

Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

FY 2018 Citizen Centric Report



ABOUT GALC

The Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) was created by Public Law 25-45 to serve as the conduit for conveying returned federal excess lands to their original land owners. GALC is known as the Land Claims Facilitator. In 2012, GALC merged into the Department of Land Management through Reorganization Advisory No. 9.

OUR MISSION

Administer the Guam Ancestral Lands Act in order that ancestral landowners, their heirs and descendants may expeditiously exercise all the fundamental civil rights in the property they own; establish a land bank to provide just compensation for dispossessed ancestral landowners; and when appropriate, assume the role of Claims Facilitator to assist ancestral landowners in pursuit of just remedies. (21GCA §80102)

OUR GOAL

Increase the number of federal return parcels and provide just compensation to the families who will not benefit from the returns.



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FY2018 PROGRESS

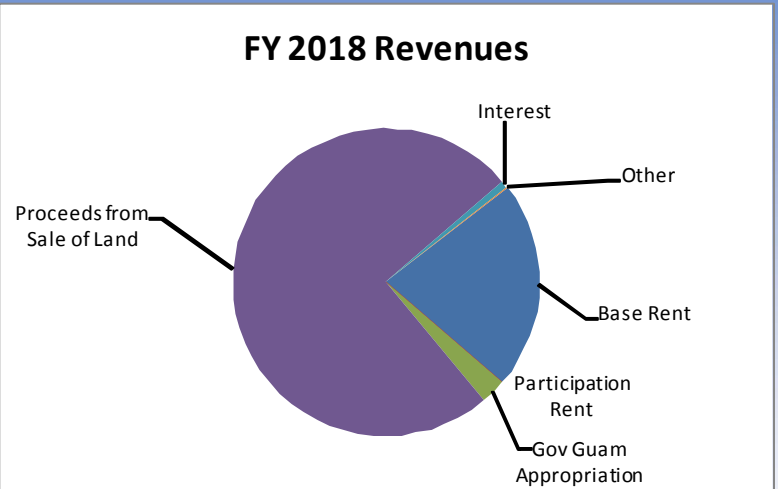
At the year-end September 30, 2018, GALC operated with a board of seven members and one classified employee. With the assistance of Department of Land Management, GALC returned two properties. The two properties are Lot 201 located in the Municipality of Piti, containing an area of 36,208 +/- square meters and Lot 5294 located in the Municipality of Barrigada containing an area of 20,979 +/- square meters. The returned properties increased GALC's aggregate amount of land returned to 2,637.94 acres.

For Fiscal Year 2018, Independent Auditors, Deloitte and Touche, LLP issued an unmodified "clean" opinion on GALC's financial statements, and the report on compliance and internal controls. GALC did not have any findings, and Independent Auditors did not identify any deficiencies in internal control.

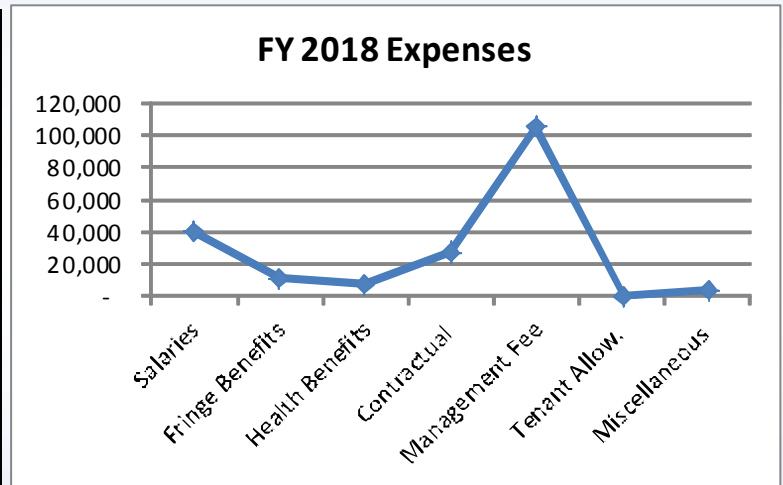


FY 2018 Finances

Revenues	2018	2017
Base Rent	\$ 728,248	\$ 707,038
Participation Rent	819	4,862
Gov Guam Appropriation	91,093	86,588
Proceeds from Sale of Land	2,490,000	-
Interest	22,239	21,945
Other	2,055	239,513
Total	\$ 3,334,454	\$ 1,059,946



Expenditures	2018	2017
Salaries	\$ 39,944	\$ 38,497
Fringe Benefits	11,116	10,552
Health Benefits	7,384	7,313
Contractual	26,784	26,476
Management Fee	105,704	97,991
Tenant Improvement Allow.	-	12,588
Miscellaneous	4,055	4,743
Total	\$ 194,987	\$ 198,160



To view the GALC financial audit, go to the Office of Public Accountability website: opaguam.org

Future Challenges

GALC continues to struggle with providing easements to returned property. This is attributed to the lack of financial resources to pay for services and the unwillingness of property owners to dedicate a relatively small portion of their property for easement.

Outlook

The Executive Director and GALC Commissioners will continue dialogue with the Administration and the Guam Legislature to address concerns of the Attorney General's office related to the Land Bank Rules and Regulations.



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