

David M. Apatang
Governor



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Lieutenant Governor

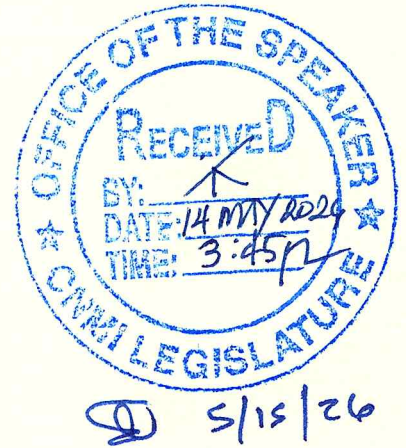
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 14, 2026

GOV 2026-281

The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-52, S1**, entitled "To appropriate \$300,000.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(r)(1) and up to \$1,200,000.00 from Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(u)(1); and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 24-27**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


DAVID M. APATANG
Governor


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@ 3:33 pm

cc: Lieutenant Governor; President of the Senate; Attorney General;
Commonwealth Law Revision Commission; Public Auditor;
Secretary of Finance; Special Assistant for Administration;
Programs and Legislative Review

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**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 2026

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-52, S1

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN AT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate \$300,000.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(r)(1) and up to \$1,200,000.00 from Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(u)(1); and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative John Paul P. Sablan

Introduced on March 18, 2026

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

March 19, 2026

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	3/20/26 - Mayor of Saipan [Del. Matters 24-80] Mayor of Northern Islands [Del. Matters 24-81] 18 th SNIMC [Del. Matters 24-82]
Comments Received:	None
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	May 6, 2026, w/Substitute 1


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
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THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2026

H. L. B. NO. 24-52, S1

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To appropriate \$300,000.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(r)(1) and up to \$1,200,000.00 from Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(u)(1); and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to appropriate \$300,000.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(r)(1) and up to \$1,200,000.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(u)(1).

SECTION 2. RE-APPROPRIATION.

Notwithstanding any provisions, statutes, laws or regulations to the contrary, the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates the total amount of \$300,000.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(r)(1) and up to \$1,200,000.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(u)(1) including but not limited to:

1. \$130,000.00 to the Joeten Kiyu Public Library for the following:

a. \$80,000.00 for JKPL Solar PV Parking Structure;

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b. \$35,000.00 for landscaping and provisional maintenance of the structure and facility; and

c. \$15,000.00 for operations;

2. \$25,000.00 to the Miss NMI Asia Pacific International Organization for the Female Empowerment and International Representation Initiative;

3. \$100,000.00 to the Substance Abuse, Addiction and Rehabilitation for the CNMI Youth & Family Community Outreach Partnership Program, Susupe Social Hall Building, Basketball Court Renovation and for personnel and operations;

4. \$40,000.00 to the KKMP Foundation for grant writing services specifically for the United States Environmental Protection Agency Grant;

5. \$5,000.00 to the Paire Football Club; and

6. Up to \$1,200,000.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(u)(1) shall be for the Kagman Community Health Center (KCHC) Inc. DBA Isla Community Health, provided however that \$550,000.00 shall be reserved for the A&E design of the new Kagman access road (Route 34).

SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2 (1) of this Act shall be the Library Director of the Joeten Kiyu Public Library, Section 2 (2) shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance, Section 2 (3) shall be the Special Assistant of the CNMI Substance Abuse, Addiction and Rehabilitation, Section 2 (4) shall be the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation. Section 2 (5) shall be the Secretary of the Department of Finance, the \$550,000.00 under Section 2 (6) for the A&E design of the new Kagman access road (Route 34) expenditure authority shall be the Secretary of the Department of Public Works or his/her designee.

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1 The remaining amount of the \$1,200,000.00 expenditure authority will be the Secretary of the
2 Department of Finance or his/her designee.

3 **SECTION 4. REPROGRAMING.**

4 Notwithstanding any laws, provisions or regulations to the contrary, funds appropriated
5 under this Act shall not be reprogrammed for any other purpose.

6 **SECTION 5. REPORTING.**

7 The expenditure authority shall submit to the Chairperson of the Saipan and Northern
8 Islands Legislative Delegation a detail report showing the expenditure of the funds at the
9 completion of appropriations in Section 2 of this Act.

10 **SECTION 6. FUND DISTRIBUTION.**

11 Funds appropriated under Section 2 of this Act shall be distributed accordingly to the
12 intended purpose and or entity upon this Act becoming law.

13 **SECTION 7. FISCAL YEAR.**

14 The funds allocated under this Act shall be without fiscal year limitation(s).

15 **SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY.**

16 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
17 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act
18 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held
19 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

20 **SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

21 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing

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1 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
2 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
3 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
4 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
5 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

6 **SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

7 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without
8 such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:



John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman

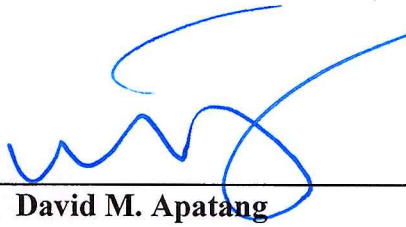
Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker

24th House of Representatives

Approved this 14th day of May, 2026.



