

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

98-019463

* c. UEI:

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* State:

MP: Northern Mariana Islands

Province:

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USA: UNITED STATES

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96950-0514

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Department Name:

Northern Marianas Housing Corp

Division Name:

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* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

US Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

NMHC intends to allocate its HOME-ARP funds to local providers of supportive services that target HOME-ARP qualified populations; Planning and Administrative costs.

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* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,692,522.00"/>

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- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

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☒ ** I AGREE

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2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
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3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

to the

PROGRAM YEAR 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

HOME Investment Partnerships Program – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

March 31, 2023

PURPOSE

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) prepared the CNMI's Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan (PY2021 AAP), which describes the proposed projects and programs to be supported with HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The PY2021 AAP and other documents are available for review at NMHC's website at <http://www.nmhcgov.net>.

The purpose of the Substantial Amendment to the CNMI's PY2021 AAP is to include NMHC's allocation and administration of HUD's new HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) program.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to help communities provide housing, shelter, and services for people experiencing homelessness, and other qualifying populations. Under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), the CNMI, through its local public housing agency NMHC, is eligible to receive \$1,692,522 in HOME-ARP funds to address homeless needs through the creation of affordable housing or non-congregate shelter units and by providing tenant-based rental assistance or supportive services. This one-time funding

creates a significant opportunity to meet the housing and service needs of our community's most vulnerable populations.

To receive HOME-ARP funds, NMHC must engage in the consultation and public participation process in order to develop a HOME-ARP allocation plan. The plan must be submitted to HUD for review, as a substantial amendment to the PY2021 Annual Action Plan. The plan must also describe the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and how it will be used to address the needs of HOME-ARP qualifying populations.

CITIZENSHIP PARTICIPATION

On March 9th, NMHC conducted a public hearing at its central office conference room. Members of the public were provided with HOME-ARP program information and NMHC's intent to administer the HOME ARP funds for the CNMI. In addition, consultation meetings and discussions were held throughout the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan with agencies and organizations addressing homelessness, domestic violence issues, and veteran needs. The list does not include another Public Housing Agency as NMHC is the designated housing agency for the CNMI to administer all the allocated funds received for the CNMI through HUD's various funding programs. Moreover, NMHC does have a designated Fair Housing Officer, but the CNMI does not have an operating Fair Housing Office with the appropriate staff to serve the community.

On March 6, 2023, NMHC published an NMI-wide, to the three populated islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, the Notice of Public Hearing (Notice) seeking input and comments on NMHC's HOME-ARP allocation plan which provides the purpose, description and distribution of the HOME-ARP funds. The Notice is attached as Appendix B.

The Notice and the draft allocation plan were made available for review at the agency's website at <http://www.nmhcgov.net>. The deadline for written comments on the draft Substantial Amendment to the PY2021 AAP which sets forth to include the NMHC HOME-ARP allocation plan was March 21st, 2023. There was one (1) oral comment at the public hearing and zero (0) written comment received during the minimum 15-day comment period.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT

The PY2021 AAP will be amended to include \$1,692,522 of HOME-ARP funds and NMHC's HOME-ARP allocation plan, which describes the distribution of funds and the process for soliciting applications and selecting eligible projects.

NMHC proposes to allocate the CNMI HOME-ARP funds towards provisions of supportive service programs by providers that address the needs of the qualifying populations. The agency's HOME-ARP allocation plan is attached as Appendix A.

Appendix A: NMHC's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Appendix B: Notice of Public Hearing

APPENDIX A

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

Submitted: March 31, 2023

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HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

Participating Jurisdiction: COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Date of Submission: March 31, 2023

INTRODUCTION

In April 2021, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the allocation of \$1,692,522.00 to the CNMI in the form of HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. This one-time funding was purposed with creating opportunity to meet housing and service needs of the CNMI's most vulnerable populations. NMHC was designated as the responsible public housing agency to administer the allocated funds, which will be used to serve qualifying populations.

Under HOME-ARP, qualifying populations include the following:

- Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Populations
- Those currently housed at risk of homelessness
- Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations: (1) requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, and (2) those at greatest risk of housing instability
- Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria

Eligible activities under the HOME-ARP program include: the production or preservation of affordable rental housing; tenant-based rental assistance; supportive services, including homeless prevention services and housing counseling; and the purchase or development of non-congregate shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. In addition, 15% of the total allocation may be used for planning costs and administration.

The development of HOME-ARP allocation plan involved consultation with homeless service providers, housing agencies, and other organizations and agencies that assist qualifying populations in areas that funds are to be utilized. In addition, submittal of a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is required before receiving funds. This HOME-ARP Allocation Plan describes the distribution and intended use of HOME-ARP funds for CNMI.

CONSULTATION

In accordance with Section V.A of the CPD Notice 21-10 (page 13), a PJ must consult with:

- Homeless service providers,
- domestic violence service providers,
- public housing agencies (PHAs),
- veterans' groups,
- public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and

- public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

Summary of the consultation process:

The CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition is made up of stakeholders committed toward preventing and ending homelessness. The Coalition is a network comprised of entities, agencies and nonprofit organizations that address homelessness in the CNMI; and in coordination, act as a panel for consultation.

In order to seek information, data, and input on the needs of the qualifying populations in the CNMI, NMHC sought consultation with organizations that provide services for all or one or more of the qualifying populations. The list does not include another Public Housing Agency as NMHC is the designated housing agency for the CNMI to administer all the allocated funds received for the CNMI through HUD's various funding programs. Moreover, NMHC does have a designated Fair Housing Officer, but the CNMI does not have an operating Fair Housing Office with the appropriate staff to serve the community.

