## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2017 and 2016

(Together with Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Trustees Government of Guam Retirement Fund:

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund (the "Fund"), a component unit of the Government of Guam, administered by the Government of Guam Retirement Fund Board of Trustees (the "Board") which comprise the statement of plan net position and statement of changes in plan net position as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 26, the Schedules of Changes in Net Pension Liability on pages 62 to 63, the Schedules of Net Pension Liability by Agency on pages 64 to 65, the Schedule of Contributions on page 66, and the Schedule of Investment Returns on page 67 be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Financial Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying information listed as supplemental schedules on pages 68 to 73 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedules on pages 68 to 73 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedules on pages 68 to 73 are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The schedule on page 74 presents information about the Government of Guam Deferred Compensation Plan. This information is not a required part of the financial statements and is not included in the financial statements. The assets of this plan belong solely to the plan participants, and they are fully vested in such assets. We have not audited this information and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 17, 2018, on our consideration of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Government of Guam Retirement Fund's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Tamuning, Guam April 17, 2018

Management's Discussion and Analysis

September 30, 2017

Management of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund ("GGRF") offers readers of the financial statements the following discussion and analysis of GGRF's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017. This narrative should be reviewed in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes, which follow this section. It provides management's insight into the results of operations of the last two fiscal years, and highlights specific factors that contributed to those results.

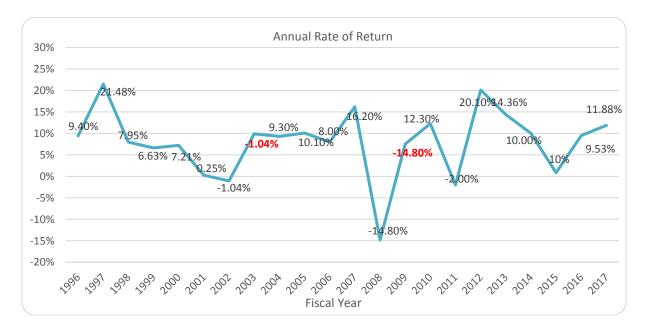
#### (1) Financial Highlights

- Impact of Market Volatility on Net Position For 2017, net position of the Defined Benefit Plan (DB Plan) increased by \$105.8 or 6.0%, while net position of the Defined Contribution Plan (DC Plan) increased by \$79.3M or 17.3%.
- Impact of Market Volatility on the DB Plan and DC Plan Investments

Following the 2008 investment losses, the global markets have showed signs of recovery.

For 2017, DC Plan investments totaled \$534M compared to the \$456M in 2016.

For 2017, the **DB Plan** investment portfolio posted a positive return of 11.88%, compared to 2016's return of 9.53%.



GGRF investment returns averaged 8.49% percent from 1995 through 2017. Over that period, there have been three years with negative returns, all of which occurred in the last sixteen years.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

September 30, 2017

#### (1) Financial Highlights, continued

#### • Critical Issue – Impact of Market Volatility on the DB Plan Unfunded Liability

The unfunded liability is the present value of future benefits payable that are not covered by the actuarial value of assets as of the valuation date. The unfunded liability decreased from \$1.30 billion (based on the 2015 actuarial valuation) to \$1.25 billion (based on the 2016 actuarial valuation). However, the actuarially determined contribution rate increased from 27.41% to 27.83%.

The primary reason for the increase in the contribution rate was the 1.0% reduction in total payroll, versus the assumption of a 3.0% increase in total payroll. There was also a slight increase in the contribution rate due to the net recognition of investment gains and losses over the last three years. These increases were partially offset by some actuarial gains due to demographic experience that differed from the actuarial assumptions, and due to assumption changes adopted from the 2011 to 2015 experience study.

The defined benefit payroll for the 2015-16 fiscal year was \$141.3 million compared with \$155.5 million for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The total defined benefit and defined contribution payroll for the 2015-16 fiscal year was \$506.3 million compared with \$511.4 million for the 2014-15 fiscal year, a decrease of 1.0%. The long term assumption is a 3.0% annual growth in total payroll. If total payroll had increased by 3.0%, the required contribution rate would have been 27.22%.

When the 2017 actuarial valuation is finalized in May 2018, the actuarially determined contribution rate is estimated to be 28.50%. However, it should be noted that this is a rough estimate, which could change significantly. This is a very rough estimate. The actual rate will depend on many factors including which specific DC Plan members transferred to the DB 1.75 Plan effective January 1, 2018. However, the 2016 actuarial valuation is not yet completed, and the actuarially determined contribution rate could be higher or lower than 28.10%, due to other contributing factors.

As noted in prior year reports, underfunding of the DB Plan continues to be an ongoing problem. The unfunded liability has grown from \$552 million at September 30, 1995 to \$1.25 billion at September 30, 2016. This represents a decrease in the security ratio, from 61.0% in 1995 to 56.99% in 2016, and an increase in the unfunded liability ratio from 39% in 1995 to 43.01% in 2016. The security ratio is the ratio of assets to liabilities.

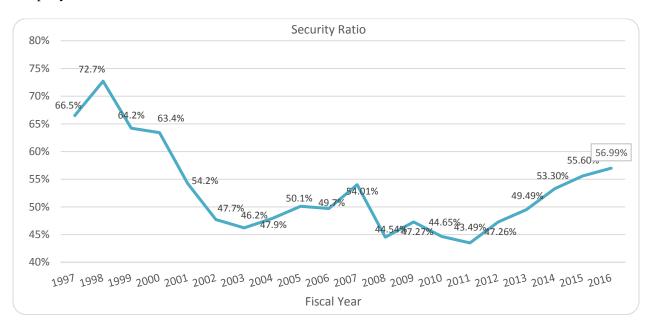
Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

September 30, 2017

#### (1) Financial Highlights, continued

# • Critical Issue – Impact of Market Volatility on the DB Plan Unfunded Liability, Continued

As indicated below, the **security ratio** (fund assets as a percentage of accrued liability) for the past twenty-two years has ranged from 43.49% to 72.7%, representing an average of 50.92% per year.



According to our actuary Milliman Inc., security ratios for public pension funds vary depending upon the assumed rate of future investment returns as well as the period over which investment gains and losses are recognized. In addition, security ratios for public pension plans in the U.S. tend to be between 60% to 90%, with many concentrated around 70%. GGRF has a lower security ratio than most U.S. funds.

Pursuant to 4 GCA Chapter 8, Section 8137, the unfunded liability is to be completely funded within 80 years from May 1, 1951. Based on the 2016 valuation, there are 14.58 years remaining in the funding period. As stated in prior years' Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), "the unfunded liability is now so large that it simply cannot be ignored or put off for future generations to contend with. The longer the Government of Guam ("GovGuam") defers its obligation to provide full funding, the worse the problem becomes".

Management continues to recommend that the Guam Legislature fully fund the actuarially determined contribution rate each year. The uncertainties in the investment markets, and the years remaining in the funding period underscores the need for the Guam Legislature to fully recognize the magnitude of the problem and provide full funding each year.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

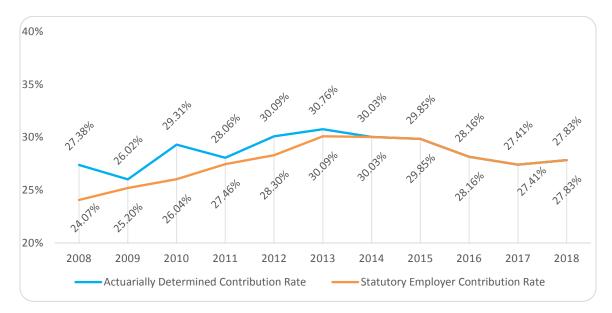
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#### (1) Financial Highlights, continued

# • Critical Issue – Impact of Market Volatility on the DB Plan Unfunded Liability, Continued

According to Milliman Inc., employer contribution rates vary widely among public pension funds due to the level of benefits provided, the security ratio (funded percentage), the assumed rate of future investment returns, and the period of time over which unfunded liabilities are amortized. In addition, typical employer contribution rates range from 12.5% to 35% or more. GGRF's contribution rate is at the high end of the range, due to a lower security ratio (funded percentage) than most other funds.

A comparison of the actuarially determined contribution rates versus the statutory employer contribution rates for 2007 to 2018 are reflected below.



