



GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND

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OVERVIEW AND FUNDING HISTORY

The Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF) is a special fund created by Public Law 30-80 in 2010 and provides financial assistance to organizations that provide patient-directed services for the prevention of cancers, its treatment, diagnosis, and other services that may be required to access treatment, including, but not limited to, off-island transportation and temporary housing. Additionally, up to 10% of available funds are used for cancer education and outreach programs (P.L. 32-216). According to the founding legislation, (P.L. 30-80), 15% of taxes collected from tobacco taxes and placed into the Healthy Futures Fund is supposed to go towards funding the GCTF; and the University of Guam was given the responsibility to administer and manage the GCTF. Since its inception in 2010, the GCTF has received a total of \$18,870,691. See Table 1 and Figure 1.

TABLE 1. FUNDING HISTORY OF GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND

FISCAL YEAR	GUAM PUBLIC LAW	APPROPRIATIONS FOR GCTF STIPULATED ON P.L. (\$)	ACTUAL GCTF APPROPRIATION RECEIVED (\$) **
2011	30-196	\$544,633	\$1,463,089
2012	31-77	\$2,132,885	\$1,090,141
2013	31-233	\$1,822,048	\$1,548,741
2014	32-68	\$2,051,204	\$1,939,433
2015	32-181	\$2,281,192	\$1,570,008
2016	33-66	\$2,867,255	\$1,433,627
2017	33-185	\$2,781,109	\$2,548,349
2018	34-42	\$2,786,270	\$2,786,270
2019	34-116	0	0
2020	186-35	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2021	232-35	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2022	36-54	\$3,000,000	\$2,491,032.00

**BASED ON UOG BUSINESS OFFICE RECORDS

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS TO GCTF (\$ MILLION)

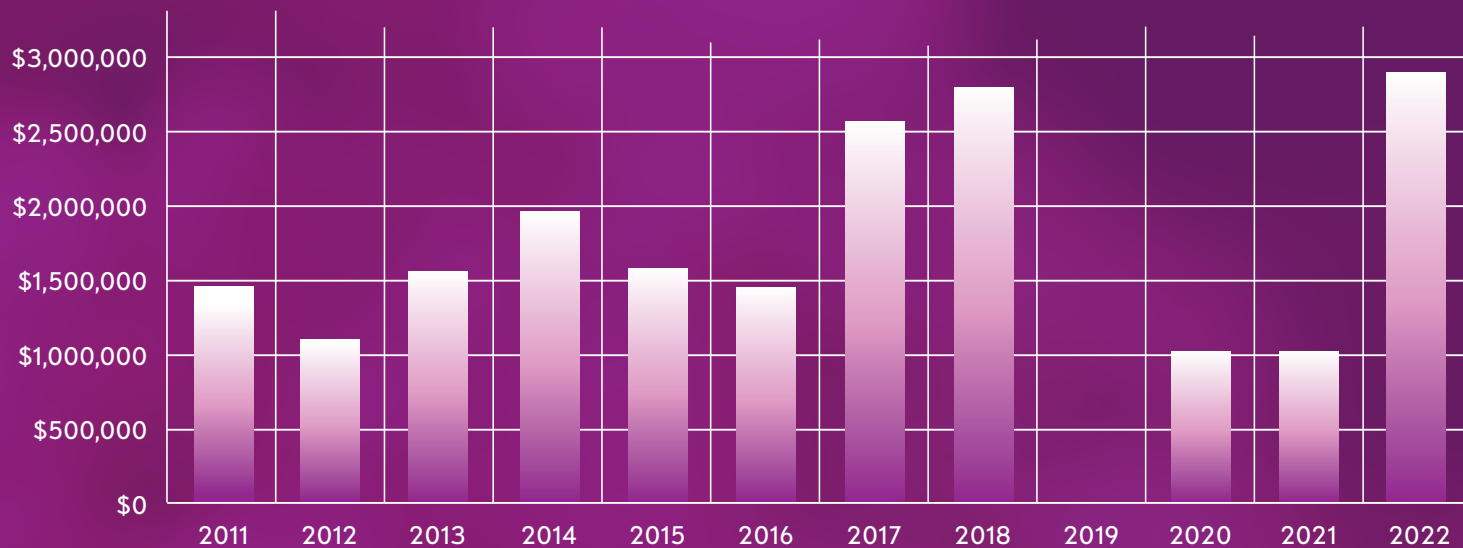


FIG. 1 GCTF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GUAM LEGISLATURE, FY2011–FY2022