TABLE – 1: List of organizations consulted and feedback received.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Reference/Discussion/Feedback
Members of the CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition (HPC)	Homeless Prevention; a network comprised of entities, agencies and organizations that address homelessness in the CNMI; and in coordination, act as a panel for consultation.	In-person/one-on-one & email correspondences; as well as, submission of survey	There are over fifteen members of the CNMI Homeless Prevention Coalition (HPC). The following lists some of the organizations that NMHC was able to reach out for consultation and received feedback. Consultation discussions/notes and questionnaire/survey are further discussed in the narrative sections.
Karidat Social Services	Private Non-profit Organization; mainly, a service provider on women's welfare	In-person/one-on-one & email correspondences; as well as, submission of survey	Karidat Social Services is the parent agency for Guma Esperansa- the only shelter in the CNMI that serves individuals and families fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Karidat also has a transitional housing program for survivors with a scattered unit

			<p>model. Additionally, the organization has a comprehensive support service catered to victims of human trafficking that include rental assistance.</p> <p>Priority needs identified:</p> <p>a) Counseling and ongoing intensive case management and follow-up services to families receiving assistance - for a minimum three months after services have stopped; b) assisting with budgeting and empowering families with financial education to maximize current income; c) assist individuals/families to transition into stable housing. [See section narrative for further discussion and feedback.]</p>
<p>Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA): Division of Youth Services (DYS)</p>	<p>Government Agency/Division: Youth welfare services</p>	<p>In-person/one-on-one & email correspondences; as well as, submission of survey</p>	<p>Through the DCCA DYS Family and Youth Enhancement Program (main prevention program), support services are provided to assist the literally homeless or those at risk of being homeless, including serving those that may be fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking. These services are provided through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linkages and Referrals ○ Community Assistance Services ○ Transportation to and from services • Rental Programs • Education and Training <p>F&YEP Community Outlets/Centers serving as access points to housing services.</p>

			<p>What are the priority needs that DYS has identified in serving each of its targeted QP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify additional short and long-term housing opportunities • Identify additional rental units <p>What are the unmet needs that the organization has identified in serving each of the QP?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling and case management can be really extensive; • Need additional manpower for continued tracking and transition to permanent housing. <p>[See section narrative for further discussion and feedback.]</p>
Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc.	Private non-profit organization receiving Federal funding for services that protect the human, civil, and legal rights of individuals with disabilities	In-person/one-on-one & email correspondences; as well as, submission of survey	<p>NMPASI provides legal protection to individuals with disabilities as their main form of support service. The organization does not provide direct housing services; but, do help coordinate and provide referral assistance to individuals with disabilities who are in need of temporary emergency shelter; or, who need help in transitioning to permanent housing.</p> <p>Gaps and /or impediments in housing and shelter inventory as identified, include finding transitional/permanent housing for victims of domestic violence.</p>
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC): Medical Social Services	The CNMI's Public Hospital & Clinics; includes the Department of Public Health; Community Guidance Center; Community Health Centers; and Bureau	Email correspondence and submission of survey	<p>CHCC's medical social service programs have trained staff who provide assistance and advocacy to all the QPs listed. The social and related support services include outreach and connections to other resources for these QPs to identify opportunities to improve their independence. Not all services may be tailored specifically to</p>

	of Environmental Health		<p>these QP's needs. The CHCC does not provide direct housing assistance or shelter for those who are deemed homeless or at risk of being homeless, but help coordinate and refer cases to the appropriate agency/organization within the Homeless Prevention Coalition. What kinds of supportive services exist at CHCC that serve a particular QP? The CHCC maintains a Sexual Assault Nursing Examination (SANE) service, which is kept confidential. Moreover, the support service also provides patients with emotional support, basic needs, and coordinate and connect to safe housing and long-term care as needed.</p> <p>[See section narrative for further discussion and feedback.]</p>
Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (NMCADSV)	Nonprofit organization that addresses the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault through outreach efforts, provide training to service providers and other partnerships.	Email correspondence and submission of survey	<p>The NMCADSV does not provide direct housing assistance or emergency shelter support service; however, the organization does client intakes and helps coordinate and provide referral assistance for victims of domestic and sexual violence to other agencies/organizations in the coalition. The Coalition is an anti-domestic and sexual assault organization comprising of members/groups in the community with the mission to further the movement to end violence in the CNMI.</p>
The Salvation Army	Faith-based organization serving low-income individuals and families; homelessness	Phone conversation; email correspondence and submission of survey	<p>The Salvation Army local branch does not provide direct housing assistance or emergency shelter; however, they do help assist with coordination and referral to other organizations within the Homeless Coalition.</p>

			<p>Currently, the local Salvation Army serves the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless by providing bulk food assistance, meals, medical supplies, survival supplies (raincoats, flashlights, etc.), and spiritual care/services. The organization has been trying to stem the tide and have established food distribution to the Man-‘Amko Center (elderly) but the need is far greater than they can meet. Priority needs: feeding programs for the elderly, low-income families and the homeless; as well as, those at risk of being homeless. Unmet needs identified: A facility for a soup kitchen/cafeteria/more food distribution (their programs are mobile); an emergency housing/shelter; transitional housing; and more funding towards feeding programs for the elderly and low-income families.</p>
CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD Council)	Government organization/entity that provides community outreach and networking services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.	Email correspondence and submission of survey	<p>The DD Council does not provide direct housing or emergency shelter services. The type of assistance or supportive service that the agency provides is through the CNMI Assistive Technology Program which provides for assistive technology devices and demonstrations for people with developmental disabilities; to family members; as well as, professionals for the use of these technologies. Moreover, the DD Council can serve as an intermediary agency to educate and refer individuals with developmental disabilities and their families who may fit the target QP in regards to the program.</p>

CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs (VA)	The local VA is under the Office of the Governor, and maintains operation and support to all Veterans from the CNMI.	Email correspondence; site inquiry	The office assists those veterans returning home, to the CNMI, after serving; and, family members in seeking employment, medical, and health issues. The local office works in collaboration with the federal VA office. NMHC was unable to have a direct one-on-one consultation with the VA office but was able to inquire from other agencies/organization in consultation and members of the Homeless Prevention Coalition.
The Marianas Office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. (MLSC)	Non-profit corporation that provides low income persons with free legal assistance in civil matters	Email correspondence and submission of survey	MLSC provides legal services to all of the qualifying populations. The organization, however, does not provide direct services of shelter, housing or other social services. All of the services are legal services---advice, brief services such as preparation of affidavits and general powers of attorney. The latter documents can help provide temporary placement for children who might otherwise be homeless or in unsafe environments. What are the priority needs that the organization has identified in serving each of its targeted QP? Support for families; preserving the Home; maintaining economic stability; safety, and health; helping populations with special vulnerabilities; delivery of legal services (including outreach, community education, and collaboration). What are the unmet needs? Not having enough staff/capacity to do all the legal work that needs to be done. Do you see a preference or a need in any of the HOME ARP activities for the organization? Lots of need in all areas, including more representation of victims & survivors of domestic violence;

			more community engagement in the form of outreach/ workshops/ student involvement on domestic violence, teen dating violence and sexual assault and stalking, etc. [See section narrative for further discussion and feedback.]
Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA)	Government agency responsible for the development and establishment of public transportation; an HPC member	Email correspondence and submission of survey	The COTA is a federally and locally funded government agency with the responsibility of establishing and implementing a public transportation system. The agency is a member of the Homeless Prevention Coalition. Priority needs: Currently, the COTA provides public transportation service: Call-A-Ride-Saipan, which is a shared ride service that caters to the general public, including the elders and the disabled.

Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

NMHC sought and solicited for information and feedback through a combination of the following methods of consultation: In-person meeting with agency officials, or one-on-one discussions; email correspondences; and through submission of questionnaire/survey. In every consultation conducted, NMHC provided notice of the HOME-ARP Program background and purpose; as well as, the CNMI's funding allocation amount of \$1,692,522. We specifically informed the consulted agencies about the program's four eligible activities that must primarily benefit certain qualifying populations (QP), or individuals and families as defined by the American Rescue Plan.

NMHC reached out to about fifteen (15) agencies and organizations that serve at least one or more of the four qualifying populations and received ten (10) responses and feedback in consultation with them. In every consultation with these organizations, NMHC interviewed each organization from a set of questions as compiled into a survey.

The questions asked in consultation with each of the participating agencies/organization ranged in topic discussion, such as the following: the types of supportive service programs that they provide; the kinds of shelter or housing services that serve a particular QP; identify gaps and/or impediments in housing and shelter inventory, homeless assistance, and homelessness prevention service delivery system; the types of data that is collected and have available as it pertains to the QP it serves.

Moreover, what are the priority needs that the organization has identified in serving its targeted QP? What are the unmet needs identified? What are some of the characteristics of the

organization, including vacancy rates, housing quality, and barriers to using rental assistance (if applicable)? Does the organization have adequate capacity to sustain and operate a HOME-ARP project or activity? What opportunities, collaborative efforts, or coordination and networking with other supportive service providers that the organization is engaged or involved with?

Feedbacks received from consultations with all the identified entities were mixed as some varied in comparison and others showed commonalities in their response/answers to questions asked. In consultation with Karidat Social Service and the Division of Youth Services (DYS), both organizations serve the community as providers of supportive services such as counseling, shelter, and housing in common; but with differing target QP. Karidat administers several social programs, one mainly is a support service program for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and human trafficking—which is a QP for the purpose of HOME-ARP. The DYS administers youth welfare programs that support youth counseling, homeless prevention and homelessness by providing shelter, housing, food and care. Both social service entities consistently face similar challenges in that there is a lack of a designated homeless shelter in the CNMI. Organizations as these two are having to carefully manage and budget their funding resources in order to meet the case demands of the community. One of their wish list is to have in place a permanent non-congregate shelter to better assist and provide for their case clienteles; but such HOME-ARP activity may not be feasible for the long-term for the fact that such organizations do not have the necessary financial resources and capacity to operate an NCS due to foreseeable operating costs---especially for the long-term.

We discussed further about the other eligible activities under the HOME-ARP program such as providing provisions and funding to providers of supportive services and programs that target and serve HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations. This activity deemed beneficial for Karidat and DYS, for there is a need for additional funding to help pay towards eligible costs incurred in administering and providing their respective supportive service programs. With this type of activity, organizations and entities that serve HOME-ARP QPs such as Karidat, DYS, CHCC, NMPASI, VA, DD Council, as well as MLSC, may receive HOME-ARP funding as Subrecipients of the program.

