

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

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**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 315-37 (COR)**

Introduced by:

Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

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MILLION DOLLARS (\$9,000,000) TO THE CHAMORRO  
LAND TRUST SURVEY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

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

2 **Section 1. Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan*  
3 *Guåhan* finds that pursuant to §75124 of Chapter 75, Title 21 Guam Code  
4 Annotated, the Chamorro Land Trust Commission (CLTC) established a special  
5 fund called the Chamorro Land Trust Survey and Infrastructure Fund. This Fund is  
6 crucial for the development and maintenance of infrastructure necessary to support  
7 the sustainable management of lands under the Commission's stewardship.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the Chamorro Land Trust Survey and  
9 Infrastructure Fund is designated for critical activities including the surveying,  
10 mapping, and development of infrastructure such as access roads, water, and power  
11 utilities. These activities are essential for the proper management of residential and  
12 agricultural lands under the Commission's inventory, facilitating improved land use  
13 and enhancing the quality of life for residents.

14 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that USDA has confirmed that Guam is eligible to  
15 participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Substantially Underserved Trust

1 Area (SUTA) Initiative. The program offers qualified applicants access to low  
2 interest financing to support critical infrastructure development. Qualified  
3 applicants may seek assistance including Rural Electrification Direct and  
4 Guaranteed Loans; High Energy Cost Grants; Water and Waste Disposal Direct and  
5 Guaranteed Loans; Water and Waste Disposal Grants; Broadband Direct and  
6 Guaranteed Loans; and, Telecommunications Infrastructure Direct and Guaranteed  
7 Loans.

8 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that the Chamorro Land Trust Survey and  
9 Infrastructure Fund is currently underfunded which impacts the CLTC's ability to  
10 fulfill its mandate effectively. The financial support primarily comes from the  
11 proceeds of certain government-owned properties and commercial leases executed  
12 after October 2015. However, these revenues have been insufficient to meet the  
13 growing demands placed on the Fund.

14 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to assist CLTC  
15 beneficiaries in maximizing their residential or agricultural properties by providing  
16 additional funding to the Chamorro Land Trust Survey and Infrastructure Fund.

17 **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
18 the sum of nine million dollars (**\$9,000,000**) is hereby appropriated to the Chamorro  
19 Land Trust Survey and Infrastructure Fund from the Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund  
20 revenue collected in excess of the adopted levels indicated in P.L. 37-42.

21 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment