

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-113

RE: C.R. NO. 18-123/H&SA

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,157,873.

JANUARY 29, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Regular Session, 2014

Dear Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-123 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$1,157,873 FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS
FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION NATIONAL CENTER
FOR IMMUNIZATION AND RESPIRATORY DISEASE, TO FUND
THE FSM IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINES FOR CHILDREN
PROGRAM FOR GRANT YEAR 2014, INCLUDING ALL THE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The resolution would approve a grant award to fund the
continuation of the Federated States of Micronesia
Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program for the
calendar year of 2014.

Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the
Committee on External Affairs on January 20, 2014. In
attendance were representatives from the Department of
Health and Social Affairs, the FSM National Archives,

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Culture and Historic Preservation Office, the Department of Justice and the Department of Finance and Administration.

Representatives from the Department of Health and Social Affairs confirmed for the Committee that the funding was to assist in the continuation of the highly successful program of immunizing and vaccinating our Nation's children. This funding would be for this calendar year of 2014. There is currently approximately an 80% total coverage rate for this program. It is well known to the Committee that while this program has reached almost all of its target population on the main islands, the immunization and vaccination rates for children on the outer islands is much lower. It is envisioned that through upgraded modification of the system in each of the States the program would be able to run immunization coverage on a regular, periodic basis.

This grant funding will also continue its outreach activities to smaller dispensaries which have enormous challenges due to unavailability of essential drugs and trained health care staff. The National immunization program continues to work with each of the States in training staff on program management, vaccines and cold chain management, and injection safety. In the case of Chuuk the immunization program has established a boat rental contract service to conduct outreach in the lagoon islands. Trips to the outer islands of Yap to conduct immunizations are scheduled to happen 2-4 times during the year, depending on funding.

As request the Department of Health and Social Affairs provided the following detailed budget for the program funded by this grant award, and it follows below.

	National	Chuuk	Pohnpei	Yap	Kosrae	Total
Personnel	31,216	124,219	95,735	48,515	40,536	340,221
Contract	78,810	22,560	16,095	12,000	-0-	129,465

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(Personnel)						
Contract (Other)	14,000	40,799	25,067	25,067	25,067	130,000
Travel (Conference)	61,876	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	61,876
Travel (Site Visit)	43,604	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	43,604
Travel (Training)	138,618	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	138,618
Travel (Outer Island)	-0-	11,760	3,300	5,100	-0-	20,160
Consumable	22,806	85,748	99,750	66,625	19,000	292,929
Total	390,930	285,086	239,947	157,307	84,603	1,157,873

Your Committee agrees that funding for the immunization and vaccination of our Nation's children is very important for the Federated States of Micronesia. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-123, and upon concurrence with your Committee on External Affairs recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tony H. Otto
Tony H. Otto, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Peter M. Christian
Peter M. Christian, member

/s/ Yosiwo P. George
Yosiwo P. George, member

Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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