

Grantee: American Samoa

Grant: P-19-AS-60-ODD2

April 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2024 Performance Report

Grant Number:

P-19-AS-60-ODD2

Obligation Date:**Award Date:****Grantee Name:**

American Samoa

Contract End Date:

03/25/2028

Review by HUD:

Reviewed and Approved

Grant Award Amount:

\$23,039,000.00

Grant Status:

Active

QPR Contact:

No QPR Contact Found

LOCCS Authorized Amount:

\$0.00

Estimated PI/RL Funds:

\$0.00

Total Budget:

\$23,039,000.00

Disasters:

Declaration Number

FEMA-4357-AS

Narratives

Disaster Damage:

Public Law 116-20 stipulates the appropriation of \$2.43 billion through the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program in response to Presidential declared disasters in 2018 and 2019. These CDBG-DR program funds are authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) relevant to disaster relief and long-term recovery for a major disaster that occurred in 2018 or 2019. American Samoa was devastated by Tropical Storm Gita, also known as DR-4357, and in December 2019, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced an allocation of \$23 million in CDBG-DR program funds to the Territory of American Samoa. This allocation was in accordance with Public Law 116-20 signed by President Trump on June 6, 2019 to address the unmet needs and long-term recovery efforts due to widespread damages caused by Tropical Storm Gita. Flooding from heavy rain, power outages and damaged buildings (residential and commercial) from strong winds were widespread across American Samoa, where rainfall in excess of 150 mm (6 inches) was reported. CDBG-DR funds under Public Law 116-20 are allocated directly to the American Samoa Government (ASG). As the American Samoa administering agency for HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program over the years, the American Samoa Department of Commerce (ASDOC) is also the designated grantee for CDBG-DR. Like the administration of CDBG funds, the ASDOC will ensure CDBG-DR funds are intended to benefit low -and-moderate-income households, although limited to eligible activities of:

- Immediate Disaster Relief
- Long-term Recovery
- Restoration of Infrastructure and Housing
- Economic Revitalization; and,
- Hazard

Our methodology to determine American Samoa's unmet needs and calculating funding allocation in accordance with the Federal Register Notices is based on home inspection data for FEMA's Individual Assistance Program and Public Assistance Program. This also includes Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan program. HUD calculated unmet housing needs as the number of housing units with unmet needs times the estimated cost to repair those units less repair funds already provided by FEMA and SBA.

Recovery Needs:

Gale force winds of over 50 miles per hour (mph) with gusts up to 145mph were recorded for TS Gita. It brought 30 inches of torrential rainfall with severe flooding, landslides, and over \$16 million worth of destroyed crops across the island.

A Presidential disaster declaration for American Samoa also allowed FEMA to provide individual and public assistance to the Territory. During the initial assessment, over 5,400 homes were identified to have been impacted by the tropical storm. Aside from residential homes, small businesses, and public infrastructure (roads, airport, seaport, utilities and telecommunications) were seriously damaged too.

a) Immediate Disaster Relief

A Joint Task Force was immediately activated on February 9, 2018 to operate on a 24- hour basis and to conduct



assessments throughout the state of emergency. The Joint Task Force was comprised of emergency service providers including –

- Lyndon Johnson (LBJ) Tropical Medical Center
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Department of Health (DOH)
- Department of Human and Social Services (DHSS)
- Office of the Protection and Advocacy
- Territorial Administration on Aging (TAOA)
- Red Cross

The emergency shelters housed a total of 1,114 individuals. The Department of Human and Social Services (DHSS) was assigned to administer all active emergency shelters that opened since Tropical Storm Gita until they closed on February 27th, 2018. By the time the emergency shelters closed, residents received temporary shelters (tents/tarps) or had alternate arrangements. The distribution of tents, tarps and cots were done for the islands of Aunu'u, Manu'a and Tutuila with the data as follows:

Tutuila / Aunu'u

Over 500 tents; 200 tarps and, 400 cots

Manu'a

Over 20 tents, 100 tarps, and 60 cots

During American Samoa's state of emergency for TS Gita, health assessments were done as well. Medical teams of four (1 Physician, 1 Dentist, 1 Nurses, and 2 Certified Nurse Assistants) were deployed during the storm. As a result, they assisted 2,114 patients, 50 of whom were TS Gita related. There were five dengue fever cases, 4,000 registered senior citizens, 629 individuals with special needs, and 439 were Community Health Center referrals.