The HUD notice, *CPD 21-10, Supportive Services: Direct provision of services, Section IV.D.4.b*, states: *PJs contracting with service providers engaged directly in the provision of services under the HOME-ARP eligible supportive services categories, shall have written agreements or contracts that comply with the requirements of this Notice and, to the extent practicable, enter into agreements or contracts in amounts that cover the actual total program costs and administrative overhead to provide the services contracted.*

Furthermore: *If the services outlined in [Section IV.D.4.c] are being directly delivered by the PJ or a subrecipient, the following costs are eligible project delivery costs for those services: the costs of labor or supplies and materials incurred by the PJ or subrecipient in directly providing supportive services to program participants; the salary and benefit packages of the PJ and subrecipient staff who directly deliver the services. These project delivery costs must be attributable to the identifiable objective of the service delivered, otherwise they are administrative costs of the PJ or subrecipient].*

Public Participation

In accordance with Section V.B of the Notice:

PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of no less than 15 calendar days. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for “reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment” for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold at least one public hearing during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission. Furthermore, PJs are required to make the following information available to the public: Shall indicate the amount of HOME-ARP the PJ will receive, and the range of activities the PJ may undertake.

Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

- ***Date of public notice: 3/6/2023***
- ***Public comment period: start date – 3/7/2023 end date – 3/21/2023***
- ***Date of public hearing: 3/9/2023***

Describe the public participation process:

NMHC initiated its public participation process by indirectly communicating the HOME-ARP program through in consultation with those entities that participated in the one-on-one meetings. In presenting the program information, organizations such as Karidat, DYS, and NMPASI were able to refer to our media publication and online website posting of the Notice of Public Hearing.

The Notice of Public Hearing is presented in Appendix B. The notice included the date, time, and location of the public hearing and for solicitation of input and comments from the general public on NMHC’s draft HOME-ARP allocation plan. The notice was published through the two local media/news outlets: *Marianas Variety* and the *Saipan Tribune*. The notice was published twice on each of the two news outlets; first on March 6th and a follow-up publication on March 9th, which is the public hearing date as scheduled. The notice was also posted on the NMHC website at <http://www.nmhcgov.net>. To further enhance audience viewing, we posted the notice on the agency Facebook page bulletin.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:

The public hearing was conducted on March 9th as scheduled. The hearing was set for 6:00pm to allow time for participants to prepare ahead after the normal work shift. As a result, only one individual attended the public hearing. The participant did not have any underlying concern or

question about the HOME-ARP program and NMHC's proposed allocation plan. The participant basically wanted to hear more information about the program and its intended purpose. As such, we had a one-on-one discussion about the allocation plan and provided background information on the new program, as well as a copy of the survey/questionnaire that was conducted in consultation with mentioned organizations. The participant was also referred to NMHC's website for further information and for review of the draft allocation plan as it was still a work-in-progress until the end of the 15-day comment period. In all, the process went relatively smooth without any major concern and comment received from the community.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

In accordance with Section V.C.1 of the Notice (page 14), a PJ must evaluate the size and demographic composition of all four of the qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of each of those populations. A PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services.

In addition to consulting with various agencies and organizations, unmet needs of qualifying populations were determined by estimating the size of each population and comparing it to current resources available, including shelter inventory and number of rental housing units affordable to families within income categories. To the extent possible, data on demographic composition of qualifying populations was gathered and analyzed to identify gaps and priority needs. Data sources used to inform the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis tables include the 2022 PIT Count Data, the 2022 Housing Inventory Count Data, and in consultation with organizations that provide supportive services to HOME-ARP QPs.

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

	Homeless												
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	10	4	20	0	0								
Transitional Housing	24	17	8	8	0								
Permanent Supportive Housing	10	5	0	0	0								
Other Permanent Housing	0	0	0	0	0								
Sheltered Homeless						0	2	0	0				
Unsheltered Homeless						174	156	9	0				
Current Gap										#	#	#	#

Table 2 – Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Data Sources: 2022 PIT Count Data, 2022 Housing Inventory Count Data, Consultation of Service providers

Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

HOME-ARP funds will be used to benefit individuals and families in the CNMI who meet the criteria defined by HUD, or qualifying populations:

- Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Populations
- Those Currently Housed Populations at Risk of Homelessness
- Those Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

Other Populations: 1) Individuals or families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness; and 2) Individuals or families at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations.

Qualifying Population #1 – Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless:

Homeless							
Area	Sheltered Homeless			Unsheltered Homeless			Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Individual adults and children and adults without children
	Family HH Individuals Adults and their Child(ren)	Individuals Without Child(ren)	Total Sheltered Homeless	Family HH Individuals Adults and their Child(ren)	Individuals Without Child(ren)	Total Unsheltered Homeless	
CNMI	0	2	2	174	156	330	332

Table 2 – Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Populations
Data Source: 2022 Housing Inventory Count Data and Point in Time Count

Homeless Subpopulations						
Area	Sheltered Homeless			Unsheltered Homeless		
	CH Individuals and Persons in CH Families Emergency Shelter	Veterans and Persons in Veteran Families Emergency and Transitional Shelters	Fleeing Domestic Violence Emergency and Transitional Shelters	Chronically Homeless	Veterans and Person in Veteran Families	Fleeing Domestic Violence
CNMI	0	0	0	0	9	0

Table 3 – Sheltered and Unsheltered Populations
Data Source: 2022 Housing Inventory Count Data and Point in Time Count

Northern Mariana Islands CoC 2022 PIT Count Data reflects an unduplicated estimate of sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. A total of 1,207 sheltered and unsheltered individuals

were reported experiencing homelessness. Details of sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations are provided in the tables above and narratives below. Numbers reflecting the size of subpopulations (i.e., chronic homelessness, veterans, those fleeing domestic violence) within the sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations provided.

Within the sheltered population, there were zero chronically homeless persons, zero veterans, zero fleeing domestic violence.

