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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 \$16,379,659. 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

**BASED ON UOG BUSINESS OFFICE RECORDS

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS TO GCTF (\$ MILLION)

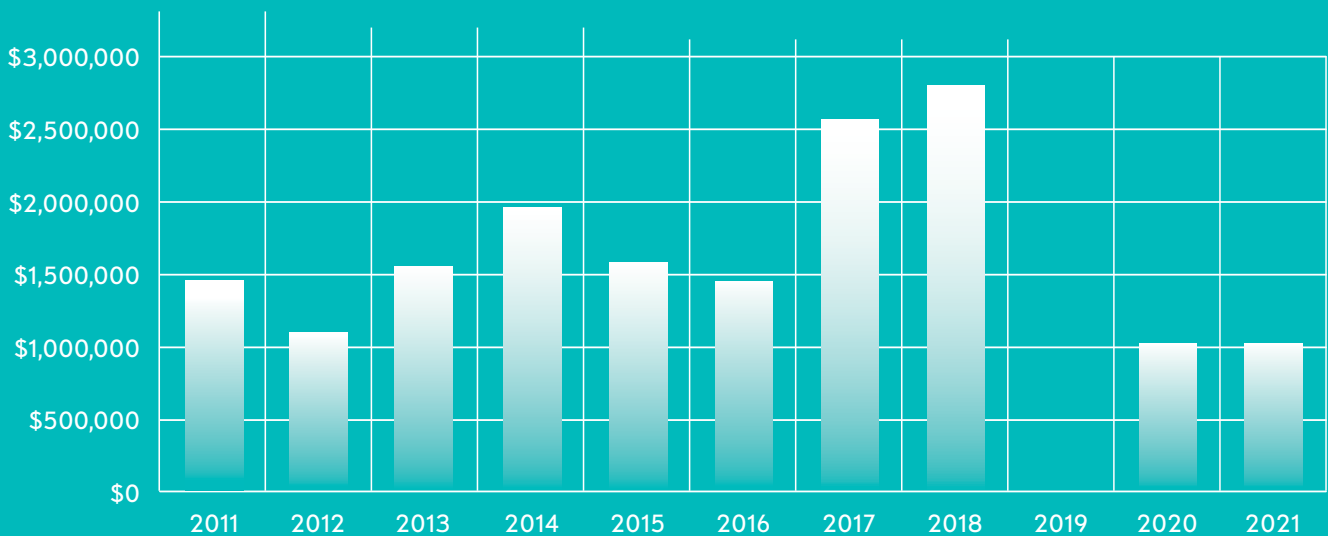


FIG. 1 GCTF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GUAM LEGISLATURE, FY2011–FY2022

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–FY2021

FY 2012 AWARDEES	AWARDED
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$100,000.00
CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES	\$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 SERVICES	\$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 SERVICES	\$313,409.00

TABLE 3. GCTF AWARDS FOR EDUCATION & OUTREACH SERVICES, FY2016–FY2021

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
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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

AWARDEES FOR FY2021

- **Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation (Awarded: \$660,000)**

The Foundation offers its patient services program for the primary purpose of improving the quality of life for local cancer patients in Guam by providing financial assistance for costs directly associated with cancer treatment. While the Foundation is unable to provide for the cost of full-time care and medical treatment, the patient services program provides grants that patients may use to cover certain expenses that are not normally covered by medical insurance, such as nutritional supplements, airfare, ground transportation, medical equipment such as wheelchairs, lodging and rehabilitation items such as wigs and prostheses.

- **Catholic Social Services (Awarded: \$313,409)**

The Enkatgao Project is one of our newly funded grant programs for the unpaid caregivers of individuals undergoing cancer treatment or who are terminally ill. Enkatgao will assist up to forty unpaid family caregivers by providing limited in-home respite services for the patient, selfcare help, stress relief activities, and monthly training sessions for the caregiver. "Enkatgao" is the Chamorro word for caretaker or custodian. Caregiving is stressful and emotional, especially for family members caring for individuals with chronic or terminal illness. The stress for caregivers can be devastating and lead to fatigue and risk physical abuse or neglect of the ill family member. It may result in the caregiver neglecting their own health as they focus on care of their family member.

- **American Cancer Society (Awarded: \$127,890)**

ACS is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. ACS has become a world leader in transforming cancer from deadly to treatable, and from treatable to preventable. We save lives and diminish suffering through a comprehensive set of programs that reduce the risk of cancer, promote early detection, ensure proper treatment, and empower people facing cancer to cope with the disease and maintain the highest quality of life possible. ACS advocates on behalf of patients' issues and fights for every life threatened by every cancer in every community. 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.