Between March 23, 2018 and April 19, 2018, Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) Access Functional and Unmet Needs (AFN) assessments were conducted and yielded the following results:

Home Visited

868

Survivor Interactions

3,953

Survivor Registrations

1,842

Case Updates

405

Case Inquiries

123

Whole Community Referrals

1,662

Other AFN Registrations

549

Crisis counseling programs were provided immediately for the community to receive service program assistance that lasted between April and June 2018. Regular crisis counseling services continued between July 1, 2018 and April 9, 2019. The data for crisis counseling services are as follows:

Immediate Service Program

Regular Service Program

The American Samoa Government allocated \$500,000 of its local funds for a Disaster Relief Food Assistance Program. Due to



limited funding, the team prioritized benefit for the neediest households that were impacted by the tropical storm. An intake application process took place on October 9-22, 2018 to review all applications for assistance. The dissemination of food assistance benefits began on December 21, 2019 as soon as funding became available to the American Samoa Government. The following data is an overall view of the clients or beneficiaries served by the DHSS.

Disaster Relief Food Assistance Program

Total Applied

7,359 individuals or 1,937

Total Approved

2,325 from 903 households

Total Benefits Issued

2,178 individuals (147 didn't claim benefits due to being away from the territory for the holidays or deceased when benefits were issued by December 21, 2018)

Value of Benefits

\$185 / person

Budget Allocation

\$70,000 for Administrative Costs

\$430,000 for Benefits

Disaster Case Management Programs were also provided although it delayed due to challenging issues that the program did not launch until February 2019. As a result, 206 cases were identified and all needed 100% home repairs. Only 6 cases were closed with 200 pending. Disaster cleanup efforts can also trigger emotional stress and strain on families. The overwhelming feeling that each survivor cannot control the situation can cause emotional crisis. Village and community homes which we commonly refer to as guest houses are cultural spaces where village events occur. It is also the center of any community or village to gather to meet, celebrate, mourn or gather for a big family or village event. These traditional houses or guesthouses were not deemed eligible for repair and it led to an unmet need for many whose guesthouses were severely damaged by Tropical Storm Gita.

Outreach efforts were conducted by the Disaster Case Management program in collaboration between ASG (in this case the DHSS was the administering agency) and a non-government organization called the American Samoa Volunteer Agencies Active in Disasters (ASVOAD). Both groups worked towards identifying any and all unmet needs. The outreach programs enabled this public-private partnership to identify the types of available programs on island. These outreach programs included community groups like farmers and ethnic communities like the Fijian, Chinese, Korean, Tongan, and Filipino to

ensure they all understand the available resources they can seek assistance based on their needs.

Overall, the preliminary damage assessments (PDA) from FEMA had nearly 5,500 applicants with over 7,816 approved for assistance. This FEMA assistance was valued at \$20.3 million in individual assistance and over \$11 million in Small Business Administration loans.

The Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) was in charge of registering survivors for assistance. It also included streamlining the process to implement a pre-registration process that documented a total of 9,883 applicants as of May 1st, 2018. The DRC identified 7,816 for Other Needed Assistance (ONA) and Housing Assistance (HA) with 682 for Small Business Administration for both business and residential.

As of September 2018, both FEMA and SBA provided assistance to American Samoa residents as a result of Tropical Storm Gita.

Tropical Storm Gita - Individual Assistance

ASG / FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA)

5,495 Homes

Registered Individual Assistance (IA)

7,816 Individuals

Approved for Housing Assistance (HA)

3,653 Individuals

Approved for Other Needed Assistance (ONA)

4,900 Individuals

Approved for Small Business Administration (SBA)

682 Residential & Businesses

While there were 3,486 applications for SBA, only 682 were approved. Only 4 deaths as a result of TS Gita were assisted under ONA. This is in relation to the fact that some of these victims were unable to receive emergency health care during the storm, as well as medicine. Some victims died as a result of worsening health conditions due to the tropical storm. A total of 24 individuals received maximum awards for Individual and Household Program (IHP) assistance due to home losses (destroyed by TS Gita).

b) Long Term Recovery Efforts

American Samoa's long-term recovery from Tropical Storm Gita is focused on restoring its critical infrastructure, revitalizing the economy and incorporating resiliency and sustainability in housing structures across the territory to mitigate damages from future disasters.

