduation rates have improved from 1,768 high school graduates in 2012 to 2,054 in 2017, there's still room for improvement. Education is key to a better life. Too often, the Governor's office assists people in economic hardship who share one common trait — no high-school diploma.
- After making retirees whole several years ago, we consistently pay COLA to retirees.



# WHAT WE'VE DONE

## Since 2011, the Office of the Governor, under the Calvo Tenorio Administration:

- Increased the Gross Domestic Product by \$1 billion – from \$4.9 billion to \$5.8 billion.
- Improved GovGuam's financial situation:
  - In 2011: Revenues were ... \$500M | Deficit was \$300M
  - In 2017: Revenues are ... \$800M | Deficit is \$73M
- Put \$1.3 billion in tax refunds back into the people's pockets.
- Paid out more Earned Income Tax Credit than any other Administration at about \$350 million in the last seven years.
- Minimum wage has increased 14% - from \$7.25 to \$8.25.
- The number of GovGuam employees has shrunk, even as mandates increase – we are doing more with fewer employees.
- Homelessness has been reduced – from more than 1,700 in 2011 to 125 in 2018.
- Built new affordable homes and provided assistance through grants and housing programs to help 3,000 families move into an apartment or house.
- We have a fire truck in every fire station and increased the number of working ambulances.
- We have constructed over \$112.4 million in highway projects to include bridges, traffic signals, and other infrastructure repairs. Another \$73.3 million under development, with an estimated price tag of \$273 million.
- The unemployment rate dropped to 4.5% in 2017. That's a decrease from 8.7 in June 2015, showing consistent improvement from the more than 13% in 2011. The Department of Labor and the Guam Community College continue to prepare and connect Guamanians with jobs.
- Used technology to match employees with their potential employers through the virtual employment center: [www.hireguam.com](http://www.hireguam.com).







# FY2017 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE EXPENDITURES

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