Financial assistance from the Guam Cancer Trust Fund is not directly provided to cancer patients. Rather, financial assistance is provided to non-profit and charitable organizations that provide cancer screenings, treatment and support services, cancer education and outreach programs. These organizations must apply for this funding. Since 2011, the Guam Cancer Trust fund has provided funding to several organizations who provided “direct services” to cancer patients (Table 2) and “education & outreach services” for cancer prevention and education (Table 3).



TABLE 2. GCTF AWARDS FOR DIRECT SERVICES, FY2012–FY2022

FY 2012 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$100,000.00
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE	\$26,250.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$500,000.00
FY 2013 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$800,000.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$150,000.00
UNIVERSITY OF GUAM CANCER RESEARCH CENTER	\$109,843.00
FY 2014 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$800,000.00
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$170,000.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$316,280.00
FY 2015 AWARDEES	AWARDED
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$290,030.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$855,494.00
GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	\$250,000.00
FY 2016 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$866,662.00
GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	\$500,000.00
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$91,650.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$372,349.00
FY 2017 AWARDEES	AWARDED
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$409,285.00
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$110,975.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$763,826.00
UOG CANCER RESEARCH CENTER HPV	\$253,658.00
UOG COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND APPLIED SCIENCES	\$126,709.00

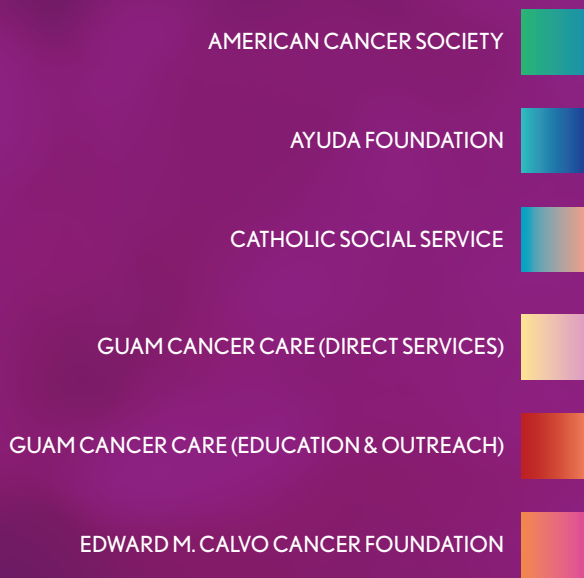
FY 2018 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$158,332.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$984,204.00
GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	\$400,000.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$468,395.00
FY 2019 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$242,846.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$865,842.00
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE	\$513,516.22
FY 2020 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$293,250.00
AYUDA FOUNDATION	\$671,480.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$795,000.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$823,550.00
FY 2021 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$127,890.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$345,000.00
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE	\$313,409.00
FY 2022 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AYUDA FOUNDATION	\$679,223.00
EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$660,000.00
GUAM CANCER CARE	\$905,223.41

TABLE 3. GCTF AWARDS FOR EDUCATION & OUTREACH SERVICES, FY2016–FY2022

FY 2016 AWARDEES	AWARDED
SANTA TERESITA CATHOLIC CHURCH	\$49,966.00
UOG SCHOOL OF EDUCATION	\$42,699.00
UOG PROFESSIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS/ SCHOOL OF EDUCATION	\$71,614.00
SANTA TERESITA CATHOLIC CHURCH	\$71,614.00
UOG CANCER RESEARCH CENTER	\$71,614.00
FY 2017 AWARDEES	AWARDED
UOG PROFESSIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS/ SCHOOL OF EDUCATION	\$144,110.00
UOG PROFESSIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$47,250.00
SANTA TERESITA CATHOLIC CHURCH	\$47,250.00
FY 2018 AWARDEES	AWARDED
UOG PROFESSIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$60,154.00
SCIENCE IS FUN AND AWESOME	\$109,400.00
FY 2019 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	\$101,000.00
UOG PROFESSIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$101,000.00
UOG CANCER RESEARCH CENTER	\$32,130.00
FY 2020 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	\$81,567.50
FY 2021 AWARDEES	AWARDED
SANTA TERESITA CATHOLIC CHURCH	\$27,734.59
FY 2022 AWARDEES	AWARDED
GUAM CANCER CARE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	\$95,943.50

CLIENTS SERVED IN FY2021-2022

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NUMBER OF CLIENTS





The American Cancer Society is the leading cancer-fighting organization with a vision to end cancer as we know it for everyone. For more than 100 years, we have been the only organization improving the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

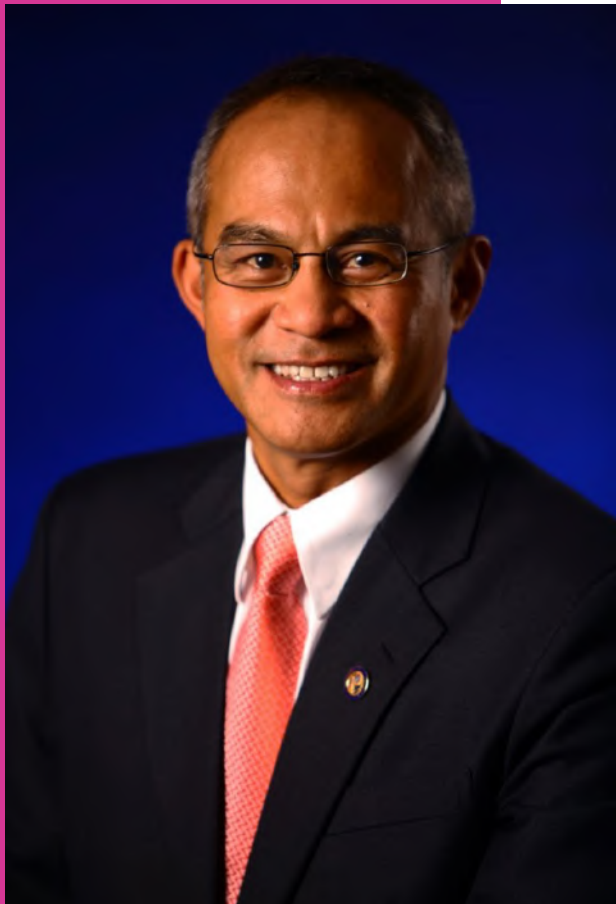
As the largest nonprofit funder of cancer research in the US outside of the federal government, the American Cancer Society has played a role in most of the cancer research breakthroughs in recent history. We have invested more than \$3.1 billion in cancer research since 1991, contributing to the 3.5 million fewer cancer deaths. To learn more, visit cancer.org or call our 24/7 helpline at 1-800-227-2345.

Our regional and local offices are organized to engage communities in the cancer fight, while delivering lifesaving programs and services to cancer patients and their families. The Guam Field Office is located on the second floor of the Nanbo Building in Hagatna. The Guam office serves over 400 patients annually and is staffed by Marisha Artero-Perez (Cancer Control Strategic Partnerships Manager), Ed Lee (Development Manager) and Elena Santiago (Patient Services and Development Coordinator). They can be reached at 671-477-9451.



Marisha Artero-Perez, Ed Lee, and Elena Santiago





James V. Espaldon, Director of Special Projects

Formed in 1996, Ayuda Foundation is a locally incorporated and registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Its primary purpose is to contribute to the health and well-being of people throughout Micronesia. On Guam, one of the programs of Ayuda Foundation is the "WINGS FOR LIFE-CANCER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" (WFL-CAP) funded through a grant from the Guam Cancer Trust Fund.