The remaining 1,205 persons within the CNMI's homeless population were unsheltered consisting of 884 family household individuals and 321 individuals.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Qualifying Population #2 – At-Risk of Homelessness:

In the HUD CPD Notice: CPD-21-10 and 24 CFR 91.5, at-risk of homelessness is defined as (1) an individual or family: with an annual income below 30% AMI, does not have sufficient resources or support networks, immediately available to prevent them from becoming homeless, and meets one of seven conditions listed in section (iii) of the definition; (2) a child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under 24 CFR 91.5 but qualifies as “homeless” under sections of other Acts listed in the HUD CPD Notice: CPD-21-10; and (3) a child or youth who does not qualify as “homeless” under 24 CFR 91.5 but qualifies as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing (Optional):

The CNMI receives annual allocations of federal formula grant funding through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME). CNMI Program Income (anticipated) CDBG of \$20,735 and HOME of \$329,732 funds toward the use for public facilities, public services and program administration. NMHC also administers the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and was awarded 132 Emergency Housing Vouchers through the American Rescue plan in addition to the HCV program vouchers, Mainstream vouchers.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was set up to be used for public services, facilities and program administration. Program Year 2022 Action Plan year, CDBG funds will be used for public facilities, public services and program administration and planning.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program was set up for conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance, overnight shelter, rapid re-housing (rental assistance) rental assistance services and transitional housing. At least 60% of ESG funding will be allocated to rapid re-housing activities while 40% of ESG funding will be used for homelessness prevention activities (calculated after percentages have been set aside for program administration (7.5%))

and HMIS.NMHC will focus on assisting the literally homeless households since it's a rapidly growing problem in the CNMI.

National Housing Trust Fund (HTF) program was set up for acquisition admin and planning, homebuyer assistance, multifamily rental, new construction, multifamily rental rehab, new construction for ownership. HTF funds will be used for reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of housing and program administration and planning.

Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program was set up for acquisition homebuyer assistance, homeowner rehab, multifamily rental, new construction, multifamily rental rehab, new construction for ownership TBRA. Program Year 2022 HOME will be for homeowner rehab and new construction and program administration and planning.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

The 2022 PIT Count HIC data were used to inform the Homeless Needs and Gap Analysis, which produced a gap need for 669 shelter beds for individual/families. (See Table 2.) Gap need was calculated by comparing the total number of shelter beds in Emergency Shelters, Transitional Shelters, and Permanent Support housing facilities to the total (Sheltered and Unsheltered) homeless population. The Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis table reflects the situation of each unsheltered person entering a shelter and occupying a bed, which resulted in a gap needs for beds; however, it does not consider unmet needs of homeless individuals in emergency and transitional shelters who are ready to exit to permanent housing.

Supportive services delivered through effective case management and referrals to appropriate community resources must be continued to make permanent, affordable rental housing achievable and ensure that families and individuals do not fall back into homelessness.

Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

Data from the 2022 Point-In-Time Count and Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count were used to identify gaps within the current shelter inventory. This method of calculation produces a gap of 669 beds by comparing the number of beds in each facility with the total (sheltered and unsheltered) homeless population. (See Table 2).

Limited funding for providers and supportive services offered creates gaps within the service delivery system. A shortage of qualified case workers and lack of capacity also creates gaps in service delivery. There continues to be a need for supportive services to assist individuals and families facing homelessness, at-risk homelessness, and exiting the shelter system to permanent housing.

Explain how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in the PJ's shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan:

Since providers under Northern Mariana Islands CoC are the frontline service to individuals and households within qualifying populations, NMHC consulted with other nonprofit organizations and government agencies who serve qualifying populations. Input received through consultation was widely used in determining the level of needs and gaps in the shelter, housing inventory, and service delivery Data was retrieved from resources such as the 2022 Northern Marianas Islands CoC PIT Count data, 2022 HIC. The level of needs and gaps based on data presented in the plan were determined by comparing the size of each qualifying population with resources currently on hand to assist the population, shown in Tables 2 and 3. Current resources considered includes the number of beds and units within each type of facility, as well as funding for rental assistance, outreach, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention services.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method(s) that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

NMHC intends to allocate its HOME-ARP funds to local providers of supportive services that target HOME-ARP QPs. These providers shall be identified essentially as subrecipients to administer eligible HOME-ARP supportive service activities. NMHC and the providers shall enter into a contract or written agreement that outlines the terms, conditions, and for the proper administration of funds. NMHC as the grantee shall have the sole discretion to approve HOME-ARP supportive services and associated costs as submitted for payment; and shall administer the drawdown of funds in IDIS.

If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds are provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:

No portion of NMHC's HOME-ARP administrative funds have been provided to a subrecipient or contractor until such time that HUD has accepted the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services: Qualified Providers	\$ 1,438,643.70		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ #		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ #		

Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ #		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 253,878.30	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 1,692,522.00		

Describe how the PJ will administer and distribute HOME-ARP funds:

NMHC shall develop a HOME-ARP Program policies and procedures that will outline the program's purpose and use of funds; eligibility criteria; and procedures for the processing of funded activities and payments to subrecipients for eligible and approved supportive services as provided; and towards other eligible costs. NMHC shall publish yearly a Request for Qualification (RFQ) to solicit qualified providers of supportive services.

Preferences

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific QP or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A *preference* permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for a PJ-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A *method of prioritization* is the process by which a PJ determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance.

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

NMHC does not intend to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation for any eligible activity or project. Since the plan is for provisions of supportive services as provided by those qualified entities and organizations, or subrecipients, that serve all HOME-ARP QPs. In essence, entities such as DYS, Karidat, Salvation Army, or VA shall be funded for their respective supportive service programs as long as the service or assistance is deemed eligible and approved under the HOME-ARP Program.

If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis: N/A

NMHC does not intend to implement a method of prioritization.

