



Guam Cancer Trust Fund (GCTF)

GUAM CANCER TRUST FUND COUNCIL MEETING Minutes of September 14, 2023 Online Zoom Meeting at 3:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Rachael T. Leon Guerrero, Chairperson, GCTF
Dr. Francine Naputi, Council Member
Christopher Felix, Council Member
Suzanne Kaneshiro, Council Member
Remylynn Yamanaka, Program Manager, GCTF
Joann Paulino, Extension Assistant III, GCTF
Anthony Camacho, UOG Legal Counsel
Tracy Williams, ORSP
Gigi Snively, ORSP
Zeny Valencia, ORSP

Ellien Ongrung, Guam Cancer Care
Terry Cuabo, Guam Cancer Care
Jennifer Calvo, Eward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation
Meliza young, Todu Guam
Kevin Delgado, Knights of Columbus
Lena Calvo Rodriguez, Todu Guam
Speaker Terlaje's Office
Jim Espaldon, Ayuda Foundation
Pete Meno, Catholic Social Services
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- I. CALL TO ORDER- Meeting was called at 3:14 pm
1st by: Christopher Felix, 2nd by: Suzanne Kaneshiro
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Motion to table the minutes for next meeting
1st by: Christopher Felix; 2nd by: Suzanne Kaneshiro
- III. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR
 - a. Financial Report as of 8/31/2023 — FY2023 GovGuam appropriations
 1. Total appropriation is \$3,000,000..... translates to allotment of \$250,000 per month
 2. As of 8/31/2023, GCTF should have received \$1 million from GovGuam
 3. So far, we have received \$2,625,351.35
 - b. Things to consider before review of FY 2024 APPLICATIONS



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Direct Services		Education & Outreach	
Organization	Amount	Organization	Amount
American Cancer Society	\$230,322.00	American Cancer Society	\$185,150.00
Guam Cancer Care	\$1,168,184.00	Guam Cancer Care	\$99,294.23
Ayuda Foundation	\$688,670.00	Payless Market Com Found	\$87,189.44
EM Calvo Foundation	\$660,000.00	Santa Teresita Church	\$25,000.00
Catholic Social Services	\$391,593.90	Guahan Sustainable Culture	\$55,810.00
Todo Guam	\$1,526,164.00	Get Healthy Guam Coalition	\$32,550.00
TOTAL	\$4,664,933.90	TOTAL	\$484,993.67

- i. FY2024 appropriation is \$3,000,000; of this 5% (or \$150,000) goes to UOG for the 'Admin Fee' == this leaves \$2,850,000 to award
- ii. According to GCTF Rules and Regs, "up to 10%" of funds can go towards Education & Outreach. Therefore, we cannot award more than \$300,000 in this category. We also have the option to award 0% towards this category.

IV. REPORT FROM THE GCTF PROGRAM MANAGER- As of 09/14/2023

FISCAL YEAR	NAME & ORGANIZATION	ENCUMBERANCE	EXPENSE	DIFFERENCE
2023				
BC230056	AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$367,425.00		
BC230058	AYUDA FOUNDATION	\$652,434.00	\$333,721.34	\$318,712.66
BC230053	CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES	\$185,579.61	\$86,626.88	\$98,952.73
BC230059	EDWARD M. CALVO CANCER FOUNDATION	\$594,000.00	\$434,238.63	\$159,761.37
BC230087	GUAM CANCER CARE DS	\$905,223.41	\$495,325.28	\$409,898.13
BC230093	GUAM CANCER CARE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	\$95,943.50	\$48,010.17	\$47,933.33
BC230110	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00
BC230108	TODU GUAM FOUNDATION	\$597,540.00	\$129,749.77	\$467,790.23



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V. Old Business- None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. REQUEST FOR NO-COST EXTENSION by Todu Guam

- Dr. Rachael had explained that if the NPO's are approved for a no cost extension, the contract will be extended, and while that contract is in place, the council members cant entertain their new application because the NPO can only have one contract in place at a time.
- Dr. Francine Naputi had a question in regard to their remaining balance of \$468,000 and what categories is Todu Guam not expanding.
- Lena Rodriguez from Todu Guam had stated that the reason for a no cost extension are the following:
 1. Delay on boarding of one provider
 2. Delay on purchasing of supplies

She also had mentioned that the provider had started in June, but the program had started to take off effectively and they have accomplished 357 pap smears and a little over 200 of the HPV vaccinations. She also indicated that the initial application they have submitted last year was the full spectrum of the program, which consist of screening and intervention. Unfortunately, because they were first time applicants they are only afforded the opportunity to do the screening process. And so what's happening is that in the past two and a half months that they have accomplished over the 300 pap smears, they are having a high number of irregularities that are coming up. And how are these irregularities going to be addressed? Well, it needs to be addressed with the intervention, and knowing that we're aggressively screening.



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b. REVIEW FY 2024 APPLICATIONS

1. Guam Cancer Care (Direct Services)

- Terry Cuabo stated that not much has changed from their operations, except one key impact, which is the financial assistance program.
- He also mentioned that the GCC amended their policy or procedures for qualifications for the financial assistance program to include the income of patients because they noticed the middle class or the people who had jobs only qualified for a lower financial assistance award, while the people who are in public assistance and didn't have an income qualified for \$1,800 a quarter weren't being utilized. GCC were not fully utilizing the \$250,000 and were underserving the people that had cancer especially the middle class. In December, they have changed the policy and leveled the playing field by eliminating income eligibility across the board and awarding the cancer patients at \$1,200 a quarter.

2. Catholic Social Services

- Diana Cavlo stated that their direct services provides in home respite services to family members who are going through treatment or who are undergoing palliative care or hospice care.
- She had mentioned that in the last couple of years, they focused on supporting the caregivers, the unpaid caregivers of the patients who are undergoing treatment, providing them respite which is some time off for their own self-care. During the time that the caregiver is not present, CSS staff will come in and be the surrogate



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caregiver which provides personal grooming, feeding, lighthouse keeping, or even coordinating with the caregiver to do errands.

- Christopher Felix had mentioned that he noticed in the CSS application, the utility fee is under direct services. Dr. Rachael had mentioned that the utilities would fall under the admin fees.

3. Ayuda Foundation

- Jim Espaldon stated that the Ayuda Foundation has a program called wings for life. The wings for life program help cancer patients who are being referred for off-island treatment and to assist with the airfare for the patient and caregiver.

4. Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation

- Jennifer Calvo from Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation mentioned that this is their 10th year applying for funds from the Guam Cancer Trust Fund. She stated that the foundation provides patient services program, which is the financial assistance program. The financial assistance program provides a \$1,000 a year to each cancer patients who are enrolled in their program to help with medical appointments, treatments, or medications.

5. Santa Teresita Catholic Church

- Kevin Delgado from Santa Teresita Catholic Church stated within the past few years, they were awarded several times from the Guam Cancer Trust Fund with the same amount to assist in purchasing portable light towers for evening activities and purchase 25 to 30 different complete sets of SPARK equipment during COVID for families to use at their homes for virtual fitness classes.



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- He mentioned the request for the \$25,000.00 is to assist coming out of the pandemic and the typhoon which will help replace and update sports equipment.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

1. Cancer Survivor Awareness Event is held at the Micronesia Mall Center Court on Saturday, 09/16/2023 from 11am- 3pm.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT