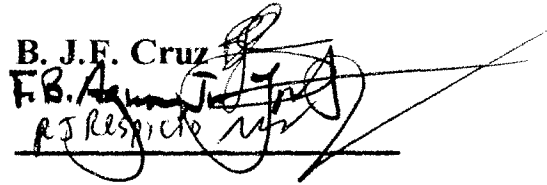


MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 41 (EC)

Introduced by:

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F.B. Aguirre
R.J. Respicio



AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) FROM THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TO UNDERWRITE GRANTS TO LOCAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE PROVIDERS OF RESIDENTIAL IN-PATIENT AND OUT-PATIENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL DETOXIFICATION, REHABILITATION, AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS.





BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSA) is mandated to conduct all government programs relative to substance abuse on the island. The “New Beginnings” program was established within DMHSA to fulfill this mandate. Although DMHSA operated the New Beginnings program for several years, the operations of the program were subsequently reduced from a twenty-four (24) hour seven (7) day week program to a weekday program operated only between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Based on staff shortages and severe budgetary shortfalls, the program was discontinued and as a consequence, DMHSA has abandoned its mandated mission relative to Substance Abuse.

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
3 the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse (DMHSA) is
4 mandated to conduct all government programs relative to substance
5 abuse on the island. The “New Beginnings” program was
6 established within DMHSA to fulfill this mandate. Although
7 DMHSA operated the New Beginnings program for several years, the

1 operations of the program were subsequently reduced from a 24-
2 hour 7-day a week program to a weekday program operated only
3 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Based on staff shortages
4 and severe budgetary shortfalls, the program was discontinued and
5 as a consequence, DMHSA has abandoned its mandated mission
6 relative to Substance Abuse.

7 In it's absence, several local non-profit organizations began
8 providing Substance Abuse services such as the Salvation Army,
9 which operates the Lighthouse Recovery center for male patients; the
10 Oasis Empowerment Center, which provides services for female
11 patients; and Sanctuary Incorporated, which provides services for
12 adolescents. However, these services are being limited or are at risk
13 of being closed due to a lack of funding for operations, facilities, and
14 facility maintenance. The closure of such programs provides no
15 alternatives for the treatment of substance abuse and the adjudication
16 of criminal cases for substance abuse offenders.

17 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to create an
18 annual grant program for local non-profit organizations providing
19 services in the areas of Drug and Alcohol Detoxification,
20 Rehabilitation, and Prevention.

21 **Section 2. Appropriation.** The Sum of Six Hundred Thousand
22 Dollars (\$600,000) is hereby appropriated from the Healthy Futures
23 Fund to the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse to fund
24 local non-profit organizations currently providing drug and alcohol
25 detoxification, rehabilitation, and prevention services as follows:

- 1 (a) Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for services to
2 Adolescent patients;
- 3 (b) Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for services to
4 Female patients; and
- 5 (c) Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for services to
6 Male patients.

7 **Section 3. Guam Drug and Alcohol Detoxification,**
8 **Rehabilitation, and Prevention Grant Program.** There is hereby
9 created a Guam Drug and Alcohol Detoxification, Rehabilitation, and
10 Prevention Grant Program within the Department of Mental Health
11 and Substance Abuse for the purpose of providing annual grants to
12 local non-profit organizations providing drug and alcohol
13 detoxification, rehabilitation, and prevention services. The Grant
14 Program shall be administered by the Director of the Department of
15 Mental Health & Substance Abuse beginning in Fiscal Year 2006. All
16 grants shall be approved by the Guam Mental Health Planning
17 Council based on a grant review process to be promulgated by the
18 Director of the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse.

19 **Section 4. Guam Drug and Alcohol Detoxification,**
20 **Rehabilitation, and Prevention Grant Program Continuing**
21 **Appropriation.** Beginning with Fiscal Year 2006, the Sum of Six
22 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) shall be annually appropriated
23 from the Healthy Futures Fund to the Department of Mental Health
24 & Substance Abuse for the Guam Drug and Alcohol Detoxification,
25 Rehabilitation, and Prevention Grant Program as follows:

- 1 (a) Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for services to
- 2 Adolescent patients;
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