Referral Methods

PJs are **not required** to describe referral methods in the plan. However, if a PJ intends to use a coordinated entry (CE) process for referrals to a HOME-ARP project or activity, the PJ must ensure compliance with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

NMHC does not intend to implement a referral method. This would not be necessary since the contracted providers of supportive services shall be able to administer their respective programs as required and as defined in the written agreement.

APPENDIX B

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date Published: March 6, 2023

Public Hearing Date: March 9, 2023

Comment Period: March 7 to March 21, 2023



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) had been allocated funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) thorough Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services.

The HUD program requires the NMHC to develop an allocation plan for HOME ARP funding allocation and to solicit from the general public comments on the allocation plan.

The public hearing is scheduled for March 09, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the NMHC Main Office Conference Room located in Garapan, Saipan. Individuals needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

Copies of the Allocation Plan is available on the NMHC website at www.nmhc.gov.net by clicking on the "HOME-ARP Plan" tab. Written comments can be submitted via email to Mr. Christopher B. Pangelinan, Mortgage & Credit Division Manager at mcdmanager@nmhc.gov.net. Written comments are due on March 21, 2023, no later than 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Mr. Christopher B. Pangelinan at (670)234-6866/9447 or via email at mcdmanager@nmhc.gov.net.

/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS

Online petition...

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Marianas Southern Airlines and Star Marianas Air "to meet and agree on issues."

As of Sunday, 867 had signed the online petition last week in light of the termination of the \$8 million sole-source contract between the CNMI government

and Marianas Pacific Express that operates MSA.

Signed by then-Gov. Ralph DLG Torres in August 2022, the contract aimed to subsidize MSA with American Rescue Plan Act funds so it could offer lower inter-island airfares.

According to Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, however, there are no more ARPA funds for the contract.

The online petition is requesting

CPA, MSA and SMA meet and agree on "achieving harmony, re-instate the MSA support contract or at least talk about it and consider the consequences of increasing airport fees."

The petition also urges CPA to "fight" to keep Asiana Airline flights; to "fight" to keep United Airlines airfare affordable; and bring more airlines to the CNMI.

"We [the] people rely on access

to affordable, convenient, reliable, and safe air transportation between the islands (Guam, Rota, Saipan, Tinian). We need travel to keep in close contact with loved ones, medical treatment, to bring fresh produce, for work and even to bring our deceased brothers home with dignity," the petition stated.

It added that CNMI residents also need more airline seats to help those who need to travel off island

and those connecting to overseas flights. With MSA and SMA, they have "choice and value," the petition stated.

But the people, the petition added, cannot afford to return to the time when SMA suspended its services.

"Our homeland is already becoming more isolated. We cannot afford for our homes to become desert islands," the petition said.

Judge rejects...

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In a separate order, Judge Camacho ordered court marshals to continue serving the jury summons for the jury trial set for March 27, 2023 at 9 a.m.

In rejecting the plea agreement, the judge said, "To accept this plea agreement between the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Public Defender is to send the wrong message: That criminals can deal

in the illegal substance of ice weighing almost 5 lbs. and have a street value of about \$700,000 and the consequence if you are caught is only a few years in jail and a plane ticket back home to be with your family."

Judge Camacho noted that the AG's office and OPD asked the court to accept the plea agreement because it would cost money to house Zhang at the Department of Corrections and that after serving his sentence, "the Defendant will most likely be deported back to his home country of China."

But Judge Camacho said "several defendants are currently serving sentences of 1 to 2 years for 1/2 a gram of the illegal substance of meth also known as ice with a street value



of about \$100."

Zhang is alleged to have been involved in almost 5 lbs. of "ice" with a street value of approximately \$700,000, the judge added, but would serve five years of a 25-year possible sentence, and then be eligible for parole.

As to the parties' second reason, that it would cost money to house the defendant at Corrections, Judge Camacho said, "This reason is so unpersuasive."

In effect, he added, "the parties' argument amounts to close the prison and release convicted criminals because it costs money to house them."

Although Zhang would most likely be deported to his home country of China after serving his sentence, the judge said, "deportation is not a criminal penalty," and in a criminal case, "deportation does not carry any weight."

In effect, the judge said, "to sum up the parties' argument: A person can bring almost a million dollars of the illegal poison known as 'ice' into the CNMI. Profit from the misery of many CNMI families that deal with family members who are addicts, as well as the numerous negative community impact of theft, burglaries, domestic violence and other crimes. And, if by chance, an individual gets caught dealing with millions of dollars' worth of

ice, the result is only a few years in jail and they will get a free plane ticket back to their home country to be with their families."

Zhang was represented by the Public Defender's Office while Chief Prosecutor Chester Hinds appeared for the government.

Zhang, through an interpreter, told police investigators that an unknown male offered him \$100 to pick up a large parcel of chinaware at a Garapan postal service and to bring it to the back of a Mobil gas station on Beach Road.

Zhang also stated that the \$4,239 in cash found inside his vehicle was his, but not the 19 small clear plastic bags containing methamphetamine weighing 26.3 grams.

Investigators stated that the cash and meth found in Zhang's vehicle were strong indications that he was a drug distributor and trafficker.

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in the area.

"Please avoid leaving your trash, empty water bottles, and cans at Agingan Point," Agnon said.

On the same day, he went to the Chalan Kanoa cemetery where, he said, "people are still disposing their trash improperly and leaving trash even near the sign that says 'no trash here.'"

"There are designated trash bins in the area," he added. "Please dispose your trash responsibly and not just leave them in open areas."