Tualauta is the largest district in the territory that sustained damages in homes, businesses and critical infrastructure as a result of severe flooding in the area. To date, the area remains heavily impacted by flash floods during the rainy season. Various homes across the territory also remain uninhabited due to various reasons including ineligibility of individuals/families to apply or even the federal assistance awarded to them wasn't sufficient to bring the home up to



standard and livable conditions.

American Samoa’s CDBG-DR Action Plan will provide more details on local and federal response and recovery efforts to date.

Overall	This Report Period	To Date
Total Projected Budget from All Sources	\$0.00	\$23,039,000.00
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$0.00	\$16,539,000.00
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$6,500,000.00
Total Budget	\$0.00	\$23,039,000.00
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$0.00	\$16,539,000.00
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$6,500,000.00
Total Obligated	\$0.00	\$1,151,950.00
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$0.00	\$1,151,950.00
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Drawdown	\$30,115.02	\$303,335.88
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$30,115.02	\$303,335.88
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Funds Drawdown	\$30,115.02	\$303,335.88
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$30,115.02	\$303,335.88
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Drawdown	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Income Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds Expended	\$226,046.56	\$303,335.88
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$226,046.56	\$303,335.88
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00
HUD Identified Most Impacted and Distressed	\$226,046.56	\$226,046.56
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$226,046.56	\$226,046.56
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Non-Match Funds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Funds Expended

Overall	This Period	To Date
American Samoa Department of Commerce (ASG/DOC).	\$ 226,046.56	\$ 303,335.88

Progress Toward Required Numeric Targets

Requirement	Target	Projected	Actual
Overall Benefit Percentage			
B-19-DV-60-0001	70.00%	100.00%	.00%
B-19-DV-60-0002	70.00%	100.00%	.00%
Minimum Non Federal Match			
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
Overall Benefit Amount			
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$10,998,435.00	\$15,712,050.00	\$.00
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$4,322,500.00	\$6,175,000.00	\$.00



Limit on Public Services

B-19-DV-60-0001	\$2,480,850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$975,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Limit on Admin/Planning

B-19-DV-60-0001	\$3,307,800.00	\$826,950.00	\$303,335.88
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$1,300,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$0.00

Limit on Admin

B-19-DV-60-0001	\$826,950.00	\$826,950.00	\$303,335.88
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$325,000.00	\$325,000.00	\$0.00

Most Impacted and Distressed

B-19-DV-60-0001	\$16,539,000.00	\$16,539,000.00	\$226,046.56
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$6,500,000.00	\$6,500,000.00	\$0.00

Overall Progress Narrative:

CDBG-Disaster Recovery-Grant Mangement

The CDBG-DR Program has once again made strides during this reporting period by completing a site a major site visit with The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) to establish a agreement pathway with the Department of Public works to expand capacity and complete the project design for the Tualauta Drainage Project. The site visit covered the downstream to the outfall in Nuâzûuuli and alongside routes 001, 018, 019 to name a few focusing on risk and benefit of construction to detain flooding. As proposed and recommended, USACE, DPW and DOC will have to work together to provide scoping and contracting for all services for design, hydraulic modeling, environmental assessment, technical review and contracting for construction. These next steps will be managed and delivered by DOC

As proposed and recommended, USACE, DPW, and DOC will have to work together to provide scoping and contracting for all services for design, hydraulic modeling, environmental assessment, technical review, and contracting for construction. These next steps will be managed and delivered by DOC. It is important to highlight that an advance payment of \$50k was made out to USACE as previous reported to provided an onsite pre-assesment of the project site to include alternative measures to meet the requirements of coastal zone management requirements in the outfall point of the taulatua drainage and ensure that it is aligned with the environmental assestment expectations.

CDBG-DR program staff did not encounter any challenges with the overall grant management. CDBG-DR coordinator continues to manage website to ensure compliance is overseen with the posting of required items. Organizing and aligning policies and procedures is a success during this reporting period. CDBG-DR Coordinator was able to re-structure and clean up website to include the correct versions of action plans, policies and procedures, public notices, and federal registrar's notice. Tualauta Drainage Project

