WHEREAS, Public Law 20-224 Section 14 authorizes the Office of the Governor to make direct grants of up to One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) per family to families affected by Typhoon Russ; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these rules is to ensure that the intent of the Legislature, expressed in Public Law 20-224 Section 14, is fully implemented by means of direct grants to families affected by Typhoon Russ.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of the Territory of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam and Public Law 20-224 Section 14, direct assistance in the form of direct grants to families is determined necessary to redress the effects of Typhoon Russ, and the attached Typhoon Russ Grant Rules are hereby adopted.

This Order and the attached rules shall be effective immediately.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Agana, Guam this 14th day of January 1991.

JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor of Guam
RULES FOR ADMINISTERING
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TYphoon RUSS DIRECT GRANTS

Chapter I
Legal Authority

Public Law 20-224 Section 14, authorizes the Office of the Governor to assist in repairing damage caused by Typhoon Russ, and appropriates $5,000,000 for expenses necessitated by damage sustained by Typhoon Russ or expenses incurred relative to recovery operations which may include direct grants of up to $1,000.00 per household.

Chapter II
Purpose

The purpose of these rules is to ensure that the intent of the Legislature, in passing Public Law 20-224 Section 14, is fully implemented in the use of monies appropriated by that legislation for direct grants to individuals and families.

CHAPTER III
Definitions

3.1 "Household" means any individual or family which was either renting a house, condominium, apartment or any other residential unit, or owned a home or condominium which they themselves occupied in the period immediately preceding the declaration of Condition One in the Territory of Guam as a result of Typhoon Russ on December 20, 1990.

3.2 "Family" means a social unit working together and composed of:

a) Legally married couple and their dependents or a couple living together in a common-law relationship and their dependents; or

b) Unmarried persons and their dependents jointly forming a household unit such as those who jointly owned the property; or

c) Unmarried person and their dependents.

3.3 "Individual" means anyone who is not a member of a family. Renters who live together are individuals.

3.4 "Office" means Office of the Governor.
CHAPTER IV
Eligibility

4.1 A household which has qualified for Individual and Family Grant (IFG) assistance and has IFG verified needs in excess of the maximum IFG grant amount is eligible for a grant under these rules.

CHAPTER V
Benefits

5.1 The amount of a grant made pursuant to these rules shall be not more than $1,000 per household.

The grant may be used for the purchase of any item or service other than those items or services for which IFG monies were to have been spent, as indicated on the household's IFG award letter. The recipient may not purchase additional quantities of the items specified in their respective IFG award, or contract services as authorized in their IFG award, beyond the amounts authorized in the IFG award, unless such additional expenditures or purchases are verifiable as being required as a result of damage sustained during Typhoon Russ.

5.2 The Department of Public Health and Social Services shall release such information in IFG files as is necessary to enable the Office to determine which individuals and families are eligible for a grant pursuant to these rules.

CHAPTER VI
Penalties

Any household which is awarded a grant under these rules based on false claims, statements or documents shall be liable for repayment of such assistance and may be criminally prosecuted provided by law.

CHAPTER VII

These rules shall take effect immediately upon promulgation by the Governor via executive order and shall apply to persons and families awarded IFG benefits as a result of Typhoon Russ.