

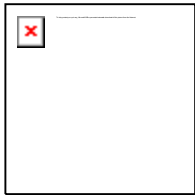
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**Subject: Request for Letter of Support**

**Reference: Port Authority of Guam Application to the Office of Insular Affairs' FY 2022 Maintenance Assistance and Technical Assistance Programs**

Dear Speaker Terlaje:

The Port Authority of Guam (Port) is requesting a Letter of Support for two grant applications to the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) Programs— Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP) and Technical Assistance Program (TAP).

The Port's MAP proposal is titled "The Port Authority of Guam's Generator Maintenance and Sustainment Program". As you are well aware the island is highly prone to earthquakes and typhoons causing disruption to island power. Although island power has greatly improved during the past several years, power outages can and will happen unexpectedly for a variety of different reasons. The Port's prime power generator program is responsible for providing uninterrupted power to the seaport's critical infrastructure during prolonged power outages that may be caused by natural or man-made incidents where island power is affected.

The MAP funding request seeks to maintain and sustain the Port's generator program. The generators ensure that there is a free flow of commerce, port and maritime security, and preservation of critical equipment assets.

The Port's TAP proposal is titled "The Port Authority of Guam Recreational Diving Public Education and Outreach Program". Coral reefs are one of Guam's most precious natural resources. They are part of the island's important marine environment that not only provides sustenance for the local community, but are also the main attraction for many tourists that support the local economy.

The TAP funding request seeks to establish a Public Education and Outreach Program that focuses on teaching diving best practices to vendors holding commercial permits for recreational diving on Port property. By doing this, the Port seeks to reduce the impact irresponsible diving practices can have on coral reefs and the entire marine environment.

A sample letter of support has been attached. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 477-5931, ext. 302/303 or Mr. Joe Javellana, Chief Planner at ext. 420. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase.*

Respectfully,



**RORY J. RESPICIO**  
General Manager

Enclosure:  
Sample Letter of Support

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**Mr. Keone Nakoa**

Deputy Assistant Secretary Insular and International Affairs  
U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, N.W.  
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**Dear Assistant Secretary Nakoa:**

On behalf of [Organization Name], I am writing to express my support for the Port Authority of Guam's (PAG) grant applications to the Office of Insular Affairs' (OIA) FY2022 Maintenance Assistance Program, entitled Port Authority of Guam Generator Maintenance & Sustainment Program, and OIA's FY2022 Technical Assistance Program, entitled Port Authority of Guam Recreational Diving Public Education and Outreach Program.

The Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port of Guam (Port) is the only full service U.S. seaport serving the island of Guam and its neighboring islands in Micronesia. Our residents rely on the Port for more than 90 percent of all goods brought into the island. There are currently no alternatives or redundancies of assets on our small island community that can cost-effectively provide for the importation of food, medical supplies, equipment and other essential goods, in the volumes and frequencies necessary for a regional population of almost 400,000. As a transshipment hub in Micronesia, the continuous operation of Guam's Port is critical to the function of the communities it serves.

The PAG's Generator Maintenance & Sustainment Program is intended to provide uninterrupted operational continuity by providing emergency power generation during power outages to the seaport's critical infrastructure allowing the constant free flowing of commerce, port and maritime security, and preservation of critical equipment assets.

In addition to the movement of essential goods, the Port also possesses properties leased to recreational diving companies. In an effort to protect the critical natural resources in its properties, such as coral reefs, the Port seeks to establish a Recreational Diving Public Education and Outreach Program. The intent of the program is to educate all commercial vendors with permits for recreational diving on Port property in diving best practices to minimize the potential impact of irresponsible diving practices on the marine environment.

The importance of the Port and the surrounding natural resources cannot be over stated. Both are critical to the local and regional community and are absolutely essential for the livelihood of the island's residents and the health of its economy.

I support and endorse the PAG's grant applications to the OIA's MAP and TAP funding opportunities and look forward to your agency's positive response.

Sincerely,

[Signature]  
[Printed Name]  
[Title]