In related news, Department of Lands and Natural Resources Acting Secretary Sylvan O. Igisomar has rescinded an earlier directive assigning Agnon to the Division of Fish and Wildlife to assist with the monitoring of the Grotto.

Igisomar re-assigned Agnon to the Division of Parks and Recreation.

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Business

Lunch specials, delivery available at Bourbon Street Bar and Café

By LEIGH GASES
leigh_gases@saipantribune.com
REPORTER

Since its grand opening last October, Bourbon Street Bar and Café has lit up the heart of Garapan with its live bands during the week-end and comedy/different themed nights.

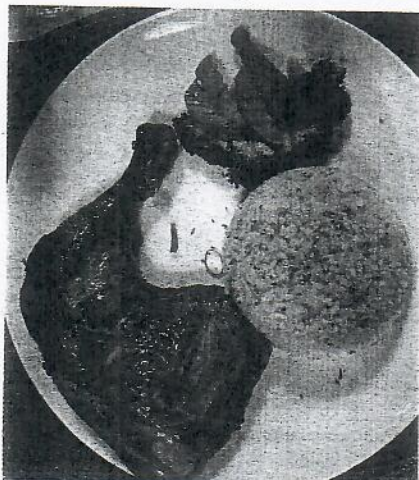
This time for lunch, they are ramping up their menu with specials to fill everyone's gut with delicious food—and if you don't have time to dine in, they got you covered with their delivery service available this week.

For their specials, you can choose from not just two or three items, but from several hearty and delicious meals that come complete with the soup of the day and iced tea.

Bar co-owner Eden Ordas said this is their way of serving the community of foodies with more options and variety, as well as ensuring there is always something to choose from for those picky eaters.

From Monday to Wednesday from 11am to 2pm, you can choose from their baked salmon in kimchi base with shrimp and rice pilaf for \$15.45.

If pasta is on your palette, try out their pomodoro with bread toast and spicy shrimp for \$14.95; or try their pork and liver steak for \$14.50; for those burger lovers, try out their bacon cheeseburger for only \$12.99; if you're really hungry, dine on their 8-oz an-



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Chicken inasal is now available in the lunch specials menu from Thursday through Saturday at Bourbon Street Bar and Café in Garapan.

gus beef top sirloin steak for just \$18.95.

From Thursday to Saturday, for those who miss the chicken inasal from the Philippines, or are just chicken lovers, try out their version which will have your craving for more for just \$15.45. Inasal is chicken marinated in a mixture of calamansi, pepper, coconut vinegar and annatto, then grilled while basted with the marinade.

Or, try out their peperonino with bread toast and spicy shrimp for \$14.95; and for your other burger fix, try out their swiss mushroom melt

burger for \$12.95.

If you are unable to dine in due to a short lunch break or just feel like ordering in, order from their extensive menu and have them deliver for a fee. For those in Garapan, Navy Hill, Puerto Rico, Lower Base, Gualo Rai, San Jose, and Susupe will be charged a \$5 delivery fee; villages outside mentioned areas will be charged an additional fee.

Call (67) 233-0415 to place your order and have it delivered right at your doorstep.

Aside from their specials, they also serve alcohol, cof-



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Bourbon Street Bar and Café is located in Garapan next to Bravo Restaurant now serves lunch specials below \$20 and soon will offer delivery.

fec, à la carte menu items such as pastas, pizza, steaks, burgers, local favorites, appetizers, and chasers.

Bourbon Street Bar and Café is located at the corner of Beach Road and Cpl. Derence Jack St. and is open for lunch from 11am to 2pm and from 5pm to 10pm for dinner.

Bourbon Street Bar and Café embodies the party vibe of Bourbon Street in New



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Petitioners •

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, it is hereby ordered that the time for notice of hearing for Petitioner/Respondent's petition be shortened and that the hearing be set on March 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2023.

/s/
Judge

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CNMI DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



PUBLIC NOTICE

The CNMI Department of Commerce, Central Statistics Division is preparing to conduct the CNMI 2023 Prevailing Wage Study (PWS) survey to begin on March 01, 2023 and notifies all businesses and employers in the CNMI to log on to the CSD Data Collection Portal and complete the PWS survey questionnaire.

All businesses and employers (Private & Public), with and with no employees, are urged to complete this survey before March 15, 2023.

Data Collection Portal Link:
<http://cnmidata.commerce.gov.mp>

3rd AEW tests refueling methods during AR 23-1

By TECH. SGT. HAILEY STAKER
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Public Affairs

TINIAN, Northern Mariana Islands—Without fuel, planes don't fly.

To combat potential fuel shortage issues, fuels distribution operators assigned to the 3rd Air Expeditionary Wing exercised alternate refueling methods during Exercise Agile Reaper 23-1 last March 2 at the Tinian International Airport.

"As the lead logistics planner for the 3rd AEW, one of the main things my team and I wanted to exercise was how do we rapidly support and sustain F-22 [Raptor] sortie generation in a contested environment with limited resources, fuel storage capability, and manning," said Capt. Alex Sparrow. "For this exercise, rather than utilizing large storage bladders and a mass amount of Airmen, we decided to only use a small team of petroleum, oils, and lubricants Airmen and R-11 vehicles by setting up a daily resupply of fuel through our own tactical airlift to defuel from a C-17 directly into the R-11s only, creating a possible real-world picture of limited storage capacity for sortie generation."

In order to refuel F-22 Raptors flying out of Tinian, C-17 Globemaster IIIs assigned to the 517th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, flew out of Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, daily and landed on Tinian where two R-11 refueling trucks awaited to download more than 12,000 gallons of fuel.



