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About CAHA

VISION

"To inspire creativity and expression"

MISSION

"CAHA exists to encourage and promote the artistic practice of our artisans and create opportunities for Guam residents to learn, experience, express and appreciate art, and artistic talent in all its forms."

MOTTO

"Weaving Arts & Humanities into our daily lives"

CAHA's ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY

- CAHA Strengthens Guam's arts and cultural community through capacity-building and support initiatives
- CAHA Promotes public awareness, appreciation, and understanding of Guam's arts, culture, and heritage
- CAHA Showcases and celebrates the artistic and cultural achievements of Guam
- CAHA Expands opportunities for participation, education, and engagement in the arts
- CAHA Preserves, promotes, and advocates for Guam's cultural identity and heritage

The Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency (CAHA), established by Public Law 16-122, serves as Guam's official state arts agency. CAHA administers federal and local funding to support the preservation, promotion, and advancement of Guam's arts, culture, and heritage. Through grants, programs, educational initiatives, and community partnerships, CAHA fosters artistic excellence, cultural preservation, and public engagement in the arts. The agency supports artists, cultural practitioners, nonprofit organizations, schools, and community groups while expanding opportunities for residents and visitors to experience and participate in Guam's rich cultural traditions. By working collaboratively with public and private partners, CAHA helps strengthen Guam's cultural identity, preserve its heritage, and enhance the quality of life for present and future generations.

Our Performance: CAHA Programs

Grants Program

CAHA's Grants Program supports Guam's arts and cultural sector by providing funding to individuals and organizations across multiple artistic disciplines. In FY 2024, CAHA awarded 19 grants totaling $124,200.00 to projects in arts education (2), folk arts (1), media arts (1), performing arts (1), special projects (2), and visual arts (3), with emphasis on initiatives benefiting underserved communities (9). Funded projects included apprenticeships, arts instruction, school presentations, performances, publications, cultural events, and both traditional and contemporary exhibitions.

Art-in-Public Places (Percent for the Arts)

Established under Public Law 15-50 in 1979, the Art-in-Public Places (Percent for the Arts) Program integrates art into public and qualifying private development projects across Guam.
The program requires that one percent (1%) of eligible capital construction costs be dedicated to public art through the installation of artwork or a payment in lieu of art made to CAHA. For the TNN, Inc. Tsubaki Tower project, the 1% allocation was calculated at $1,008,969.00. The final installment payment of $26,115 was received on September 30, 2024 completing the project's 1% public art obligation.

Art Bank Program

The CAHA Art Bank Program supports Guam artists through the purchase and public display of original artwork, expanding access to and appreciation of the arts. The program manages a collection of nearly 300 works by Guam artists that are loaned annually to Government of Guam agencies for display in public facilities. These works are placed in public spaces across the island, bringing Guam's visual arts into everyday government environments and strengthening public access to local artistic expression.

Poetry Out Loud

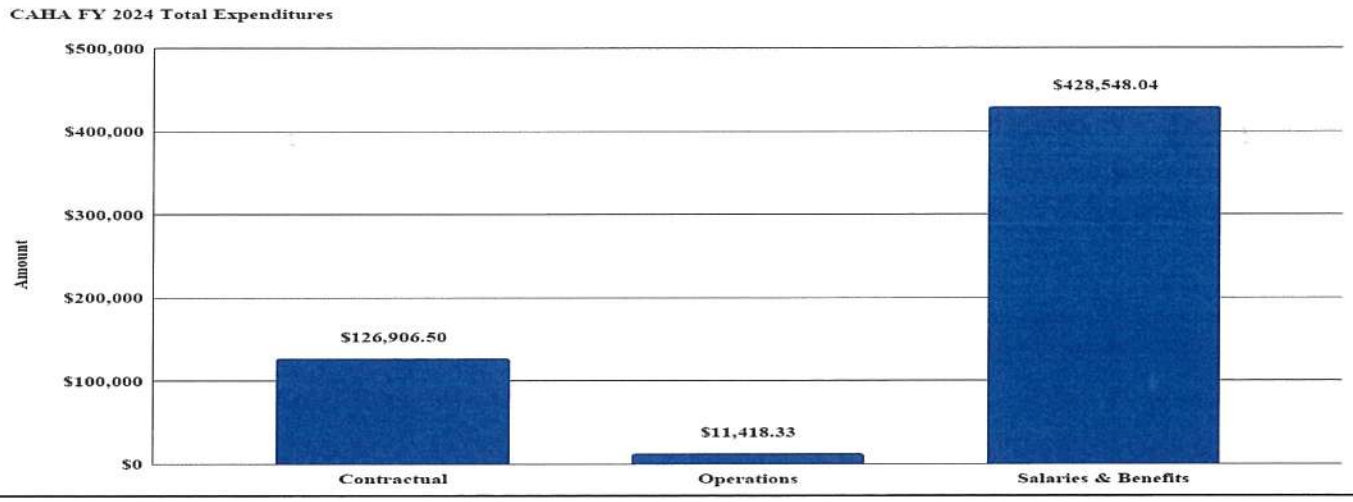
Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education initiative administered locally by CAHA that encourages high school students to explore poetry through memorization, performance, and recitation. The program promotes literary appreciation, public speaking skills, and student confidence while increasing awareness of poetry as a performing art. FY 2024 marked CAHA's third year participating in the program and the first time Guam's champion attended and competed in the National Poetry Out Loud Finals in Washington, D.C., marking Guam's first in person representation at the national level.

