

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

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137-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 36-54 TO SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES (DPHSS) IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AND COMMODITY ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO WERE AFFECTED BY TYPHOON MAWAR.	6/19/23 1:54 p.m.						

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**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

Therese Terlaje 

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

3 **Section 1. Legislative Findings.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the  
4 effects of Typhoon Mawar extend past damages to the island's infrastructure and  
5 industries— the typhoon has affected the personal property, food security, and  
6 overall well-being of the people of Guam, especially those individuals and families  
7 who were already experiencing hardships before the typhoon. Therefore, it is the  
8 intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to alleviate these hardships so that our island's  
9 recovery from Typhoon Mawar can occur expeditiously.

10 Public Law 36-54, the Fiscal Year 2023 budget law, authorizes the  
11 Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) to use Five Million  
12 Dollars (\$5,000,000) of revenues in Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022  
13 appropriations for the purposes of issuing grants to local organizations who can

1 provide food and commodities to those populations who are most in need of such  
2 assistance. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* believes that this specific DPHSS authority is  
3 necessary, especially now after Typhoon Mawar, and intends to strengthen this  
4 authority so that DPHSS can effectively provide, through local organizations, post-  
5 typhoon emergency food and commodity assistance.

6 **Section 2. Amendment to Public Law 36-54.** §18 of Part II, Chapter III of  
7 Public Law 36-54 is amended to read as follows: “Notwithstanding any other  
8 provision of law, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) of revenues in Fiscal Year  
9 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022 appropriated to DPHSS pursuant to Section 1(f) of  
10 Public Law 36-9 (§ 1512.5(f), Article 5, Chapter I, 5 GCA) shall not lapse and  
11 shall continue to be available for the sole purpose of providing ~~temporary~~  
12 ~~assistance in the form of grants which shall be distributed to~~ emergency food and  
13 commodities to individuals in need or which shall be distributed in whole or part as  
14 grants at the discretion of the Director, notwithstanding 5 GCA Chapter 5, to  
15 Catholic Social Services Guam, the Salvation Army Guam, or other local non-  
16 profit organizations that provide food and commodities for homeless and  
17 temporarily displaced individuals, unemployed individuals, children, and low-  
18 income families until fully expended.”

19 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective immediately.