- **Santa Teresita Catholic Church (Awarded: \$27,734)**

Santa Teresita Catholic Church mission is “Empowered by the spirit of Santa Teresita, our parish exists to serve, strengthen, and nourish the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the Church community of God. In doing so, it carries the light of Christ and light of love in this ever-changing world.”

AWARDEES CARRIED OVER FROM FY2020

Some FY2020 Awardees were carried over into FY2021 because they were not able to fully execute their programs and subsequent spending in FY2020 due to COVID-related challenges. Therefore, with permission from the GCTF Council, they were permitted to carryover their programs and expenditures into FY2021.

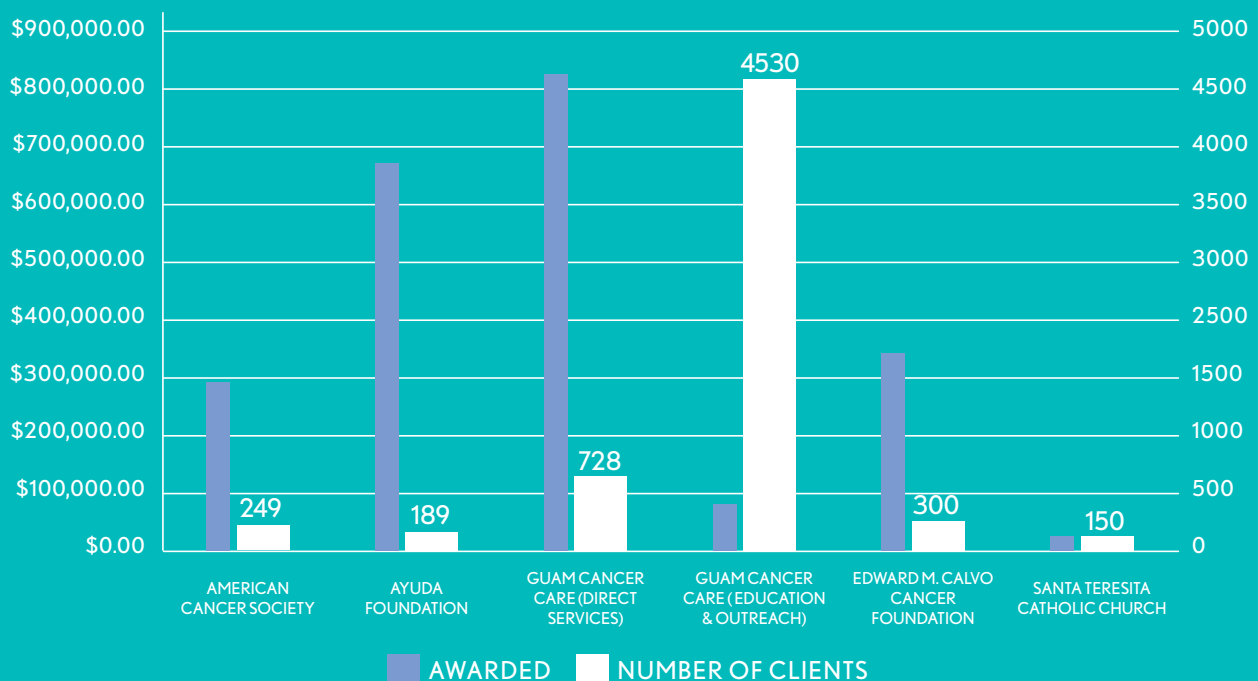
- **Guam Cancer Care (Awarded: \$823,550 for direct services and \$81,567 for education and outreach services)**

Guam Cancer Care’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.

- **Ayuda Foundation (Awarded: \$671,480.00)**

The Guam Cancer Assistance Program helps cancer patients and their escorts with the cost of air travel to and from their place of treatment. This program is made possible by a grant from the Guam Cancer Trust Fund. The program is administered by Ayuda Foundation’s Wings for Life, an initiative dedicated to alleviating the financial burden of medical travel for Guam patients. Ayuda Foundation can process coverage for your airfare once your travel itinerary is confirmed. Coverage is available for the patient and one escort.

CLIENTS SERVED IN FY2020-FY2021 BY FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS



TYPES OF AID GIVEN TO CANCER PATIENTS

1. American Cancer Society- Direct Services

- a. Reimburse patients for travel expenses including airfare and lodging to cancer treatment in Hawaii, the Philippines, and the mainland.
- b. Offer educational materials such as informative guidebooks to cancer patients and their caregivers to help navigate the cancer treatment process.
- c. Provide cancer patients with gas cards to cover travel to on-island cancer treatment facilities.
- d. Equip cancer patients with supplies and personal accessories that contribute to their health and wellness such as head coverings, mastectomy bras, comfort pillows and more.

2. Ayuda Foundation - Direct Services

- a. Airfare purchases for patients and escorts.

3. Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation-Direct Services

- a. Patient Services /Financial Grants
 - o Doctors' appointments, cancer treatment, medication, travel and transportation, support services/counseling, at home care, short term housing during treatment, cosmetic items to address side effects, equipment, and other.

4. Guam Cancer Care-Direct Services

- a. Patient Navigation and Advocacy
- b. Financial Assistance Program (FAP)
- c. Transportation Assistance Program
- d. Patient Support Services Program
- e. Cancer Screening and Early Detection Program



TESTIMONIALS

“My life has changed through this program because not only was I facilitating the activities, but also a participant. I was able to learn more leadership skills when executing the SPARK PE Program, and I had fun while doing it. I was changed in my planning skills, especially because I had to take into consideration that we had to be distanced safely, that we had to sanitize frequently, and that we needed to be more accountable for all participants.”

“I would like to thank Guam Cancer Care for everything they have done for me. When I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer, I didn't know what to do. It took me a long time before things started syncing in. The first thought I had was, where I am going to find the funds for my treatment. I didn't know where to start. With the help of my daughter and her friends, she found out about Guam Cancer Care and inquired about the assistance. Guam Cancer Care acted so fast and took care of everything. Thank God, we found them. Everything was taken care of. They got me most of the help I needed. Without them, I wouldn't know what could've happened to me. Thank you so much Guam Cancer Care for your continued support and help to all the cancer patients like me. Please continue to touch people's lives. I'm sure no matter how bad a person's cancer is, you are making it easier not just for us patients but also to the whole family, as you are taking some of the emotional and financial burden off our hands. Thank you so much once again and God bless you all!”

“I just want to thank you for the generosity for granting me and my husband airfare ticket so I can go off island treatment. Words can't express my gratitude. May good lord blessed you more.”

“We have been dealing with an old and now a new case of cancer. In the past, we spent a fortune just getting to LA (and Manila). With this recent case, we need to get to Cedar. Ayuda has stepped up to pay the airfare for both of us. Try pricing 2 tickets to get to California with a week's notice. Ayuda is helping with this incredible burden for the airfares. Jim Espaldon is a Godsend for us cancer patients. I hope more people will let Ayuda help. Realistically, the airfare is a large portion but small compared to the cost of living in Manila, now LA. So much worrying about something that can kill you quickly or slowly. We can now concentrate on treatment.”

“My family and I are extremely grateful for the financial assistance afforded to us in my fight against lung cancer since April 2020. I am able to continue with my treatments because the check we received from the Foundation defrayed the first \$1,000 of the \$2,000 Deductible required for my insurance coverage. We are humbled and blessed as it was a huge relief to know that there are amazing people in organizations such as the Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation who cares and assist cancer patients and their families in their trying times. We couldn't have come this far without the foundation's financial assistance. Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase!”



“As an athlete, I was worried that I would not be able to participate in sports activities because of COVID-19. Santa Teresita Catholic Church’s sports program made being fit and active fun and safe. Because of all the equipment and with their strict protocols, we were able to participate safely and creatively. I liked that SPARK PE has so many different equipment pieces that can be used in so many ways.”

“I would like to thank the management and staff of Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation for all the support you are extending to us who are undergoing cancer treatment. With this support, we are thinking less on the financial side of the treatment and we can just focused on how we can recover and eventually go back to our normal life.”

“We’re deeply grateful to you Ayuda for your kindness, generosity and your ‘Good Samaritan’ love which afforded my husband to travel off island to receive treatments for his health condition. May our kind Lord continue to bless you and your mission on this island.”

“It is with great pleasure to write this letter to point out how important Guam Cancer Care has been to the residents of Guam in providing much needed cancer care services. I learned firsthand just how important Guam Cancer Care was able to assist me in obtaining access to chemotherapy medications that was basically unaffordable on Guam, even with patient co-pay. If not for Guam Cancer Care, I do not know what I would have don’t to obtain my medications. I also understand Guam Cancer Care provides other services such as financial assistance grants providing patients supplies, and transportation to and from doctor’s appointments. I did, on one occasion, obtained certain supplies from Guam Cancer Care. Due to the varied services provided by Guam Cancer Care, it virtually functions like a _one-stop” center for cancer patients needing information and help. This ability to be a one- stop center has proved the necessity to continue funding Guam Cancer Care. The Guam Cancer Care has been supported for the last 10 years and I believe should be supported another 10 years and beyond.”

“I, along with my family would like to thank the Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation for their support and assistance. They have been a tremendous help in my battle against breast cancer. The financial assistance they have contributed for me has eased the burden on myself and family, even during this COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the hotel closing amid the pandemic, I was laid off from my job and since then, the Edward M. Calvo Cancer Foundation has aided me. Guam is indeed good. Thank you and I will always be grateful.”



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