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Governor

David M. Apatang
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 24-4, D1**, entitled "To appropriate Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the Department of Finance Rota Division and the Mayor of Rota's Operations; as well as Seven Hundred and Thirty-One Dollars (\$731.00) for fuel and lubrication under the Rota, Department of Lands and Natural Resources," which was passed by the Rota Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This Bill becomes **Rota Local Law 24-01**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission;
Acting Special Assistant for Administration; Public Auditor; Secretary of Finance;
Mayor of Rota; Rota, DLNR; Programs and Legislative Review Office



ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

First Senatorial District

Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Senator Donald M. Manglona, Chairman
Senator Ronnie M. Calvo, Vice Chair

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo, Floor Leader
Senator Dennis James C. Mendiola, Legislative Secretary

April 4, 2025

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Honorable Juan A. Sablan Memorial Building
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Palacios:

I am honored to transmit for your action **House Local Bill No. 24-4, D1**, entitled, "To appropriate Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the Department of Finance Rota Division and the Mayor of Rota's Operations; as well as Seven Hundred and Thirty-One Dollars (\$731.00) for fuel and lubrication under the Rota, Department of Lands and Natural Resources.", which was passed unanimously by the Rota Legislative Delegation, Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature on its Final Reading, a quorum duly present during its First Day, First Special Session held on April 4, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "F. Kaipat".

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk

Enclosure





**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2025**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 24-4, D1

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the Department of Finance Rota Division and the Mayor of Rota's Operations; as well as Seven Hundred and Thirty-One Dollars (\$731.00) for fuel and lubrication under the Rota, Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

OFFERED BY

Representative Julie Marie A. Ogo

Prefiled on March 18, 2025 and Introduced on March 21, 2025


HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Rota Legislative Delegation for action on

March 21, 2025

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	3/26/25: Mayor of Rota [Del. Matters 24-12] & 20 th Rota Municipal Council [Del. Matters 24-13]
Comments Received:	4/4/25: Mayors Comm. 24-01
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed Final Reading:	April 4, 2025, with Draft 1


Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



**ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2025

H. L. B. NO. 24-4, D1

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To appropriate Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the Department of Finance Rota Division and the Mayor of Rota's Operations; as well as Seven Hundred and Thirty-One Dollars (\$731.00) for fuel and lubrication under the Rota, Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this bill is to appropriate local funds in the amount Forty Thousand Dollars
3 (\$40,000.00) of which Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$19,500.00) will be for the Rota
4 Medical Subsistence Allowance; Five Hundred (\$500.00) will be for the Department of Finance
5 Rota Division; and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the Mayor of Rota's Operational
6 Fund. These funds were received by the Municipality of Rota pursuant to 1 CMC §1503(a) under
7 Business Unit (BU) 3302.

8 This bill also appropriates local funds under BU 7183Q in the amount of Seven Hundred
9 and Thirty-One Dollars (\$731.00) for fuel and lubrication under the Rota Department of Lands

HOUSE LOCAL BILL No. 24-4, D1

1 and Natural Resources.

2 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**

3 (a) Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) under BU3302 is hereby appropriated as follows:

4 1. \$19,500.00 for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance;

5 2. \$500.00 for the Department of Finance Rota Division for the mailing of the Rota
6 Subsistence Allowance;

7 3. \$20,000.00 for the Office of the Mayor of Rota's operations;

8 (b) Seven Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$731.00) under BU7183Q is hereby appropriated
9 to the Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources for fuel and lubrication.

10 **SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.**

11 (a) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(a)(1) of this Act shall be the
12 Secretary of the Department of Finance.

13 (b) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(a)(2) of this Act shall be the
14 Resident Director of the Rota Department of Finance.

15 (c) The expenditure authority of the funds under Section 2(a)(3) of this Act shall be the
16 Mayor of Rota.

17 (d) The expenditure authority of the funds under Section 2(b) of this Act shall be the
18 Resident Director of the Rota Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

1 **SECTION 4. REPORTING.**

2 The expenditure authority shall submit detailed quarterly reports showing the expenditure
3 of funds appropriated under this Act. These reports shall be furnished to the Chairperson of the
4 Rota Legislative Delegation until all appropriated funds have been fully expended.

5 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

6 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
7 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act
8 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held
9 invalid shall not be affected thereby.


10 **SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

11 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
12 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
13 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
14 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
15 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
16 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.


