

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-41

RE: C.R. NO. 20-64/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$100,064.

NOVEMBER 02, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twentieth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Special Session, 2017

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 20-64, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT
ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,064 FROM THE UNITED
STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND
THE PPHF 2017 PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES
BLOCK GRANT, FOR THE BUDGET PERIOD FROM OCTOBER
1, 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 30,2018, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS
AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the resolution are expressed in
its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on November 1, 2017, the
witnesses present included the Department of Health &
Social Affairs, including the Secretary and her key staff,
and representatives the Department of Justice and the
Department of Finance and Administration.

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Your Committee remains strongly committed to all work to reduce the major diseases affecting the citizens of our Nation. The overall program funded by this grant is well known to the Committee, and has been a part of the FSM preventative health program for many years.

The Committee and the Department of Health & Social Affairs discussed the on-going challenges facing our Nation regarding heart disease and diabetes. The Department spoke about the need to work on non-communicable disease risk factors, such as salt and fat intake, as well as, the need for exercise by all members of society. The National portion of this funding will fund activities promoting a reduction in salt, better nutrition in general and physical activity. Each of our states will receive an almost equal portion of this funding based on their own individual plans. A detailed budget breakdown is attached to the report for members reference.

The Committee reiterates its request for information. It is the desire of the Committee to know how the various projects are being evaluated and how the Department is influencing successful outcomes. The Department has agreed to provide this information at the earliest possible date.

Your Committee is supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts, however, further encourages additional communication regarding this program. Notwithstanding the above comments, it is therefore, for the reasons set forth above, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs supports the grant activities proposed to be funded, it is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No.20-64, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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