

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-03

RE: C.R. NO. 21-22/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$1,472,380.

JULY 23, 2019

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Second Special Session, 2019

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was  
referred C.R. No. 21-22 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE  
AMOUNT \$1,472,380 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINES  
FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held a hearing on July 19, 2019, the  
witnesses present included the Department of Health and  
Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key  
staff, and a representative from the Department of Justice.  
Your Committee was also fortunate to have the program  
manager for this program at the hearing. Your Committee

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values the input of the program managers as they administer the programs and can provide insight into the specific activities funded.

The program that this proposed grant supports is well known to the Committee. This grant has allowed for the ongoing immunization of FSM citizens. The witnesses noted that there is an ongoing need to continue to provide vaccines and that there are challenges in reaching children in outer islands and remote areas, which results in low overall national vaccination rates. The witnesses noted that the logistical challenges result in high operational costs to reach these areas. The witnesses provided information that there are 70,000 citizens per year who have received vaccinations.

The Committee is appreciative of the work done by this program to expand life saving immunizations for our Nation's citizens, and 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. 21-22 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Florencio S. Harper  
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