17 **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without
19 such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:




Donald M. Manglona
Chairman
Rota Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker
24th House of Representatives

Approved this 11th day of April, 2025.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands



Office of the Secretary
Department of Finance



Funding Source	4 CMC § 2307 PL 18-56 Casino License Fee	JDE BU	7183Q
Project Name	RLL 20-08 Rota DLNR	Project Ledger	No PL Assigned
Requestor	Legislature (Rep. Julie Ogo)	General Ledger	7183Q
Prepared on	12/2/2024	Certification Level	1
Expenditure Authority	Rota Resident Director of DLNR		

RLL 20-08 Section 2(L)(1) Tractor	\$	75,000.00
RLL 20-08 Section 2(L)(2) ATV	\$	20,000.00
RLL 20-08 Section 2(L)(3) Agricultural Fair	\$	5,000.00
RLL 20-08 Section 2(L)	\$	100,000.00

	JDE	PROJECT LEDGER	GENERAL LEDGER	TOTAL
FY 2021				FY 2021
Transfers In	\$ 100,000.00			\$ 100,000.00
Transfers Out				\$ -
Actuals	\$ 24,269.00			\$ (24,269.00)
Encumbrance	\$ 75,000.00			\$ (75,000.00)
Requisitions				\$ -
			Ending Balance FY2021	\$ 731.00
FY 2022	NO ACTIVITY			FY 2022
			Ending Balance FY2022	\$ 731.00
FY 2023	NO ACTIVITY			FY 2023
			Ending Balance FY2023	\$ 731.00
FY 2024	NO ACTIVITY			FY 2024
			Ending Balance FY2024	\$ 731.00
Certified Balance as of 11/30/24				\$731.00

Notes: Reviewed Commonwealth Law Revision Commission Website and RLL 20-08; Section 2(L) has not been reappropriated.

Funding Source:	4 CMC § 2307 PL 18-56 Casino License Fee	JDE BU.	7183Q
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Prepared on	12/2/2024	Certification Level	1

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YTD Budget Report as of 11/19/24 \$ -

JDE De-Obligation of Encumbrances Debit Credit
No Adjustments Needed

General Journal Debit Credit
No Adjustments Needed

Budget Transfers and Amendments Decrease Increase
 52190100.69000.7183Q JDE budget carried forward to GL 7183Q \$ 731.00

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 Secretary of Finance



Office of the Secretary

Department of Finance



Funding Source:
Project Name:
Expenditure Authority
Prepared on:
Requestor:

4 CMC § 1503 (a)
Rota Poker - Revenue
Chairman Rota Delegation
11/15/2024
Rep. Julie R. Ogo

JDE BU. 3302
Project Ledger: RL17010017
General Ledger 3302
Certification Level: 2

FY 2021 (Reference: FC122)

JDE	PROJECT LEDGER	GENERAL LEDGER	TOTAL
Ending Balance FY2021			\$ 60,000.00

FY 2022

Gaming Revenues
Transfers Out

FY 2022			
	\$ 65,000.00		\$ 65,000.00
			\$ -

ROP Schol. Trans OCT21-APR22
RLL 22-08

\$ 42,500.00			\$ (42,500.00)
	\$ 100,000.00		\$ (100,000.00)
Ending Balance FY2022			\$ (17,500.00)

FY 2023

Gaming Revenues
Transfers Out

FY 2023			
	\$ 65,000.00		\$ 65,000.00
			\$ -

RLL 22-12
RLL 23-05

	\$ 10,000.00		\$ (10,000.00)
	\$ 52,500.00		\$ (52,500.00)
Ending Balance FY2023			\$ (15,000.00)

FY 2024

Gaming Revenues
Transfers Out

FY 2024			
	\$ 118,190.00		\$ 118,190.00
			\$ -

RLL 23-14

	\$ 72,200.00		\$ (72,200.00)
Ending Balance FY2024			\$ 30,990.00

FY 2025

Gaming Revenues
Transfers Out

FY 2025			
	\$ 4,095.00		\$ 4,095.00
			\$ -

Actuals

			\$ -
Ending Balance FY2025			\$ 35,085.00

Certified Balance as of 12/31/24 \$ 35,085.00

SUMMARY OF ROTA POKER APPROPRIATIONS (FY 2021-2025)

FY 2022		RLL 22-08	\$	100,000
FY 2023		RLL 22-12	\$	10,000
		RLL 23-05	\$	52,500
FY 2024		RLL 23-14	\$	72,200



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Funding Source:
 Project Name:
 Expenditure Authority:
 Prepared on:
 Requestor:

4 CMC § 1503 (a)
 Rota Poker - Revenue
 Chairman Rota Delegation
 11/15/2024
 Rep. Julie R. Ogo

JDE BU: 3302
 Project Ledger: RL17010017
 General Ledger: 3302
 Certification Level: 2

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YTD Budget Report as of 12/31/24 \$ 84,785.00

JDE De-Obligation of Encumbrances Debit Credit
 No Adjustments Needed

General Journal Debit Credit
 No Adjustments Needed

Budget Transfers and Amendments Decrease Increase
 51170100.69000.3302 Budget adjustment \$ (49,700.00)

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