



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17264
FSM CONGRESS

June 15, 2012

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
17th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

Re: C.A. No. 17-57

Dear Speaker Figir:



While I support the need of public projects and social programs, there is also a need to specify with certainty the use of appropriated funds to avoid the slightest doubts that may surface to question its intended purpose. I have on several occasions, raised my concerns on the funding of ambiguous projects or programs, particularly, "Transportation needs" that lack specification or certainty and makes it even difficult to implement.

I have also expressed reservation, based on prior experience, to support projects and programs that lack proper planning and coordination. The 'Sea cucumber project' that is to be funded by this appropriation, although, has direct linkage to the national strategic development plan, carries with it the same concerns I have reiterated above that will eventually make it even difficult to implement and maintain.

Another related and more pressing concern is the appropriation of funds for reimbursement of prior obligations in advance of fund availability. The use of the term "reimbursement" is likely to mislead one to conclude that we are obligating government prior to securing the availability of funds.

As a final concern, I note the lack of public hearings held at the community level on these projects and programs that are to receive funding under this Act. This is indeed an important link that will ensure transparency in our work and at the same time strengthen the Nation's development plan.

It has been an established policy direction that we ascertain the nexus between projects and the National Strategic Development Plan (SDP). I reiterate these concerns and reemphasize the need of our continued cooperation to work together to ascertain that public projects appropriation will support and are aligned with the national strategic development plan.



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Nevertheless, with a view toward continued cooperation between our branches and with the understanding that Congress would address the noted concerns, I hereby approve this act as Public Law No. 17-59.

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,260,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF YAP, KOSRAE, POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,


Manny Mori

President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
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May 31, 2012

His Excellency Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia
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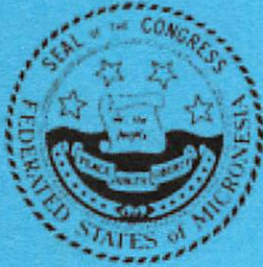
Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 17-57, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,260,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF YAP, KOSRAE, POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2012, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



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SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION
MAY 7 - 26, 2012

PUBLIC LAW No. 17-59

An Act

TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,260,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND
SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF YAP, KOSRAE, POHNPEI AND CHUUK,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: DOHSIS HALBERT

DATE: MAY 16, 2012

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN – MAY 18, 2012

FIRST READING: MAY 18, 2012

SECOND READING: MAY 26, 2012

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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ACT NO. 17-57

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-144, C.D.1,
C.D.2, C.D.3, C.D.4, C.D.5)

We hereby certify that on May 26 the foregoing act passed
Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session,
2012, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as
required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution
of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
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SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2012

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-144, C.D.1,
C.D.2, C.D.3, C.D.4, C.D.5

PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-59

AN ACT

To appropriate the sum of \$1,260,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, for the purpose of funding public projects and social programs in the States of Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. The sum of \$1,260,000, or so much thereof as
2 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund
3 of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year
4 ending September 30, 2012, for the purpose of funding public
5 projects and social programs in the States of Yap, Kosrae,
6 Pohnpei and Chuuk. The funds appropriated under this section
7 shall be apportioned as follows:

8 Section 2. Of the sum of \$1,260,000 appropriated by this
9 act, \$180,000 is apportioned for Yap State for public projects
10 and social programs.

11	State of Yap	\$ 180,000
12	(a) POL purchase - reimbursement	
13	and provisioning	20,000
14	(b) Okau road repair supplemental...	25,000
15	(c) Yapese COM-FSM fourth year students	
16	financial assistance	15,000
17	(d) Ngulog village power and	
18	water extension	35,000
19	(e) Dock construction	85,000

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1 Section 3. Of the sum of \$1,260,000 appropriated by this
2 act, \$180,000 is apportioned for Kosrae State for public
3 projects and social programs.

