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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 24, 2022

Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration Starts New Round of Rental Aid
ERA Delivers \$21M to 5,500 Households — Cycle 5 Resumes Application Period

Hagåtña, Guam - The Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration announces that the application period for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Cycle 5 resumed today, October 24, 2022. Financial assistance for rent, rent arrears, utility, and utility arrears is available for a maximum of 18 months incurred from March 13, 2020, to the present. Applicants who have not exhausted 18 months of assistance may be eligible for Continuance of Assistance.

“To date, our administration has delivered \$21 million in rental and utility assistance to over 5,500 households in need of the relief available through the ERA Program, which has provided an average of \$2,900 per household,” said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. “With \$16 million distributed in rental and displacement aid, in addition to \$5 million in utility assistance, we encourage those in need to apply, so that we can keep Guam moving forward.”

“Through ERA and many more programs at the Guam Relief Center, our administration continues to actively provide financial assistance to families and individuals still facing challenges from the pandemic,” said Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio. “We will continue to deliver as much aid as possible and ensure that our efforts maximize relief across our community.”

The ERA program is federally funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and serves rental households whose gross income does not exceed 80 percent of the area median income determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Approved ERA payments go directly to landlords and utility companies on behalf of renters.

Individuals may apply online at doa.guam.gov or pick up a hardcopy application at the ERA office on the 2nd floor of the ITC building in Tamuning or at the Government of Guam Relief Center on the 3rd floor of the Bank of Hawaii building in Hagåtña. Prior-approved ERA recipients must complete a Continuance of Assistance Request Form at doa.guam.gov.

For more information, visit doa.guam.gov or contact the Guam ERA Program at ERA@doa.guam.gov or 671-638-4518/4519.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - August 19, 2022

Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration Delivers \$18.3M in Rental Aid

ERA Cycle 4 Application Period Closes on August 31, 2022

Hagåtña, Guam - The Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration reminds those who are struggling to meet rental and utility obligations, and facing financial hardship caused by the pandemic, to apply for the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program before the close of Cycle 4 on August 31, 2022. The ERA Program had temporarily paused accepting new applications to process those received, and has reopened the current application period.

“To date, our administration has delivered \$18.3 million in rental and utility assistance to support over 4,000 households in need of the relief available through the ERA Program,” said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. “With more than \$14 million distributed in rental and displacement aid, and over \$4 million in utility assistance, we remain steadfast in our commitment to deliver relief and secure housing as we progress on the road to recovery.”

“Over 7,100 people in our community to date have sought and received assistance through the ERA Program, which continues to provide meaningful support to those in need of rental and utility relief,” said Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio. “The deadline for ERA Cycle 4 is fast approaching, so we encourage those in need of financial aid to apply today at doa.guam.gov.”

Individuals may apply online at doa.guam.gov or pick up a hardcopy application at the ERA office on the 2nd floor of the ITC building in Tamuning or at the Government of Guam Relief Center on the 3rd floor of the Bank of Hawaii building in Hagåtña. Applicants can also submit their pre-applications at the ERA Program office or at the Government of Guam Relief Center. ERA allocations are paid directly to landlords and utility companies on behalf of renters. Combined assistance of rent, rent arrears, utility, and utility arrears is available for a maximum of 15 months incurred from March 2020 to present. Applicants who have not exhausted 15 months of assistance may be eligible for Continuance of Assistance. Prior-approved ERA recipients in need of additional assistance must submit a Continuance of Assistance Request Form, available at doa.guam.gov to the ERA Program for assessment. The ERA Program closes on September 30, 2022.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - June 10, 2022

Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration Distributes \$15.9M in Rental Assistance

ERA Program Application Period Temporarily Pausing on June 13, 2022

Hagåtña, Guam - The Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration provides the following update on the Guam Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program:

“To date, our Administration has delivered \$15.9 million in rental and utility assistance to support the resilience of nearly 4,000 households in need of the relief available through the ERA Program,” said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. “As our people rejoin Guam’s growing workforce, we are confident that lifeline programs like ERA are helping to ensure struggling families and individuals secure their housing, utilities, and other critical needs on our road to recovery.”

“Our island’s careful shift into recovery must continue to balance the needs of our community,” said Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio. “As we continue pushing forward with skilled workforce training programs and economic expansion initiatives, we trust our people will be empowered to seize the growing opportunities for increased stability and sustainable livelihoods.”

The ERA Program, launched in March 2021, will temporarily pause receiving applications on June 13, 2022 in order to process applications received to date. Pre-eligible applicants may submit documents to the drop box at the ERA Program office on the 2nd Floor of the ITC Building in Tamuning. ERA allocations are paid directly to landlords and utility companies on behalf of renters. Assistance is available for up to 12 months of arrears and is not eligible for rental and or utility arrears incurred prior to March 2020. Prior-approved ERA recipients in need of additional assistance must submit a Continuance of Assistance Request (CAR) Form, available at doa.guam.gov, to the ERA Program for assessment. The ERA Program closes on September 30, 2022.

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