

6. We restore operational funding to the health agencies so they have adequate resources, and we included funding for critical programs:
  - a. An additional \$3.6 million for Medicaid. This is for a local match to avail the program of further federal funding. This is the funding Sen. Rodriguez has championed for those in need of medical attention through this program.
  - b. An additional \$500,000 to the Division of Senior Citizens for the hot meals program. This will enable the contractor to deliver hot meals to senior citizens in this program on Saturday, adding to the current Monday to Friday schedule. This helps to close the gap in services to these senior citizens in need. I have long worried that the lack of food services to them on the weekends meant they may have nothing to eat between Friday and Monday. Thankfully, the Republican senators and Sen. Rodriguez advocated for this funding along with me.
  - c. An additional \$468,088 to Adult Protective Services to provide service to 151 senior citizens now on a waiting list for inpatient services. Sen. Yamashita championed this funding.
  - d. An additional \$2 million to the Department of Public Health and Social Services foster care program.
7. We restore operational funding to the public safety agencies so they have the needed additional resources. This includes \$800,000 in funding to Guam Police Department for the hiring of more police officers. I don't need to remind the Legislature of the importance of giving the public safety agencies the resources to fight crime and keep us safe. I thank Sen. McCreadie for working with us to bring the funding levels up.
8. We include the funding from the Tourist Attraction Fund that Sen. Limtiaco has been advocating to market the bed and breakfast industry.
9. We include the funding from the Tourist Attraction Fund that Sen. Morrison has been advocating for improvements in southern villages, and for funding for cultural improvements.
10. We include the doubling of the Veterans Affairs Office budget. Sens. Tony & Tom Ada have been champions of veterans issues, and we thank them for fighting for this increase.

I look forward to your favorable consideration of my budget request. I ask you to look upon this proposal with open minds, eyes focused on reason and logic, and hearts set upon the most vulnerable in our community.

Sincerely,



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