CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
P.O. Box PS 3
Palikir, Sokehs
Pohnpei State, FM 96941
Tel: (691) 320-2324/2325/2326/2327/2337/2338/2707
Fax: (691) 320-5122

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-60

RE: PRESIDIENTAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-253

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/H&SA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session, 2020

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was jointly referred the National Government's proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget, begs leave to report as follows:

Presidential Communication No. 21-253 concerns the National Government's proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 as set forth in the National Government Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget ("Budget Book"). Pursuant to rule 7, section 4(b) of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, your Committee has limited its review to those portions of the proposed budget relating to matters under its jurisdiction:

I. Department of Health and Social Affairs
   A. Office of the Secretary
   B. Division of Health System Support
   C. Division of Environmental Health Services Unit
   D. Gender Development Unit
   E. Sport & Youth Unit
II. Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation
III. Grants, Subsidies & Contributions
   A. Department of Health and Social Affairs
      1. Grants

SPENDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. ___

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-253

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/MSBA

SEPTEMBER ___, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Sinins
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session, 2021

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was jointly referred the National Government's proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget, begs leave to report as follows:

Presidential Communication No. 21-253 presents the National Government's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021 as set forth in the National Government Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget ("Budget Book"). Pursuant to Title 7, section 4(b) of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, your Committee has limited its review to those portions of the proposed budget relating to matters under its jurisdiction:

I. Department of Health and Social Affairs
   A. Office of the Secretary
   B. Division of Health System Support
   C. Division of Environmental Health Services Unit
   D. Gender Development Unit
   E. Sport & Youth Unit
II. Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation
III. Grants, Subsidies & Contributions
   A. Department of Health and Social Affairs
      1. Grants

a. National Board of Nursing & Medical Licensing
b. FSM Red Cross
c. National Therapeutics & Standards Committee
d. Drug Quality Testing

2. Contributions
a. United Nations Fund for Population Activity (UNFPA)
b. World Health Organization (WHO)
c. Pacific Islands Health Officer Associations (PIHOA)
d. Association of Territorial Health Organizations
e. Vaccine & TB Drug Purchasing Scheme
f. U.N. Women

B. Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation

1. Contributions
a. UNESCO Membership Fee
b. NCSHPO
c. PARBICA
d. PIALA
e. WHC Membership Fee
f. Library Fee

C. FSM Social Security Administration

D. FSM National Government Employee's Health Insurance Plan

IV. Capital and Human Resource Development

A. Department of Health and Social Affairs

1. Health Services Special Pathologist
2. Medical Specialist Team
3. MOE-BHWP Medicine
4. Electronic Health Record System
5. Youth in Sports Program
6. Rheumatic Heart Program
7. FSM Vector Surveillance & Control Program
8. Implementing IHR Core Capacity to Improve Health Security
9. Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-60

RE: PRESIDIENTAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-251

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/H&SA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

This report, and all previous and subsequent reports of your Committee, should be treated as reflecting policies of the Federated States of Micronesia, as defined by Congress. It is the intent of your Committee that any commentary found in this report should be treated as policy for the guidance of the department, agencies and entities. It should be noted that in light of the uncertain economic times and the anticipated decrease in the projected budget, no new hirings or requested increases have been approved. In addition, the travel budget has been decreased by 70% across the board.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs held a public hearing on May 27, 2020, regarding the above budget items for the National Department of Health and Social Affairs, the Office of the National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation, the FSM Social Security Administration, and the FSM National Government Employee's Health Insurance Plan.

Present at the hearings for the Department of Health & Social Affairs were the Secretary and key staff from all of her relevant divisions, representatives from the Department of Justice, the Office of the President, the Department of Finance and Administration and the Office of Personnel.

Overall Budget:

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
Personnel	1,724,524	1,973,100	**1,957,861**
Travel	1,753,034	1,904,634	**1,727,574**
Contract	1,788,034	2,198,569	**1,655,569**
OCE	992,672	1,166,752	**1,078,996**
Fixed Assets	55,845	249,435	**222,435**
Total	6,314,106	7,492,490	**6,642,435**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-60

RE: PRESIDIENTAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-251

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/H&SA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

A. Administration-Office of the Secretary

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
Personnel	84,406	84,406	84,406
Travel	48,000	48,000	14,400
Contract	19,602	19,602	19,602
OCE	20,350	0	0
Fixed Assets	0	27,000	0
Total	172,358	179,008	118,408
# of Employees	3	3	3

Personnel: No change.

Travel: No change.

Contract: No change.

OCE: No request for OCE.

Fixed Assets: Increase in this category for a new vehicle for the Secretary. The Committee finds this request is not justified.

Division of Health System Support

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
Personnel	169,007	145,104	145,104
Travel	27,715	27,715	27,715
Contract	45,000	45,000	45,000
OCE	26,701	26,701	26,701
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Total	268,423	244,520	244,520
# of Employees	8	7	7

Personnel: Recommended to remove Histopathology Laboratory Position and various pay changes noted.

Travel: No change.

Contract: No change.

OCE: No change.

Fixed Assets: No change.

B. Division of Environmental Health Services

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
Personnel	371,296	369,293	369,293
Travel	38,000	89,000	11,400
Contract	48,000	91,000	48,000
OCE	29,700	75,000	29,700
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Total	474,996	624,293	458,393
# of Employees	23	24	23

Personnel: There is a decrease in this section.