Pursuant to 4GCA Chapter 8, Section 8137, if future contributions equal the actuarially determined contribution rate, and plan investments earn 7% each year, the DB Plan is expected to become fully funded in 2031. The Guam Legislature's efforts toward full funding since 2007 have definitely narrowed the gap between the statutory and actuarially determined contribution rate. The increase in the gap from .82% in 2009 to 3.27% in 2010 is due largely to the negative return of 14.8% in 2008. For 2014 to 2017, the statutory rate is equal to the actuarially determined contribution rate. Management encourages the Guam Legislature to continue to set the statutory rate at the actuarially determined contribution rate until full funding is achieved.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

September 30, 2017

## (1) Financial Highlights, continued

## • Critical Issue – Enhancing the Retirement Benefits of DC Plan Employees

As noted in prior years' MD&A, the Board in performing their due diligence reviewed the benefit levels of both the Defined Benefit Plan and the Defined Contribution Plan. The Board recognized that with DC Plan participants' balances averaging less than \$40,000, most participants will not have enough saved to: 1) support their basic needs, 2) allow them to maintain a comfortable standard of living, and 3) last their lifetime. The Board is cognizant that many participants lack the basic knowledge of investment concepts and practices needed to generate an investment return that will ensure an adequate source of income for retirement. In addition, participant account balances are not protected from adverse market conditions.

If participants are left without adequate income when they retire, GovGuam may find itself subsidizing their costs of living through public assistance programs. It is only logical then to enact measures that provide participants a reasonable opportunity to build sufficient post-retirement benefit levels. In light of the above, the Board considered alternative plan designs to enhance the retirement benefits available to DC Plan members, fully recognizing that in light of GovGuam's current financial condition, changes to the DC Plan must not only be cost beneficial to DC Plan members but to GovGuam as a whole.

The alternatives included transitioning to Social Security; combining the DC Plan with a Social Security Component; and offering a Hybrid Plan. As the Hybrid Plan was projected to be cheaper by 7.1% of compensation, it was deemed to be the most viable option. The proposed Hybrid Plan combines a defined benefit "floor" of benefits determined by a formula based on years of service and salary, along with a salary reduction deferred compensation account program.

#### 2012 Audit

The proposed legislation to establish a Hybrid Plan was finalized and submitted to the Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Public Debt, Banking, Insurance, Retirement & Land (the "Committee") on April 20, 2012. A public hearing on the legislation, introduced as <u>Bill</u> <u>No. 453-31</u>, was held on August 14, 2012. The Bill however, was not acted on by the 31<sup>st</sup> Guam Legislature. Other Provisions of Bill No. 453-31:

DB Plan Annual Increments --- As previously noted, the Board also reviewed the benefit levels and policies of the DB Plan. The proposed legislation provides for an increase of the automatic "sliding scale" increments to basic retirement and disability annuities of DB Plan retirees, which have remained static at levels set almost thirty-years ago.

Extension of Amortization Period --- Based on the expected increase in the unfunded liability resulting from the implementation of the Hybrid Plan legislation, a one-time five year extension of the amortization period for the unfunded liability is required and included accordingly.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

September 30, 2017

## (1) Financial Highlights, continued

## • Critical Issue – Enhancing the Retirement Benefits of DC Plan Employees, continued

#### 2013 Audit

During 2013, the Committee requested updated (based on the 2012 valuation) and additional information on the proposed Hybrid Plan, prior to reintroducing the Bill. GGRF transmitted updated and additional information provided by our Actuary to the Committee in 2014.

#### 2014 Audit

On June 6, 2014 revised legislation, <u>Bill No. 394-32</u>, to establish a Hybrid Plan was transmitted to the Committee. The Committee considered different benefit options, the corresponding effect on the contribution rate, its' impact to the unfunded liability, and comparison of costs between the proposed DB Plan component and a Social Security component. Upon the passing of the Honorable Vicente 'Ben' C. Pangelinan in July 2014, Vice-Speaker Benjamin 'B.J.' Cruz was named Chairman of the Committee. Public hearings on Bill No. 394-32 were held in September 2014. The Bill was reported out of Committee and discussed in a Legislative Special Session.

#### 2015 Audit

GGRF was present during the Committee as a whole on October 17, 2014 to provide additional information and answer questions. On October 21, 2014, the Bill was referred back to Committee to give the public and the Legislature additional time to review supplemental reports provided by GGRF. On November 6, 2014, Vice Speaker Cruz held a round table discussion.

On January 20, 2015, Vice-Speaker Cruz held a round table discussion to discuss the Hybrid Bill which was reintroduced as <u>Bill No. 002-33</u>. Vice-Speaker Cruz indicated that the Bill would be deferred until after the government of Guam audit is completed in June 2015.

#### 2016 Audit

A public hearing on Bill 002-33 (LS) took place on November 19, 2015. Testimony and concerns were presented by a number of government of Guam employees. Vice-Speaker Cruz scheduled round table hearings on December 7, 2015, March 23, 2016, and April 21, 2016 to address the inquiries and comments received on the Bill. On May 3, 2016 the Bill was passed by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, and vetoed by Governor Edward Calvo on May 17, 2016.