4	State of Kosrae	\$ 180,000
5	(a) Multipurpose building in Lelu...	30,000
6	(b) Vehicle purchase for	
7	Election District No. 1	20,000
8	(c) Kosrae High School Lunch Program	10,000
9	(d) Purchase of computers	
10	(desktops or laptops or I-pads)	10,000
11	(e) Kosrae Island Resource Management	
12	Authority (KIRMA) subsidy	10,000
13	(f) Kosrae Conservation Society	
14	Organization (KCSO) subsidy	10,000
15	(g) Pacific Island Development Bank	
16	(Kosrae State equity share)	25,000
17	(h) Municipal Governments subsidies.	40,000
18	(i) Aid to Non-public schools	5,000
19	(j) Walung High School students'	
20	transportation program (Purchase of outboard	
21	motor, boat, POL and administrative cost) ..	20,000

22 Section 4. Of the sum of \$1,260,000 appropriated by this
23 act, \$360,000 is apportioned for Pohnpei State for public
24 projects and social programs.

25	State of Pohnpei	360,000
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1	(1) At-Large	\$ 90,000
2	(a) Sea cucumber export projects	
3	(Travel expenses for expert processors and	
4	training for processors)	30,000
5	(b) Road repair projects	
6	(Materials and equipment rentals)	20,000
7	(c) School bus purchase, shipment	
8	duties, services	15,000
9	(d) Delegation constituents visit...	10,000
10	(e) Aid to Non-Public Schools	10,000
11	(f) Pohnpei traveller's guide	
12	development and printing	5,000
13	(2) Election District No. 1	90,000
14	(a) Purchase of sailing materials...	20,000
15	(b) Contribution for Sports	
16	equipment/activities	10,000
17	(c) Road Improvement	60,000
18	(3) Election District No. 2	90,000
19	(a) Purchase of Police vehicle	
20	and accessories	40,000
21	(b) Access road and site clearance -	
22	Enipein Pah, Kitti	12,500
23	(c) Civic Center - Nanpahlap,	
24	Madolenihmw	10,000
25	(d) Water Tank-Dioan, Kitti (Ni Kahng)	5,000

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1	(e) Purchase of PVC pipes for Temwen	
2	and Tamoroi, Madolenihmw	\$ 5,000
3	(f) Students financial assistance ..	5,000
4	(g) Culvert bridge-Pahnsapw,	
5	Madolenihmw	5,000
6	(h) Sport facilities improvement-	
7	Section 4, Madolenihmw	5,000
8	(i) Administrative support, Election	
9	District No. 2, Pohnpei State	2,500
10	(4) Election District No. 3	90,000
11	(a) Student financial assistance ...	7,000
12	(b) Medical referral assistance	7,000
13	(c) Community water projects	15,000
14	(d) Election District No. 3	
15	administrative support	17,000
16	(e) Road improvement/beautification	44,000
17	Section 5. Of the sum of \$1,260,000 appropriated by this	
18	act, \$540,000 is apportioned for Chuuk State for public	
19	projects and social programs.	
20	State of Chuuk	540,000
21	(1) At-Large	90,000
22	(a) Roads/Bridges/Seawalls Improvement	
23	and Beautification	35,000
24	(b) Weno, Municipal Government	
25	Election subsidy	5,000

1	(c) Contributions to State, Municipal	
2	and Community Events/Activities/Program ...\$	16,000
3	(d) Mortlocks Goodwill Games	
4	(Summer 2012) subsidy	5,000
5	(e) Contribution to Social Security	
6	outstanding premium	3,000
7	(f) Reimbursement payment for	
8	POL/Charters	10,000
9	(g) Community Facilities and	
10	Housing Subsidy	5,000
11	(h) Student financial assistance....	6,000
12	(i) Administrative Support/Legal	
13	fees for At-Large, Chuuk State allottee	5,000
14	(2) Election District No. 1.....	90,000
15	(a) Solar/Communication/Health/	
16	Sanitation projects	40,000
17	(b) Contributions to registered/	
18	chartered association/repatriation of remain	15,000
19	(c) Multipurpose public and community	
20	facilities renovation and improvement	10,000
21	(d) Youth/Sport/School activities...	10,000
22	(e) Mortlock Islands Development	
23	Authority's operation and administrative support	10,000
24	(f) Contribution to municipal and	
25	traditional special occasions	5,000