Personnel assigned to the 3rd Air Expeditionary Wing and 517th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, offload more than 6,000 gallons of fuel from a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 517th AS during Exercise Agile Reaper 23-1 at Tinian International Airport, Northern Mariana Islands, March 3, 2023.

"That fuel was then taken back to our parking area where we ran a full lab sample on it to include water content of the fuel, particulate, and color of the fuel, as well as differential pressure of the separators," said Tech. Sgt. Jordan Laughlin (duty title). "That allowed us to verify the fuels quality with fewer filtrations than normal ops. Now that that fuel has been cleared lab sample-wise, we will now turn around and put that fuel into F-22s."

In an Agile Combat Employment environment, resources are limited, which means that in order to still meet Air Force fuel standards, proper sampling must be accomplished to ensure the fuel going into aircraft is clean.

"Day-to-day fuel quality control operations at home station locations look very different than this. This kit and these test sets are the most agile way to verify fuel quality in an [Agile Combat Employment] environment," Laughlin said.

That fuel is also being filtered through the truck, pushed into a storage tank with a filter, and then filtered another two to three times before going into an aircraft like the F-22 Raptor.

"In this situation since we're in an ACE environment, it's important that although we're not having as many filtrations, we still want to verify the quality of that fuel to maintain [the Air Force] standard to ensure the safety of the pilots," Laughlin added.

Testing this method during AR 23-1 required higher-headquarters logistical discussions at both the Pacific Air Forces level and the Air Force Petroleum Agency.

"For this type of refueling and defueling scenario during the early stages of planning, we coordinated with PACAF A4R [POL] and AFPET to ensure we had the right mindset of what we wanted to accomplish moving forward," Sparrow explained. "When we were officially on ground here at Tinian, it became a large-scale team effort between our POL team on the ground, the aircrew, our Air Mobility Cell, and myself—communication and effort had to be seamless to ensure success."

As attention shifts from the Middle East to the Pacific, exercising ACE and logistical issues like fuel or communication in a contested, degraded environment is paramount

to mission success.

"We must be prepared for contingency operations at a certain point—which is why we are working to train and exercise our team's capabilities and establish the right tactics, techniques, and procedures to make our Airmen successful in a fight," Sparrow said. "Every day, every exercise, every mission we are learning better ways to support and sustain our sortie operations. Our main goal from a logistics standpoint for this exercise is to identify areas to improve the support and sustainment of sortie generation in a contested environment, then capture and export the data to our command and HQs and then close the gap relentlessly. We have to instill a warfighting mindset into our teams."

During AR 23-1, 3rd AEW POL Airmen proved that, even without fuel bladders or storage containers, maintaining sortie generation in a potentially austere, contested, and degraded environment is possible.

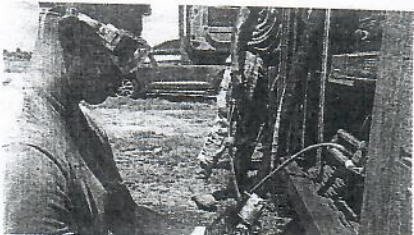
"Fuel is always going to be one of the biggest issues when it comes to Agile Combat Employment, and it's so important on days like today where we're testing new ways of getting fuel," Laughlin added. "Today we proved you can do that without having a large stock on hand on a spoke. This has shown we can do it and we'll continue to build on it."



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Tech. Sgt. Brandon Bryant, a flying crew chief with the 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, and Staff Sgt. Tristan Beck, a flying crew chief with the 517th Airlift Squadron, JBER, detach a fuel hose from a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 517th AS during Exercise Agile Reaper 23-1 at the Tinian International Airport, Northern Mariana Islands, March 3, 2023.



TECH. SGT. HAILEY STAKER
Tech. Sgt. Jordan Laughlin, left, the fuels distribution section chief assigned to the 3rd Air Expeditionary Wing, explains fuel levels in an R-11 refueling truck to Tech. Sgt. Brandon Bryant, right, a flying crew chief with the 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, during Exercise Agile Reaper 23-1 at the Tinian International Airport, Northern Mariana Islands, March 3, 2023.



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Tech. Sgt. Jordan Laughlin, the fuels distribution section chief assigned to the 3rd Air Expeditionary Wing, disassembles an in-line sampler while inspecting fuel for contaminants during Exercise Agile Reaper 23-1 at the Tinian International Airport, Northern Mariana Islands, March 3, 2023.



TECH. SGT. HAILEY STAKER
Tech. Sgt. Jordan Laughlin, the fuels distribution section chief assigned to the 3rd Air Expeditionary Wing, relays fuel levels in an R-11 refueling truck to Airmen 1st Class Arion White and Bruce Harris, both fuels distribution operators assigned to the 3rd AEW, during Exercise Agile Reaper 23-1 at the Tinian International Airport, Northern Mariana Islands, March 3, 2023.



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Staff Sgt. Tristan Beck, a flying crew chief with the 517th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, attaches a fuel hose to a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 517th AS during Exercise Agile Reaper 23-1 at the Tinian International Airport, Northern Mariana Islands, March 3, 2023.



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AGENDA

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (01/26/2023)
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Chairperson's Report:
 - A. Welcoming of NCARE Visiting Officials
 - B. 2023 Regional Summit – March 3-4, 2023, Honolulu, HI
- VII. Director's Report
- VIII. Investigator's Report
- IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
 - A. Governor's Office
 - B. Legislature
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
- XII. Pending Applications for Board's Review
 - A. New Application
 - B. Renewal Applications
- XIII. Miscellaneous Business
- XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.
- XV. Announcements
 - A. Next Meeting Date
 - B. Adjournment of Meeting