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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

***\$35M in Relief Assistance Provided to Households Impacted by Pandemic***

Tamuning, Guam (November 22, 2023) - The Department of Administration's (DOA) Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program continues to actively deploy funds to assist individuals and families facing financial challenges impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The ERA Program has supported the housing stability of our island community, with more than 10,296 households in combined rental and utility relief assistance," said Acting Governor Joshua Tenorio. "To date, the program has paid out a total of \$35 million islandwide in rent, power, water, and trash removal."

To date, nearly \$8.5 million in utility payments have been made on behalf of rental households, while a total of \$2.8 million in Displacement and Relocation plus other assistance costs have benefitted affected individuals and families.

***ERA Cycle 6 application period remains open for new applicants and Continuance of Assistance applicants who have not reached maximum assistance. The program can provide financial relief assistance for up to 18 months based on qualifying needs.***

ERA urges those needing support or continued assistance to apply online at [doa.guam.gov](http://doa.guam.gov). Applicants can also seek in-person assistance at the Emergency Rental Assistance Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Suite 219 in the ITC building in Tamuning or at the Guam Relief Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in the Bank of Hawaii building.

For more information, call the ERA main office at 671-638-4518/9 or the Guam Relief Center at 671-475-2060. Email inquiries may be sent to [era@doa.guam.gov](mailto:era@doa.guam.gov).

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