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DOI Awards Guam \$6.3 million in CIP Funding
Governor Leon Guerrero Meets with Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech

Hagåtña, Guam – During a meeting with Doug Domenech, Department of the Interior (DOI) Assistant Secretary of the Office of Insular and International Affairs, and Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Assistant Secretary Domenech announced the awarding of \$6,327,000 in Fiscal Year 2019 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for Guam.

“Assistant Secretary Domenech and I had a productive meeting yesterday and we discussed our shared goal of improving the quality of life for Guam and other U.S. Territories,” said Governor Leon Guerrero. **“He’s aware of our needs and has assured me that his office continues to work diligently in supporting and funding our priorities. I shared with him many outstanding concerns we have on our island, like Section 30 monies, the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act, Compact Impact payments, and necessary improvements to our government agencies to better serve our people.”**

The \$6,327,000 in CIP funding will go toward the following priority projects:

- \$3,077,000 for the Department of Public Health and Social Services – Division of Environmental Health’s (DPHSS) new facility for processing, training, and office space.
- \$1,920,000 for the Department of Youth Affairs administrative offices, maintenance and supply depots, and emergency generator replacement.
- \$330,000 for the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) to purchase a cottage home in Mangilao to comply with the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Requirements.
- \$1,000,000 for the Insular Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms (ABCs) initiative to address deferred maintenance in local school infrastructure.

“Public Health has struggled with facility and maintenance issues for years,” said DPHSS Director Linda DeNorcey. **“We finally have funding to help with our goal of**

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updating our dilapidated facilities so we can better serve our people and provide a safe working environment for our employees.”

DYA Director Melanie Brennan added: **“Our mission at DYA is to provide our troubled youth with juvenile justice reform alternatives. We believe that detention should not be the end of the road for these kids, nor should it define their future. Offering them a safe space where they can feel accepted and understood is the first step towards healing and rehabilitation.”**

Additionally, Guam received an award of \$1 million as a part of the DOI’s Insular Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms which began in 2011 as a collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The award will be utilized for continued deferred maintenance of Guam’s public schools.

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