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1	(3) Election District No. 2.....\$	90,000
2	(a) Students financial assistance...	10,000
3	(b) Election District No. 2	
4	leadership conference	5,000
5	(c) Chuuk Women Council outreach	
6	programs in Election District No. 2	5,000
7	(d) Youth Beautification Activities.	5,000
8	(e) Community Water Systems Development/	
9	improvement	25,000
10	(f) Transportation need for	
11	Election District No. 2	20,000
12	(g) Housing rehabilitation supplement	20,000
13	(4) Election District No. 3.....	90,000
14	(a) Fishing Projects.....	10,000
15	(b) Farming Projects subsidy	
16	for Macheweuchen/Fefen/Parem/Tsis	5,000
17	(c) Municipal Government subsidies	
18	(i) Tonoas Municipal Government	5,000
19	(ii) Fefan Municipal Government.	5,000
20	(iii) Uman Municipal Government..	5,000
21	(iv) Parem Municipal Government.	2,500
22	(v) Tsis Municipal Government..	2,500
23	(d) Transportation needs	
24	(Communities/Students/Farmers)	17,500
25	(e) Students financial assistance...	5,000

1	(f) Travel needs to Women conference	
2	in Kosrae State	\$ 5,000
3	(g) Business and Entrepreneurship subsidy	5,000
4	(h) Contribution to Chuuk Museum projects	5,000
5	(i) Outstanding payment for rental	
6	of CSCIP	5,000
7	(j) Contribution to Non-Public	
8	School (POL and Utilities)	2,000
9	(k) Tonoas Ice Maker Plant subsidy .	500
10	(l) Contribution to Senior	
11	citizen/disable and handicap feeding program	5,000
12	(m) Medical referral assistance	5,000
13	(5) Election District No. 4	90,000
14	(a) Fishing projects	25,000
15	(b) Faichuk Development Authority	
16	(FDA) Administrative support subsidy	10,000
17	(c) Youth activities and programs ..	10,000
18	(d) Municipal governments subsidy ..	20,000
19	(e) Farming projects	10,000
20	(f) Peeuchu Association	5,000
21	(g) Road improvement and beautification	10,000
22	(6) Election District No. 5	90,000
23	(a) Fishing projects	27,000
24	(b) Transportation needs	
25	and reimbursements	15,000

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1	(c) Administrative support-Election	
2	District No. 5, Chuuk State	\$ 20,000
3	(d) Farming projects	8,000
4	(e) Pollap Jubilee celebration	10,000
5	(f) Reimbursement payment for outstanding	
6	past obligation	2,000
7	(g) CSCIP	5,000
8	(h) Murilo Constitutional day celebration	3,000

9 Section 6. Allotment and management of funds and lapse
10 date. All funds appropriated by this act shall be allotted,
11 managed, administered and accounted for in accordance with
12 applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Financial
13 Management Act of 1979. The allottee shall be responsible for
14 ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be
15 necessary, are used solely for the purpose specified in this
16 act, and that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum
17 appropriated. The allottee of the funds appropriated under
18 section 2 of this act shall be the Governor of Yap State,
19 EXCEPT that the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection
20 2(a) shall be the President of the Federated States of
21 Micronesia or his designee and the allottee of funds
22 appropriated under subsection 2(c) shall be the President of
23 COM-FSM or his designee. The allottee of funds appropriated
24 under sections 3 and 4 of this act shall be the President of
25 the Federated States of Micronesia or his designee, EXCEPT that

1 the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 3(a) of
2 this act shall be the Mayor of Lelu Municipal Government or his
3 designee. The allottee of funds appropriated under subsections
4 5(1) and 5(6) of this act shall be the Governor of Chuuk State
5 or his designee; EXCEPT that the allottee of funds appropriated
6 under subsection 5(6)(g) shall be the Executive Director of the
7 Chuuk State Commission on Improvement Project, the allottee of
8 funds appropriated under subsection 5(2) of section 5 of this
9 act shall be the Mortlock Islands Development Authority; the
10 allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 5(3) of section
11 5 of this act shall be the Executive Director of the Northern
12 Namoneas Social and Economic Development Authority; the
13 allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 5(4) and 5(5)
14 of section 5 of this act shall be the Chuuk State Commission on
15 Improvement Projects (CSCIP). The authority of the allottee to
16 obligate funds appropriated by this act shall lapse on
17 September 30, 2014.

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1 Section 7. This act shall become law upon approval by the
2 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
3 becoming law without such approval.

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President
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