Project progress is moving forward with the support of United States Army Corp. of Engineers (USACE.) USACE presented their findings highlighting the current conditions of the Tualauta drainage following the completion of the right of way to survey by DPW. In December 2023, the diversion ditch was added to the Leaveave Stream to connect to Taumata stream. It is currently partially constructed and unclear where it will end. It is a not functioning as intend and it is at a much lower level of design than typical for USACE. The diversion ditch poses a concern for further increased flooding in the Taumata Stream connection. As a result, USACE have drafted a few alternatives measures that will need modeling in order to best determine the next steps for a design. Such measures include increasing hydraulic structure capacity, install or create detention basins, elevate road with drainage underneath that will eventually improve the drainage and erosion protection of one existing drainage system. Next steps for the USACE is to provide more data to allow for a feasible footprint for construction, modeling of the diversion ditch, costs estimates, selection of alternative routes in order to develop a detailed design of the entire system (Modeling, specs/plans), Environmental Assessment, Public Engagement, Reviews and finally Construction from Downstream to Upstream. This site visit completes the Pre-Assesment step of the Project Design.

Also during this reporting period, we were able to recongnize some problems on DRGR with the submisson of the Action Plan. We worked with our Grants Manager reporting issues to resolve but recognizing there are few minor details that we need to iron with the DRGR, we hope to submit this report in a timely manner.

Grants manager pointed out that the admin dollars are not budgeted proportionally with each child grants. Unfortunately, the drgr will not be able to increase the budget limit for other child grant therefore, the other child grant has a leftover amount. we hope to resolve this issue in the next payperiod.

Project Summary

Project #, Project Title	This Report	To Date	
	Program Funds Drawdown	Project Funds Budgeted	Program Funds Drawdown
9999, Restricted Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DR_Admin, DR_Admin	\$30,115.02	\$1,151,950.00	\$303,335.88
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$30,115.02	\$1,151,950.00	\$303,335.88
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DR_Infrastructure, DR_Infrastructure	\$0.00	\$3,387,050.00	\$0.00
B-19-DV-60-0001	\$0.00	\$2,106,488.00	\$0.00
B-19-DV-60-0002	\$0.00	\$1,280,562.00	\$0.00



Activities

Project # / DR_Admin / DR_Admin



Grantee Activity Number: DR_Admin_N/A

Activity Title: DR_Admin_N/A

Activity Type:

Administration

Project Number:

DR_Admin

Projected Start Date:

01/12/2021

Benefit Type:

N/A

National Objective:

N/A

Activity Status:

Under Way

Project Title:

DR_Admin

Projected End Date:

03/25/2028

Completed Activity Actual End Date:**Responsible Organization:**

American Samoa Department of Commerce

Overall**Total Projected Budget from All Sources**

B-19-DV-60-0001

B-19-DV-60-0002

Total Budget

B-19-DV-60-0001

B-19-DV-60-0002

Total Obligated

B-19-DV-60-0001

B-19-DV-60-0002

Total Funds Drawdown

B-19-DV-60-0001

B-19-DV-60-0002

Program Funds Drawdown

B-19-DV-60-0001

B-19-DV-60-0002

Program Income Drawdown

B-19-DV-60-0001

B-19-DV-60-0002

Program Income Received

B-19-DV-60-0001

B-19-DV-60-0002

Total Funds Expended

American Samoa Department of Commerce

Most Impacted and Distressed Expended

B-19-DV-60-0001

B-19-DV-60-0002

Apr 1 thru Jun 30, 2024 To Date

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Activity Description:

Program administrative activities

Location Description:**Activity Progress Narrative:**

During this period period, CDBG DR Staff regcongized that discrepancies with amount inputing. This is primarily to not understanding that the overall expended amount expended were to be inputted by child grants and the



HUD MID expended amount as well. In this reporting period, we recognize this discrepancies and hope to pin point the amount expended here to track.

Year
Report Start Date
Report End Date
Due Date
Amount
2022
04/01/2022
06/30/2022
07/31/2022
\$0.00

07/01/2022
09/30/2022
10/31/2022
\$0.00
*Reported
10/01/2022
12/31/2022
01/30/2023
(\$77,289.32)*
2023
01/01/2023
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04/30/2023
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03/31/2023
04/30/2024
\$0.00

04/01/2024
06/30/2024
07/31/2024
\$30,115.02
TOTAL

*Reported in this period
\$226,046.56*

Accomplishments Performance Measures

No Accomplishments Performance Measures

Beneficiaries Performance Measures

No Beneficiaries Performance Measures found.



Activity Locations

No Activity Locations found.

Other Funding Sources

No Other Funding Sources Found

Other Funding Sources Budgeted - Detail

No Other Match Funding Sources Found

Activity Supporting Documents: None