Travel: An increase of $51,000 is being sought in this category. The Committee does not find this request justified.

Contract: An increase of $55,000 is sought in this category for a new National Food Lab Consultant and an increase in office space rental. The Committee does not find this request justified.

OCE: An increase of $45,300 is sought in this category. The Committee does not find this request justified.

Fixed Assets: No change is requested in this category.

C. Gender Development Unit

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
Personnel	22,724	22,724	22,724
Travel	29,000	29,000	8,700
Contract	10,000	10,000	10,000
OCE	30,000	30,000	30,000
Fixed Assets	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total	94,724	94,724	94,724
# of Employees	2	2	2

No changes requested.

D. Sport & Youth Unit*

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
Personnel	45,941	45,941	45,941
Travel	11,500	11,500	3,450
Contract	8,015	8,015	8,015
OCE	6,750	6,750	6,750
Fixed Assets	0	0	0
Total	72,206	72,206	72,206
# of Employees	2	2	2

No changes requested.

II. Office of the National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
Personnel	138,018	140,623	138,018
Travel	35,574	35,574	10,672
Contract	15,425	15,425	15,425

OCE	20,289	20,289	20,289
Fixed Assets	25,000	0	0
Total	234,306	211,911	184,404
# of Employees	7	7	7

Personnel: An increase of $2,605 is sought for an increase in the director salary. The Committee finds this request is not justified.

Travel: No change is requested in this category.

Contract: No change is requested in this category.

OCE: No change is requested in this category.

Fixed Assets: A decrease is sought in this category.

III. Grants, Subsidies & Contributions

A. Department of Health and Social Affairs

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
UNFPA	3,000	3,000	3,000
WHO	4,650	4,780	4,780
PIHOA	20,000	20,000	20,000
Territorial Health	4,000	4,000	4,000
Nurse Licensing	60,000	60,000	60,000
Red Cross	70,000	110,000	70,000
Vaccine Purchase	50,000	50,000	50,000
UN Women	1,000	1,000	1,000
Drug Quality Test	3,000	3,000	3,000
Standards Comm.	37,000	35,000	35,000
TOTAL	252,650	290,780	250,780

The Committee finds the amounts requested justified, with the exception of the increase in the Red Cross funding.

The Committee was not clear on what activities the Red Cross would be expanding and feels that any increase in services to the districts should be born by each of the districts.

B. Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
UNESCO	4,000	4,000	4,000
NCSHPO	2,760	2,760	2,760
PARBICA	100	100	100
PIALA	100	100	100
WHC	54	54	54
Library fee	50	50	50
Total	7,064	7,064	7,064

No changes requested.

C. Other Grants, Subsidies & Contributions

FSM Social Security Administration

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
	0	1,000,000	1,000,000

Your Committee notes that the Social Security Administration is in need of a subsidy in the amount of $1,000,000. The Administration continues to face a short fall between the amount of contributions collected and the benefits paid out. As such, your Committee is recommending a subsidy for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

FSM NATIONAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
	0	500,000	500,000

In light of the significant and unanticipated expenses that MiCare has had to expend to support medical patients during the pandemic, your Committee supports the requested subsidy for the 2021 fiscal year.

IV. Capital and Human Resource Development

Department of Health and Social Affairs

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
Pathologist	0	105,000	105,000
Medical Team	195,000	195,000	195,000
MOE-BHWP Med	22,200	22,200	22,200
Electronic Health Record System	50,000	85,000	35,000
Youth in Sports Program	0	120,000	50,000
Rheumatic Heart	120,000	120,000	120,000
Nat'l Surveillance	50,000	390,000	50,000
IHR Core Capacity	0	50,000	50,000
AMR	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total	447,200	1,097,200	687,200

The MOE-BHWP project to provide a small amount of shared funding to support our U.S. federally funded grant for mental health services and support is appropriate and in a reasonable amount.

Also, there is a request for funding for youth sport activities. The Committee reiterates that this is the type of activity that is best done at the state level.

The Committee finds that the initiatives regarding the screening, prevention and control of rheumatic heart disease to be important across the nation and supports the funding of this program in the amount of $120,000.

V. Summary

This completes the recommendations of your Committee for the budgets for the Fiscal Year 2021 for the National Department of Health and Social Affairs offices and divisions under its jurisdiction. **While consideration was given to the budget as transmitted by the President your Committee on Health and Social Affairs has departed from the President's recommendations in several instances. Your Committee, for the reasons stated above, recommends funding of $6,642,435 for the Department of Health and Social Affairs and other agencies under its jurisdiction for the Fiscal Year 2021.**

Subject to the conditions and limitations set forth herein, and subject to the concurrence of your Committee on Ways and Means, your Committee recommends approval of the amounts and source of funds identified as Committee Recommendations.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-60

RE: PRESIDIENTAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-251

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/H&SA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Ferny S. Perman, chairman

Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

Florencio S. Harper, member

Derensio S. Konman, member

Esmond B. Moses, member

Joseph J. Urusemal, member

Aren B. Palik, member

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-60

RE: PRESIDIENTAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-251

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/H&SA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Ferny S. Perman, chairman

Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

Florencio S. Harper, member

Derensio S. Konman, member

Esmond B. Moses, member

Joseph J. Urusemal, member

Aren B. Palik, member