The purpose of WFL-CAP is to assist medically referred patients for diagnosis and/or treatment of cancer by providing air transportation to and from off-island cancer treatment centers. WFL-CAP covers the cost of airfare for the patient and/or one caregiving escort. The program is not income-based.

Qualifying for WFL-CAP is simple. The patient and the travel escort qualify when:

- The patient is diagnosed or is suspected to have cancer and is being medically referred for off-island diagnosis or treatment;

- The patient's health insurance coverage (or the lack of insurance) does not cover the cost of airfare for medical travel;
- The patient has been accepted at a cancer hospital/treatment center overseas.

Once the patient qualifies, WFL-CAP will book the airline reservations and pay for the tickets. The program is available for the patient and one escort. Moreover, we recognize that the treatment of cancer may require more than one visit to the treatment facility. Therefore, the program can assist with follow-up visits to the off-island treatment center as well.

To apply, simply visit Ayuda Foundation's website at: ayudafoundation.org. Click on "Wings for Life", and enter your name, telephone number, and email address. The patient will be contacted shortly thereafter.

For more information, you may call James Espaldon at (671)473-3003 (o) or (671)689-5463 ©.

ENKATGAO' Project

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Agana, DBA Catholic Social Service (CSS), was awarded a grant through the Guam Cancer Trust Fund, administered by the University of Guam, to provide respite services to caregivers of cancer patients. CSS was incorporated in April 1979, and over the past twenty-six years, has provided direct community services to individuals and families experiencing catastrophic medical conditions as well as life-long disabling conditions including respite services for unpaid caregivers. The Enkatgáo Project allows CSS to further expand its community services to a specific population of cancer patients while supporting their caregivers.



Diana B. Calvo, Executive Director

Program Outcomes

The Enkatgáo Project received thirty-five (35) referrals from October 2021 to September 2022, and provided a total of six thousand one hundred eight units of personal care, chore services and homemaker services. Each patient had an individualized service plan and were provided up to sixteen hours per week of services by trained respite care workers. Patients were served island-wide. Most patients were served at end stage of their diagnosis.

There was not any one specific cancer type with the most referrals. The range of diagnosis included colon, cervical, lung, breast, mouth, brain, liver and leukemia. There were two diagnosis of a urothelial carcinoma, and two neoplasm diagnosis unspecified. The youngest patient was thirty-five years and the oldest patient was ninety-two years old.



The Edward M. Calvo
CANCER FOUNDATION
"GUAM IS GOOD."



Jennifer A. Calvo, President

The Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation was formed by his family on September 17, 2004 immediately after he passed away from cancer. The Foundation's mission is to help alleviate the financial burden and stress that cancer treatment imposes on patients and families within our community. It has been providing assistance to local cancer patients for over 18 years. The Foundation is a Guam tax-exempt, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation.

The Foundation offers its Patient Services Program to improve the quality of life for local cancer patients in Guam by providing financial assistance for costs directly associated with cancer care and treatment. While the Foundation is unable to fund the entire cost of full-time care and medical treatment, the Patient Services Program provides grants that patients may use to pay for certain expenses that

are not normally covered by medical insurance, such as medication, labs/imaging, nutritional supplements, airfare, ground transportation, medical equipment, rehabilitation items, short-term housing while traveling off-island for treatment and home care.

Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$4,500,000 in grants to local residents battling cancer in Guam and the CNMI. For each of the past three years, the Foundation has helped about 425 local cancer patients per year, distributing an average of at least \$35,000 per month in direct financial assistance. The Foundation has received generous grants from the Guam Cancer Trust Fund Council since 2013 and relies on its private fundraisers as well to sustain its Patient Services Program.



Our organization's mission is "To provide cancer care assistance to ALL individuals afflicted by cancer. Through navigation and advocacy, we strive to provide enhanced assistance throughout the screening and treatment process. Additionally, by minimizing barriers to financial assistance, cancer education and other support services, we ensure patient satisfaction throughout the continuum of cancer care."

Our organization goals and accomplishments for FY 2022 are detailed in our October 2022 comprehensive program report submitted to GCTF.

