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Speaker

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

35th Guam Legislature

Guam Congress Building

163 Chalan Santo Papa

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Executive Order No. 2020-18

Dear Madame Speaker:

Pursuant to Public Law 34-16, transmitted herewith is the following Executive Order:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-18:
RELATIVE TO LAUNCHING THE GUAM SMALL BUSINESS
PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

If you have any questions, please contact my office at # 475-9475/76.

Senseramente,

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Enclosure(s): Executive Order No. 2020-18

cc via email: *Maga'hågan Guåhan*
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**ISLAND OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-18

**RELATIVE TO LAUNCHING THE GUAM SMALL BUSINESS
PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) into law providing Guam with emergency federal funding; and

WHEREAS, through the coordinated efforts of all of this administration’s advisory groups in the island’s response to COVID-19, Guam is able to dedicate a significant portion of the CARES Act funding towards economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 2020-12 and administered nearly Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) to the island’s people through *Prugrãman Salãppe’ Ayudon I Taotao*, a disaster relief aid program; and

WHEREAS, I have also budgeted an additional Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) to provide direct relief to Guam’s small businesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have suffered great financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 due to business closure, reduced consumer spending, and a decline in visitor arrivals; and

WHEREAS, according to a publication by the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy, in 2018 in the territory of Guam, there were approximately 3,466 small businesses in existence employing 57,902 people. Additionally, establishments with fewer than 100 employees maintained the largest share of overall employment; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Economic Development Authority (“GEDA”), designee under Section 1B, was created as a public corporation by Public Law 8-80 (now codified at Title 12 Guam Code Annotated (“G.C.A.”) Chapter 50) on August 21, 1965, to assist in the implementation of an integrated program for the economic development of Guam. GEDA’s enabling legislation sets forth its purposes and authorized activities, one of which includes aiding private enterprises; and

WHEREAS, to carry out its authorized activities, GEDA is granted the specific power “to enter into and perform such contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, or other transactions with any agency or instrumentality of the United States, or with any state, territory or possession or any political subdivision thereof, or with any person, firm, association or corporation, as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to the conduct of the activities authorized by this Division, and on such terms as may be prescribed by the Corporation.” 12 G.C.A. Section 50104(g).

NOW THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, I Maga’hãgan Guãhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do order as follows:

1. GEDA is designated as the entity responsible for the administration of the **Guam Small Business Pandemic Assistance Grant** (“GSBPA Grant”) in the Territory of Guam.



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2. The Administrator of GEDA is designated as the official responsible for overseeing the program which includes the following items:
- a. Consulting industry stakeholders in the creation of a relevant program of aid for small businesses.
 - b. Creating the program inclusive of application, promotional materials, standard operating procedures, and other relevant documentation.
 - c. Receiving and reviewing applications in a timely manner and periodically reporting a payment schedule to the Department of Administration for check issuance to small businesses.
 - d. Providing a system of reporting to include auditable certification to ensure accountability.
 - e. Allow for applications until such time the \$20 million authorized is exhausted, but no later than December 31, 2020 as set forth in the federal guidance.
 - f. Maintain a schedule of reimbursements for costs outside of regularly budgeted items associated with the program. This should *not* be included in the Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) designated for small businesses.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagátña, Guam, this **1st** day of **June 2020**.



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
Maga'hågan Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attested by:

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Lieutenant Governor of Guam