

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-94

RE: C.R. NO. 18-95/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$751,391 FOR FSM SUBSTANCE  
ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AND FSM  
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR  
GRANT YEARS 2013 AND 2014.

DECEMBER 04, 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert  
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Second Special Session, 2013

Dear Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was  
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-95 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$751,391 TO FUND THE FSM SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AND FSM COMMUNITY MENTAL  
HEALTH SERVICES FOR GRANT YEARS 2013 AND 2014, AND  
ITS SUBMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY." ,

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in  
its title.

The resolution would approve a grant to continue funding the  
National and State Departments of Health to provide health  
care assistance in the areas of mental health and substance  
abuse to citizens of the FSM.

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Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the Committee on External Affairs on December 2, 2013. In attendance were representatives from the Department of Health and Social Affairs, the Department of Finance and Administration, SBOC, the Department of Justice and the Office of President.

This is a long-term program at the National and State level, providing services and assistance to individuals with mental health or substance abuse issues. The Department confirmed in documents provided to the Committee that many of the National employees under this program have their duty stations in one of the four States, and that these employees will shortly become State Government employees. For the time being the budgets for the five governments breakdown as follows for one year 2014:

Chuuk State: personnel \$119,428, consumables \$16,271, contractual services \$5,000 and travel \$5,000. The total one year budget is \$145,699.

Yap State: personnel \$58,568, consumables \$2,715, contractual services \$6,500, travel \$2,500. The total one year budget of \$70,283.

Pohnpei State: personnel \$88,935, consumables \$8,435, fixed assets \$1,280 contractual services \$3,600 and travel \$2,000. The total one year budget is \$104,250.

Kosrae State: personnel \$55,716, consumables \$2,300, contractual services \$2,682. The total one year budget is \$60,698.

Other organizations throughout the four States have included proposals in this grant application including: the Tomil Youth Organization, and COM-FSM.

It was confirmed to your Committee that the program proposed funded by this grant will provide the same services throughout the four States as in years past, however, the

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Secretary of Health and Social Affairs requested that this resolution for grant proposal be acted on immediately as currently grant monies were not available to pay salaries and provide services. During the hearing the Committee reiterated its request that resolutions for grants be submitted prior to the Congressional session in which action was requested. Your Committee notes that the letter from the President submitting this proposed resolution and supporting documents was only received by Congress on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. For your Committee to do its work it was again requested that it be given sufficient time.

Your Committee agrees that provision of health services to our citizens with mental health and substance abuse issues is a priority. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-95, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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