David M. Apatang
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



Office of the Secretary

Department of Finance



Funding Source: 4 CMC § 2307 (c) (2)
 Project Name: SLL 20-26 P5-Kagman Watershed
 Expenditure Authority: Secretary Dept. Lands & Natural Resources
 Requestor: Tina Marie LG. Camacho

JDE BU: 7190N
 Project Ledger: RL19070002
 General Ledger: 7190N
 Certification Level: 2
 Prepared on: 4/22/2025

4 CMC § 2307 (c) (2) \$ 1,200,000.00

FY 2021

SLL 20-26 Appropriation
 Transfers Out

JDE	PROJECT LEDGER	GENERAL LEDGER	TOTAL
\$ 1,200,000.00		\$ 1,200,000.00	
		\$ -	

Actuals
 Encumbrance

		\$ -	
		\$ -	

Reference FC168

Ending Balance FY2021 \$ 1,200,000.00

FY 2022

NO ACTIVITY

Reference FC168

Ending Balance FY2022 \$ 1,200,000.00

FY 2023

NO ACTIVITY

Reference FC168

Ending Balance FY2023 \$ 1,200,000.00

FY 2024

NO ACTIVITY

Reference FC168

Ending Balance FY2024 \$ 1,200,000.00

FY 2025

NO ACTIVITY

Ending Balance FY2025 \$ 1,200,000.00

Certified Balance as of 06/30/25 \$ 1,200,000.00

NOTES: PL transition remaining balance to GL account.



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YTD Budget Report as of 06/30/25 \$ 1,200,000.00

JDE De-Obligation of Encumbrances Debit Credit
 No Adjustments Needed

General Journal Debit Credit
 No Adjustments Needed

Budget Transfers and Amendments		Decrease	Increase
Decrease PL balance to zero	RL19070002.51190500.69000	\$ (1,200,000.00)	
No adjustments needed	51190500.69000.7190N	\$	-

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 Secretary of Finance



**FUND CERTIFICATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**



Funding Source: 4 CMC § 2307 Disposition of Revenues
Project Name: SLL 20-26 P2 - Various Projects
Expenditure Authority: Secretary of Dept. Public Works
Requestor: Rep. John Paul Sablan
Prepared on: 01/15/26

JDE BU: 7190D
Project Ledger: 2001210078
General Ledger: 7190D

SLL 20-26 (2)(r)(1) \$ 1,035,000.00

	JDE	PROJECT LEDGER	GENERAL LEDGER	TOTAL
FY 2022				
SLL 20-26 (2)(r)	\$ 1,035,000.00			\$ 1,035,000.00
Transfers Out				\$ -
Actuals		\$ 8,500.00		\$ (8,500.00)
Encumbrance		\$ 9,871.65		\$ (9,871.65)
		Ending Balance FY2022		\$ 1,016,628.35
FY 2023				
Transfers In				\$ -
Transfers Out				\$ -
Actuals		\$ 9,871.65	\$ 2,526.00	\$ (12,397.65)
Encumbrance		\$ (9,871.65)	\$ -	\$ 9,871.65
		Ending Balance FY2023		\$ 1,014,102.35
FY 2024				
Transfers In				\$ -
SLL 23-08			\$ (40,334.00)	\$ (40,334.00)
SLL 23-10			\$ (90,000.00)	\$ (90,000.00)
SLL 23-20			\$ (120,000.00)	\$ (120,000.00)
Actuals			\$ 50,000.00	\$ (50,000.00)
Encumbrance			\$ -	\$ -
		Ending Balance FY2024		\$ 713,768.35
FY 2025				
Transfers In				\$ -
SLL 24-03 (2)(1)			\$ (26,000.00)	\$ (26,000.00)
Actuals			\$ 122,793.63	\$ (122,793.63)
Encumbrance			\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.00
		Ending Balance FY2025		\$ 564,974.72
FY 2026				
Transfers In				\$ -
Transfers Out				\$ -
Actuals			\$ 10,991.58	\$ (10,991.58)
Encumbrance			\$ 163,912.60	\$ (163,912.60)
		Ending Balance FY2026		\$ 390,070.54

Certified Balance as of 12/31/25 \$ 390,070.54

NOTES: Saipan Local Law 20-26 for various projects in Precinct 2. Funding source is 4 CMC § 2307 (C)(2) Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fee.

The revolving account is still actively being used by DPW. There are current transactions.

Next fund certification processing is on 06/30/2026.



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YTD Budget Report as of 12/31/25 \$ 390,070.54

JDE De-Obligation of Encumbrances
No Adjustments Needed

Debit

Credit

General Journal
No Adjustments Needed

Debit

Credit

Budget Transfers and Amendments

Decrease

Increase

51200700.69000.7190D

No adjustments needed

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