On September 14, 2016, Bill No. 2-33 was overridden by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislature, and passed into law without the Governor's signature on September 20, 2016, as Public Law 33-186.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

September 30, 2017

## (1) Financial Highlights, continued

## • Critical Issue – Enhancing the Retirement Benefits of DC Plan Employees, continued

#### Update – 2017 Audit

Public Law 33-186 thereby:

- 1. Created as alternatives to the DC Plan, a new "Defined Benefit 1.75" retirement system "(DB 1.75"); and "Guam Retirement Security Plan", a cash balance plan ('GRSP").
- 2. Increased the DC Plan member and employer contributions from five percent (5%) to six and two-tenths percent (6.2%), effective January 1, 2018.
- 3. Extends the period used to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of GGRF by two years, from an end date of May 1, 2031 to an end date of May 1, 2033, effective January 1, 2018.
- 4. Provides that the GRSP will be the default plan effective January 1, 2018, with an option to transfer to the DC Plan within 60 days from their date of hire.
- 5. Provides that if the Government of Guam is authorized to extend Social Security coverage to Government of Guam employees on a prospective basis, then all employees hired on or after the effective date shall be enrolled into Social Security.

#### DB 1.75 Plan:

DB 1.75 Plan members are required to contribute 9.5% of their base salary to the DB 1.75 Plan and 1% of base salary to the 457 Plan, and are fully vested for benefits upon attaining five (5) years of credited service. Members may retire with full benefits at age 62 and 5 years of credited service, or at age 55 with 25 years of credited service with reduced benefits, or at age 60 and 5 years of credited service without survivor benefits.

#### Plan Documents:

On February 27, 2017, the draft Plan Documents for the Defined Benefit 1.75 (DB 1.75) Plan, Guam Retirement Security Plan (GRSP), Defined Contribution Retirement System (DCRS or DC Plan), and 457 Deferred Compensation (457) Plan were approved by the Board of Trustees, and adjudicated on March 14, 2017. The finalized Plan Documents were transmitted to the Legislature on March 31, 2017, and accepted by the Legislature during their June 2017 session.

## Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

September 30, 2017

#### (1) Financial Highlights, continued

## • Critical Issue – Enhancing the Retirement Benefits of DC Plan Employees, continued

#### Education:

In March 2017, a team was established to produce and communicate the educational materials. GGRF provided at least one (1) on-site seminar at all Government of Guam departments and agencies, and multiple sessions at GGRF, for a total of 143 seminars. As the schedule permitted, GGRF continued to provide educational seminars at GGRF for new employees. The educational video presented during the department/agency and GGRF seminars was also available on the GGRF website. The education seminars concluded on August 14, 2017. However, the video remained on the website until January 31, 2018.

#### Election Period:

The election to participate in the DB 1.75 Plan was for a limited time period.

- Commencing April 1, 2017, eligible employees in the DC Plan had the opportunity to voluntarily elect to transfer to the DB 1.75 Plan or the GRSP.
- The conclusion of the election period contingent on the member's employment or reemployment date - was on September 30, 2017, October 31, 2017, December 31, 2017, January 31, 2018, or 30 days from the member's re-employment date.

#### Comparison Letters:

Prior to making an election, DC Plan members were given the opportunity to request and review: (a) a comparison illustrating the member's estimated (1) required bi-weekly contributions under each plan, (2) monthly retirement income under each plan, and (3) cost to transfer to the DB 1.75 Plan; and (b) copies of the Plan Documents and Summary Plan Descriptions for each Plan, effective as of January 1, 2018.

During the election period, GGRF management and staff reviewed members' contribution and distribution data, performed calculations and composed retirement income comparisons to assist members in making a potential Election with respect to their future plan participation. The estimates were based on assumptions with respect to the member's age, salary, years of credited service, and account balance under the DC Plan, using information as of March 31, 2017.

