

**Decision Package
Biennial Budget
Fiscal Years 2012 & 2013**

Department/Agency: Guahan Ancestral Lands CommissionDivision/Section: *0209

Program Title Claims, Research, Development & Planning Division
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Activity Description:

Claims provides for the intake and processing of Applications for Title and Compensation, Claims of Interest and initial inquiries for information. Research, Development & Planning provides for the research of information, documents and maps relative to lots, owners and claims of interest. It also provides for the planning and development of lots that are owned by the Commission. PL 25-178 establishes the rules and regulations for the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission. It provides the acceptance and the ability to process the applications in a timely matter which is dependent on the number of staff that are qualified. The GALC must verify and obtain all information of all the applications that were submitted and the staff must be qualified in carrying out the research and planning. The Commission also stands to obtain title to lands that are not privately owned and must develop the properties to their highest and best use in a Trust for the dispossessed original landowners and also heirs who are not getting their lands back. The Commission would not be able to accomplish its mission without proper research, planning and development.

Major Objective(s):

Train existing staff to accept and process applications
 Research and confirm information in applications submitted so far
 Prepare and assemble applications for the Title Hearing deliberations
 To provide the necessary tools and resources for staff to do their jobs.

Short-term Goals:

To assist original landowners and their descendants to obtain title to ancestral lands returned by the United States of America (Federal Excess Lands); to assist the original land owners in their pursuit towards compensation for the lands taken by the Government of Guam and the United States since 1930; to research and confirm information in applications, and to provide information to management for decision and information processing.

Workload Output

Workload Indicator:	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Title Hearing	6 Lots Heard	Estimated 8	Estimated 8	Estimated 8
		Lots to be	Lots to be	Lots to be
		Heard	Heard	Heard
Property Research	6 Lots	Estimated 8	Estimated 8	Estimated 8
	Researched	Lots to be	Lots to be	Lots to be
		Heard	Heard	Heard
Applicants	Located Original	Locating	Locating	Locating
	Landowners/	Original	Original	Original
	Heirs	Landowners/Heirs	Landowners/Heirs	Landowners/Heirs