The total amount GCTF has awarded our organization in FY 2022 is: DIRECT SERVICES PROGRAM - \$905,223.41 eff: Nov. 1, 2021 - Oct. 30, 2022 (extension approved to 11/30/2022)



Terry Cuabo, Executive Director

In our Direct Services Program, the total number of new cancer patients who have registered for FY22 is 230 and the total number of active patients currently being serviced is 883 as of October 31, 2022.

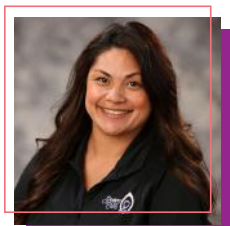
With funds awarded to our organization, how funds have been used is detailed on the attached expenditure report. The report attached reflects usage of our funds in the different programs and services provided to the community up through October 2022 in our Direct Services Program.

In addition to the progress made in these programs, we would like to highlight a few important quantifiable measurements. Our Patient Navigation Program assisted our Guam cancer patients by bringing in external resources (aside from assistance in coordinating MIP, Medicaid, and Medicare processing and direct financial assistance under our Financial Assistance Program) for FY22 alone in the amount of \$4,735,666.72 and a cumulative amount of \$ 19,153,609.75 up through October, 2022.

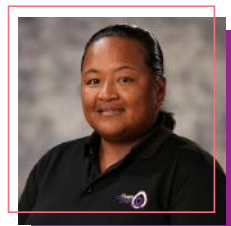
Below is a brief summary of our direct services programs provided to all our cancer community made possible with the funding from the Guam Cancer Trust Fund:

- **Patient Navigation** - Each navigator acts as a Personal Assistant in Cancer Care, should a patient require assistance with coordinating appointments, retrieving medical information, acquiring medication or supplies. The Navigator is responsible for obtaining/coordinating on the patient's behalf.
- **Financial Assistance** - We provide financial assistance in the form of co-pay/co-insurance or out of pocket costs for cancer related services i.e., chemotherapy, radiation treatment and cancer medication through the pharmacies. Navigators have the capacity to award up to 1800/per quarter based on income eligibility. The awards are paid directly to the provider to ensure there are no barriers to access to treatment.
- **Medical Supplies** - Based on a patient's cancer journey and needs, we are able to provide nutritional supplements, incontinent supplies, durable medical equipment and vitamin supplements. An order from their cancer doctor is needed and supplies are based on availability. These supplies have no bearing on their financial assistance through our organization, however should we not stock certain items; for example, hospital bed, oxygen concentrators then coordination with a medical supply vendor will initiate and the patient's financial assistance will apply to the rental/purchase cost.
- **Patient Transportation** - Through our partnership with Cars Plus, Triple J & IP&E. Our organization is able to provide transport for a patient to and from their cancer treatment facility.
- **Patient and Caregivers Support Group** - Held once a quarter, provides our patients and their caregiver an opportunity to share their cancer journey with other cancer warriors and learn/listen to a presenter on a topic helpful to their cancer journey.
- **Cancer Screening & Prevention Through Community and Partner Collaborations** - With our community partners we conduct or collaborate with them to hold health fairs at their businesses, on their campuses or at the community level and conduct a cancer screening questionnaire or online cancer screening assessments based on the results of the survey we educate the participants on the various ways to lower their cancer risks or navigate them to secure their screening appointments.

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EDUCATION & OUTREACH

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In our Cancer Education Program, our organization has educated over 10,000 community members to date on the importance of getting screened, services provided by Guam Cancer Care, the harmful affects of tobacco/vape products in relation to cancer and general community awareness on the different cancers that affect our community and resources available.

In our Cancer Outreach Program, our organization has signed on 52 new Join the Fight Pledge partners; through this effort the partners pledge to A. Promote, encourage and allow their staff/employees to get screened for cancer. B. Disseminate information to their employees, customers and members in reference to cancer screening and early detection programs. C. Encourage their employees to eat healthy, exercise regularly, promoting a healthier work and home environment. D. Encourage participation for the Join the Fight against cancer campaign/events. Through our various outreach efforts, we have reached 321,706 community members up to October 2022.

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