#### Elections to Transfer:

As of the December 31, 2017 deadline for participants to elect to transfer to the DB1.75 Plan or GRSP, approximately three thousand three hundred seventy-nine (3,379) of the approximately eight thousand nine hundred forty-seven (8,947) DC Plan participants, elected to transfer to the DB 1.75 Plan. Only six (6) participants elected to participate in the GRSP.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

September 30, 2017

#### (1) Financial Highlights, continued

## • Critical Issue – Enhancing the Retirement Benefits of DC Plan Employees, continued

#### GRSP:

Given the level of GRSP assets expected to fund administrative costs and potential benefit obligations, the Board of Trustees:

- Determined that it is reasonable to expect that there could be a shortfall of GRSP assets to cover GRSP liability, but with no designated funding source.
- Agreed that implementation of the GRSP remained subject to the timely enactment of appropriate legislation to comply with IRC requirements applicable to governmental plans; and compliance with the "Lamorena Order".
- Determined that pending enactment of such legislation, the implementation of the GRSP would violate the Code and the Lamorena Order.
- GGRF notified the six (6) DCRS participants who elected to transfer to the GRSP that the implementation of the GRSP is uncertain and remains subject to the enactment of appropriate legislation to comply with IRC requirements and the Lamorena Order. As a result, the six (6) participants were allowed to evaluate their options and change their elections by November 30, 2017.

#### Default Plan:

To ensure that eligible Government of Guam new employees were enrolled in a retirement plan on or after January 1, 2018, the GGRF Board of Trustees determined the DCRS is appropriate to serve as a default plan until such time as the GRSP can be properly implemented.

#### DC Plan Funds Transferred to DB 1.75 Plan:

On January 23, 2018, the DC Plan funds of employees who elected to transfer to the DB 1.75 Plan, totaling approximately \$225 million, were deposited into GGRF's Northern Trust Administrative Account, and allocated to GGRF's managers/cash account based on the asset reallocation.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

September 30, 2017

## (1) Financial Highlights, continued

# • Implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 73.

Due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 73, a prior year adjustment was made to include COLA and Supplemental Payments in net pension liability.

The Government of Guam and all component units must present pension information related to supplemental benefits and cost of living allowances (COLA). These benefits are not funded through the accumulation of assets purchased with employer of member contributions; rather, they are funded by Legislative appropriations with the General Fund as funding source. The supplemental benefit is an amount which, when added to a retiree's annuity, increases the annual annuity to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000). This supplemental annuity only applies to retirees who retired under the defined benefit plan. The COLA payment has increased from an annual amount of \$1,800 in fiscal year 2014 to \$2,000 per retiree starting in fiscal year 2015. The COLA benefit applies to both defined benefit retirees and defined contribution retirees.

As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, GGRF has recorded net pension liability of \$5,450,291 and \$5,686,442, respectively.

#### (2) Description of the Financial Statements

This section of the MD&A is intended to serve as an introduction to the GGRF financial statements, which include the following components:

- 1. Basic Financial Statements,
- 2. Notes to the Basic Financial Statements,
- 3. Required Supplementary Information,
- 4. Other Supplementary Schedules.

Collectively, this information presents the net position held in trust for pension benefits. This financial position also summarizes the changes in net position held in trust for pension benefits for the year then ended. The information in these components is briefly summarized as follows:

#### Basic Financial Statements

The Fiduciary Net Position is presented for September 30, 2017, with comparative information at September 30, 2016 and 2015. These financial statements reflect resources available to pay benefits to members, including retirees and beneficiaries, at the end of the years reported. The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position is presented for the year ended September 30, 2017, with comparative information for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. These financial statements reflect the changes in resources available to pay benefits to members, including retirees and beneficiaries, for fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015.

Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

September 30, 2017

#### (2) Description of the Financial Statements

#### • Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. Information in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements includes the following: a general description of GGRF, a summary of significant accounting policies, a description of deposit and investment risk, an explanation of property and equipment, information about net pension liability of the Agencies and information about pension plan participation.

## Required Supplementary Information

The Required Supplementary Information consists of the following schedules: changes in net pension liability, net pension liability by agency, employer contributions, and the annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense.

#### • Other Supplementary Schedules

Other schedules include schedules of administrative and general expenses, personnel costs, personnel count, receivables by GovGuam Agency, and other receivables.

#### (3) Defined Benefit Plan

**The DB Plan** provides for retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to members of the Plan prior to October 1, 1995. All new employees whose employment commences on or after October 1, 1995 are required to participate in the DC Plan.

