



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Office of the Secretary



Caller Box 10007
Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950
Tel. (670) 664-2587 Fax (670) 664-2571

Robert H. Hunter
Secretary

Vivian Sablan
Administrator
Division of Youth
Services

Rita Chong
Historic Preservation
Officer
Historic Preservation Office

Parker Yobei
Executive Director
Commonwealth Council
for Arts & Culture

Walter A. Manglona
Director
Office on Aging

Walter I. Macaranas
Administrator
Nutrition Assistance
Program

Melvin Faisao
Executive Director
Chamorro/Carolinian
Language Policy
Commission

Maribel D. Loste, M.Ed
Program Administrator
Child Care and
Development Fund
(CCDBG)

Low Income Home Energy
Assistance Program
(LIHEAP)

Gordon Salas
Childcare Licensing
Program

Garapan Street Market

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program announces spending plan for CARES ACT funding

The CNMI DCCA CCDF Program announces its plan for the use of \$3.25 million under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The funding will be used to cover the following activities:

- \$163,000.00 for administration
- \$1,050,000.00 for child care subsidy
- \$1,700,000.00 for quality activities that include addressing territory and CCDF health and safety standards/regulations, improving child care quality through the Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS) activities, training and professional development, and technical assistance.
- \$340,000.00 for quality activities specifically directed for infants and toddlers.

The DCCA CCDF Program has until Sept. 30, 2022 to obligate these funds and until Sept. 30, 2023 to liquidate the funds.

The CCDF Program is considering changes to policies and program requirements, including changes as a result of the planned spending activities for the CARES Act. These changes may need a State Plan Amendment or applying for a Waiver for Extraordinary Circumstances with subsequent Amendment, if needed. As the CCDF Program work towards making and getting approval for these changes, we ask early childhood programs such as day care centers and other child care providers to be patient. Information will be available as soon as policies and procedures are in place and will be posted in the Child Care Licensing Program (CCLP) website at cnmiclp.gov.mp. As a reminder, the CARES Act that the CNMI received is meant to support activities related to before and afterschool programs and child care. School related activities may not be supported under these funds.

For information regarding the CCDF Program, contact Maribel Loste, Program Administrator at 664-2576/2575 or email at mloste.cnmiccdf@gmail.com For information on how to apply to be a child care provider, contact Gordon Salas, Child Care Licensing Program Supervisor, at 783-8599 or email at gbsdccacclp@gmail.com.