

# CHamoru Land Trust Commission Kumision Inangokkon Tano' CHamoru Fiscal Year 2019 Citizen Centric Report

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Administrative Director

#### FY2019 CLTC Staff:

- 1 Administrative Director
- 8 Land Agents
- 2 Engineering Technicians
- 3 Administrative Staff

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### **ABOUT CLTC**

On February 04, 1979 the enactment of Public Law 12-226 established the CHamoru Land Trust Commission (CLTC). CLTC has been charged to act as the administrator of all Government Lands that has assumed the status of CHamoru Homelands conducted in concurrence with the Chamorro Land Trust Act. CLTC administers about 33% of Government of Guam property which was transferred to the CLTC inventory through an administrative transfer in 1995. At year-end September 30, 2019 CLTC's land inventory totaled 11,668.38 acres.

#### **CLTC Mission:**

- \* To be responsible stewards of all Trust lands. To create healthy, safe and sustainable communities.
- \* To have a robust revenue stream to fund all Trust activities and requirements.
- \* To protect and preserve the unique and sensitive ecological lands of the Trust.
- \* To enact a comprehensive Master Plan.
- \* To be advocates for all Trust lessees and applicants.

#### **CLTC Vision:**

CHamoru Land Trust properties are comprised of:

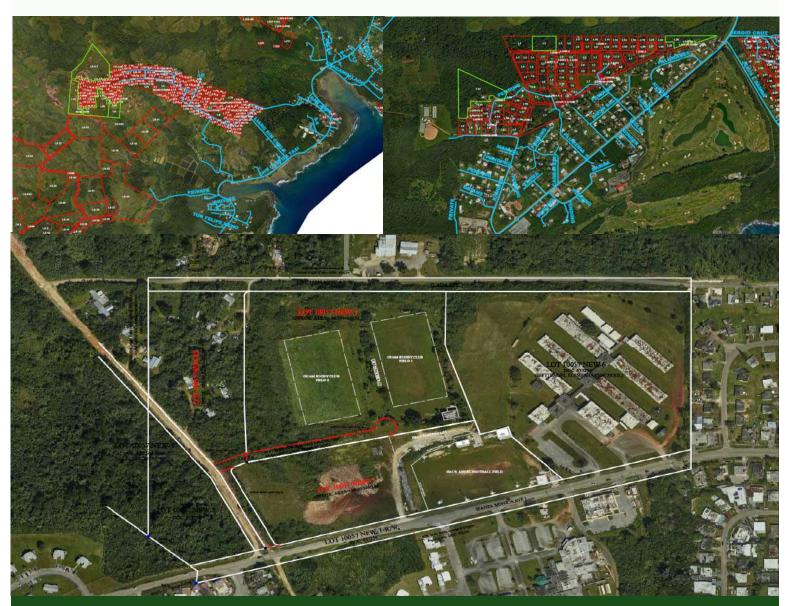
- Clean, safe and thriving neighborhoods, where neighbors practice inafa'maolek and all live with dignity; and
- ♦ Productive agricultural tracts of land that are nurtured with best management practices and lead the island's agriculture market; and
- Sensitive ecological and culturally significant lands that are protected and preserved for future generations; and
- ♦ Sound commercial enterprise that enhance the livelihood and well being of the CHamoru people.



## **CLTC PROGRESS**

At year end September 30, 2019 CLTC awarded six (6) Agriculture and seven (7) Residential leases. As a result, CLTC's combined total acreage leased added up to 3,032.78 which is a decrease of 56.62 acres compared to the 3,089.40 combined acres leased as of September 30, 2018. The decrease is due to the Office of the Attorney General issuing an opinion dated May 11, 2018 that read "there is no authority that allows an applicant during his lifetime to transfer or switch places with another applicant. A lease in violation of this prohibition is null and void." The opinion caused one hundred (102) leases to be null and voided. As of September 30, 2019, the CLTC Board of Commissioners corrected and remedied 6 null and voided leases. Furthermore, CLTC's aggregated land valuation decreased to \$443,478,992 compared to \$452,048,123 as of September 30, 2018.

During FY2019, CLTC issued three (3) Home Loan Guarantees. As a result, CLTC's Home Loan Guarantee Program contingent liability totaled \$10,249,338 as of 2019 year end. CLTC does not foresee any potential defaults or foreclosures occurring due to the authority granted through the Chamorro Land Trust Act to "offer and reassign to the next qualified applicant the opportunity to assume any loan in default guaranteed by the Chamorro Loan Guarantee Fund."



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## **CLTC Revenues & Expenses**

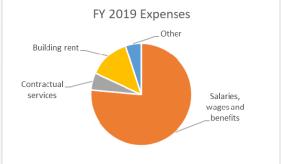
CLTC's operations are 100% funded through CLTC's commercial leasing and licensing program. On June 12, 2020, "The Office of Public Accountability released the Chamorro Land Trust Commission (CLTC) financial statements, report on compliance and internal controls, management letter, and the auditor's communication with those charged with governance for fiscal year (FY) 2019, those documents can be viewed at <a href="http://www.opaguam.org/financial-audits/chamorro-land-trust-commission%E2%80%99s-cltc-fy-2019-financial-audit.">http://www.opaguam.org/financial-audits/chamorro-land-trust-commission%E2%80%99s-cltc-fy-2019-financial-audit.</a> CLTC's FY 2019 financial statements received an unmodified (clean) opinion from independent auditors Deloitte and Touche, LLP.



Revenues:	FY 2019		FY 2018		Difference	
Commercial Lease Rentals	\$ 828,389	\$	835,901		-0.9%	
Payment in lieu of taxes	147,635		128,748		14.7%	
Proceeds from sale of land	250,300		17,209		1354.5%	
Other	14,209		31,514		-54.9%	
Total	\$ 1,240,533	\$	1,013,372		22.4%	

FY 2019
Revenues
Proceeds
from sale ofOther
land 1%
20%
Payment in lieu of taxes 12%

Expenses:	FY	FY 2019		FY2018		Difference	
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$	721,619	\$	642,075		12.4%	
Contractual services		51,209		147,807		-65.4%	
Building rent		124,390		124,390		0.0%	
Other		47,083		49,895		-5.6%	
Total	\$	944,301	\$	964,167		-2.1%	





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# Challenges & Outlook

For many years CLTC has struggled to provide surveying services and basic infrastructure to properties leased past and present. Those aforementioned challenges continued throughout FY2019. Furthermore, CLTC has been tracking CLTC Operations Fund's cash flow and it has been determined that the current revenue sources will soon be insufficient due to the expiring of commercial leases and licenses. Overall, CLTC does not have a steady and sufficient revenue source that would be sufficient to fund any operational expansion such as the installation of basic utilities and surveying of properties. Although, CLTC will continue be financially responsible and frugal.

As of September 30, 2019, the federal litigation involving the CLTC was not settled; however, such was subsequently settled in FY2020.

CLTC Board of Commissioners and Administrative Director will continue to work with its attorney to determine a resolution to CLTC's financial concerns. Furthermore, the Board and Administrative Director will develop a Standard Operation Procedure for the issuance of Residential and Agricultural leases to ensure accountability and transparency throughout the process.



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