




*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
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**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 80-36 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that the global pandemic expressed the need for the government of Guam to  
4 establish local programs to assist struggling families during times of uncertainties.  
5 As thousands of island residents experienced furloughs or reduced hours at work,  
6 necessities for families, such as making home rental payments became (becomes)  
7 more challenging.

8 This economic crisis brought by the pandemic is expected to escalate at least  
9 for the rest of 2021, hence many families may face evictions in the process. With  
10 the infusion of additional federal support being provided to Guam, a local program  
11 can be established with adequate funding for eligible families, which could be  
12 extended beyond this year. Further, the funds would help provide additional

1 support for landlords, of which they may have mortgage obligations, and could  
2 also face foreclosures.

3 **Section 2.** This Act shall be known as the “*Atkilòn Guma’ Assistance Act of*  
4 *2021.*”

5 **Section 3. Establishment of the *Atkilòn Guma’ Assistance Program***  
6 **(AGA).**

7 (a) The *Atkilòn Guma’ Assistance Program* (AGA) is hereby  
8 established by this Act.

9 (b) The President of the Guam Housing Corporation *shall* administer  
10 the AGA Program.

11 (c) Eligible applicants for the AGA Program *shall be* as follows:

12 (1) A United States Citizen or a legally residing resident; and

13 (2) The applicant *shall be* a Guam Resident in 2020; and

14 (3) The income eligibility requirements *shall be* based on 2019  
15 adjusted gross income, and as follows:

16 (A) An individual *shall* have earned under \$75,000; and

17 (B) Those married or filing jointly, the total earnings *shall*  
18 *be* under \$150,000;

19 ; and

20 (4) An eligible individual or head of household for a joint  
21 filing, *shall* have experienced an income loss due to a furlough, or  
22 reduced hours at work, at the time of the application, and *shall* not be  
23 availing any federal unemployment benefits as well at the time of the  
24 application; and

25 (5) Any other criteria established by the President of the Guam  
26 Housing Corporation and adopted by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* pursuant  
27 to Section 8 of this Act.

1       **Section 4. Purpose of the *Atkilòn Guma' Assistance Program (AGA)*.**

2               (a) The AGA assists qualified households with rental assistance,  
3       pursuant to the parameters of eligible applicants defined in Section 3 of this  
4       Act.

5               (b) The Guam Housing Corporation is authorized to establish  
6       additional criteria, rules and regulations for the AGA Program, inclusive of  
7       the application process, and it *shall* be adopted by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
8       pursuant to Section 8 of this Act.

9       **Section 5. Implementation.**

10       The Guam Housing Corporation *shall* have thirty (30) working days from  
11       the date of identification of funds by *I Maga'Hagan Guåhan* for the purposes of  
12       this Act to implement the *Atkilòn Guma' Assistance Program*.

13       **Section 6. Funding.**

14       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, or rule or regulation, *I*  
15       *Maga'Hagan Guåhan* is authorized to transfer up to Five Million Dollars  
16       (\$5,000,000), plus any additional amount needed to administrative costs, to the  
17       Guam Housing Corporation, for the purposes of this Act, as *may* be available from  
18       the following:

19               (a) Fiscal Year 2021 General Fund appropriations; and

20               (b) Any federal appropriations that can be used for the purposes of  
21       this Act.

22       No local funds may be used for this Program if federal funds that can be  
23       used for the purposes of this Act are available to encumber, obligate, or expend.  
24       Any funds transferred pursuant to this Act *shall* only be used for the purposes of  
25       this Act. Payments under this Act *shall be* required only if payments can be  
26       funded under a federal coronavirus relief package or such other federal funds are  
27       appropriate and lawful.



1           **Section 7. Reporting.**

2           Upon lifting of the public health emergency declaration for Guam, the Guam  
3 Housing Corporation *shall* submit a report to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan*  
4 *Guåhan*, which *shall* include the cumulative number of applicants assisted, the  
5 total amount of the funds issued, the total administrative costs to facilitate this Act,  
6 and the authorized amounts transferred by *I Maga'Hagan Guåhan* under Section 6  
7 of this Act.

8           **Section 8. Rules and Regulations.**

9           *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby adopts the Rules and Regulations pursuant to  
10 Sections 3 and 4 of this Act. Notwithstanding any provision of the Guam  
11 Administrative Adjudication Law, the President of the Guam Housing Corporation,  
12 *shall*, within thirty (30) days of the enactment of this Act, promulgate additional  
13 rules and regulations not stipulated in this Act to implement the *Atkilòn Guma'*  
14 *Assistance Program*, and *shall* transmit such rules and regulations to the Speaker  
15 of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for further adoption.

16           **Section 9. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to  
17 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such  
18 invalidity *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be  
19 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the  
20 provisions of this Act are severable.

21           **Section 10. Effective Date.** The Act *shall* become effective upon  
22 enactment.