Artist Directory

The CAHA Artist Directory is an annual resource that connects the community with Guam's artists and arts organizations. The directory provides contact information for on-island artists and organizations, along with the artistic disciplines they represent. It helps increase visibility for local artists and organizations while strengthening connections within Guam's arts and cultural community.

CAHA Gallery

The CAHA Art Gallery provides a venue for local artists, organizations, and schools to exhibit and showcase their work, offering the community opportunities to experience and engage with Guam's artistic creativity. In FY 2024, eight exhibits were held, including five solo exhibitions and three group exhibitions.



FY 2024 Subgrants

	Name of Subgrantee	Discipline	Project Title	Amount Awarded
1	Andrea T. Murer	Arts Education	ECO Art II project,	$5,050.00
2	Mark Murer	Arts Education	Mosaic Art	$5,050.00
3	Greg T. Pangelinan	Folk Arts	Carving Apprenticeship	$10,000.00
4	Antonio Azios	Media Arts	Haga yan Acho	$8,750.00
5	Breaking Waves Theatre Company	Performing Arts		$8,750.00
6	Shannon Dean San Nicolas	Special Projects	Into the Jungle	$4,375.00
7	Kersha Taitano	Special Projects	Write On! Creative Mind, Happy Heart	$4,375.00
8	Yeon Sook Park	Underserved	Art as a Tool for Healing and Empowerment	$4,775.00
9	Robert P. Taitano Jr.	Underserved	Ifit Wood Carving Apprenticeship	$10,000.00
10	Justin Green	Underserved	Journeyman Carver	$4,775.00
11	Elizabeth Abuan	Underserved	The Art of Collage Making	$4,775.00
12	Kristen L. B. Rosario	Underserved	Visual Language-ASL Interpreter	$4,775.00
13	Jean Telly Kongolo	Underserved		$10,000.00
14	Manelu	Underserved	Art in the Ville	$10,000.00
15	Engracia Valencia	Underserved	Heart to Art	$10,000.00
16	Patrick Camacho	Underserved	I Lina 'la Kotturan-mami, Mu La'la Ginen I Kurason I Famagu'on-ta	$10,000.00
17	Jerrold Dwayne Castro	Visual Arts	I Kaiha Tatte (The Long Way Back)	$3,000.00
18	Kaitlin B. McManus	Visual Arts	Eyes on Micronesia	$4,000.00
19	Herman Crisostomo	Visual Arts	New Frontiers of Art and Technolog	$1,750.00
			TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT AWARDED	$124,200.00

Our Performance: CAHA Programs (Continue

Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC)

The Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC) is the largest gathering of Pacific Islanders, held every four years to celebrate and promote the diverse cultures of 27 Pacific Island countries and territories. In FY 2024, CAHA coordinated Guam's participation in the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture held in Hawai'i. Guam was represented by a 110-member delegation of artists, cultural practitioners, and performers who showcased the island's rich cultural heritage through the performing arts, literary arts, demonstrations, exhibitions, and special events. As host of the 12th FestPAC in 2016, Guam's participation in the 2024 festival strengthened cultural connections throughout the Pacific and highlighted the traditions, talents, and cultural identity of the CHamoru people on an international stage.

Our Future Outlook

CAHA's future outlook is guided by seven key objectives that will continue to strengthen Guam's arts and cultural community:

- Award grants supporting arts programs and projects across all disciplines that benefit the community
- Increase visibility and outreach within the community
- Strengthen implementation of the Art-in-Public Places (Percent for the Arts) Program
- Expand opportunities for public participation in the arts
- Grow the artist database and publish an updated Artist Directory in print and digital formats
- Promote cultural preservation, identity, and diversity
- Strengthen existing partnerships and develop new collaborations with public and private sector partners

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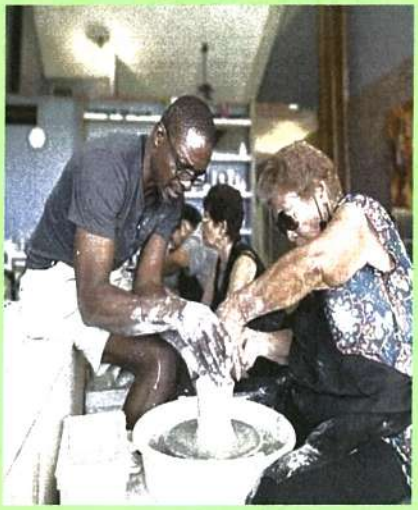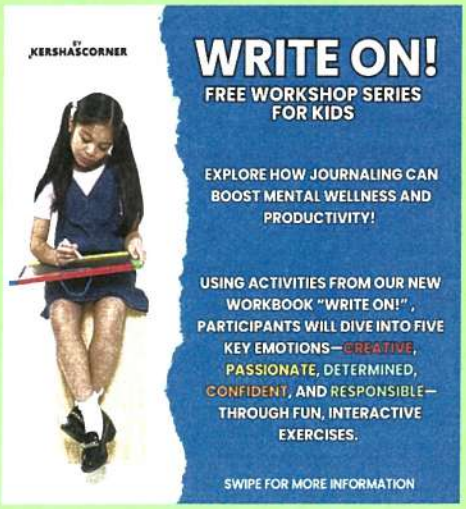
Is there other in formation you would like to see? Please let us know by contacting CAHA at the numbers and email listed.