	2017 2016 2015		Increase (Decrease) From 2016 to 2017		
				\$	%
Cash and Equivalents	2,865,211	4,061,906	4,132,490	(1,196,695)	-29.5%
Receivables	45,444,762	78,063,880	70,716,514	(31,992,918)	-41.0%
Investments	1,746,881,829	1,640,301,969	1,552,764,191	106,579,860	6.5%
Prepaid expenses	12,116	3,090	6,671	9,026	292.1%
Property and Equipment	728,973	805,458	901,563	(76,485)	-9.5%
Deferred Outflows	383,152	623,067	466,273	(155,714)	-28.9%
Total Assets	1,796,316,043	1,723,859,370	1,628,987,702	73,167,074	4.2%
Total Liabilities	15,743,326	49,183,584	18,389,657	(32,207,874)	-67.2%
Deferred Inflows	795,868	745,941	1,219,234	90,845	12.9%
Net Assets, End of Year	1,779,776,849	1,673,929,845	1,609,378,811	105,847,004	6.0%
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,673,929,845	1,609,378,811	1,664,733,078		
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	105,847,004	64,551,034	(55,354,267)		

## Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued

September 30, 2017

#### (3) Defined Benefit Plan, continued

During 2017, DB Plan net position increased by \$105.8 million or 6.0% from the prior year. DB Plan investments increased by \$106.6 million ending the year at \$1.75 billion.

As of September 30, 2017, the supplemental/COLA benefits advanced receivable totaled approximately \$26.5 million. Over \$130 million in supplemental/COLA benefits were advanced to GovGuam by GGRF in the late 1990s. During 2017 and 2016, the outstanding balance of the supplemental/COLA benefits advanced was reduced by 1.2016% of the employer contributions of covered payroll. These receivables are being collected by GGRF over a twenty year period, without interest. Had these funds remained with GGRF's investment managers, they would have grown substantially.

	2017	2016	2015	Increase (De Fron 2016 to 2	ı
				\$	%
Common Stocks	1,110,502,896	956,950,473	861,614,420	153,552,423	16.0%
U.S. Government Securities	232,829,593	246,567,269	289,252,362	-13,737,676	-5.6%
Corporate Bonds and Notes	303,153,981	295,367,509	265,438,566	7,786,472	2.6%
Money Market Funds	23,864,447	40,801,515	24,661,095	-16,937,068	-41.5%
Mutual Funds	76,530,912	100,615,203	111,797,748	-24,084,291	-23.9%
Total	1,746,881,829	1,640,301,969	1,552,764,191	106,579,860	6.5%

**DB Plan Investments** as of September 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

The DB Plan investments provide for long-term growth, while also ensuring a reliable cash flow that meets current pension benefit payments. Equity investments are included for their long-term return and growth characteristics, while fixed income assets control investment risk.

In line with the Board's long-term goal of achieving, at a minimum, a 7.0% rate of return, investments are allocated amongst various asset classes. Each asset class reacts differently under the same market conditions. Often when one asset class has strong returns, another will have lower or even negative returns. This diversification of investments across a number of asset classes ensures a better return under a range of market conditions, while lowering the overall portfolio risk.

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## (3) Defined Benefit Plan, continued

GGRF's target allocation versus the market allocation as of September 30, 2017, is as follows:

	Target Allocation	Market Allocation	Over/(Under)
Domestic Large Cap Equity	29%	30.12%	1.12%
Domestic Small Cap Equity	7%	7.68%	0.68%
International Developed Markets	13.00%	14.00%	1.00%
International Small Cap	4%	4.21%	0.21%
International Emerging Markets	1.00%	1.59%	0.59%
Fixed Income Aggregate	25%	23.20%	-1.80%
Global Real Estate (REITs)	5%	4.70%	-0.30%
Risk Parity	8%	6.30%	-1.70%
High Yield	8%	8.10%	0.10%
Cash	0%	0.10%	0.10%
Total	100%	100%	0.00%

The table below shows portfolio returns and indices, which are reflective of the market environment for 2017 and 2016.

	2017	2016
Total Portfolio	11.88%	9.53%
Blended Index	11.23%	11.39%
Total Domestic Equity	19.76%	11.29%
Benchmark: S&P 500 Index	19.05%	15.07%
International Equity	21.64%	9.65%
Benchmark: MSCI EAFE	20.01%	10.56%
Total Fixed Income	0.31%	5.38/%
Benchmark: Barclays Capital Aggregate	0.07%	5.19%
High Yield	8.76%	13.42%
Barclays High Yield	8.88%	12.73%
Global REITs	0.34%	13.72%
Wilshire Global REIT	0.85%	15.84%
Risk Parity	3.79%	0.00%
Wilshire Risk Parity	2.61%	0.00%

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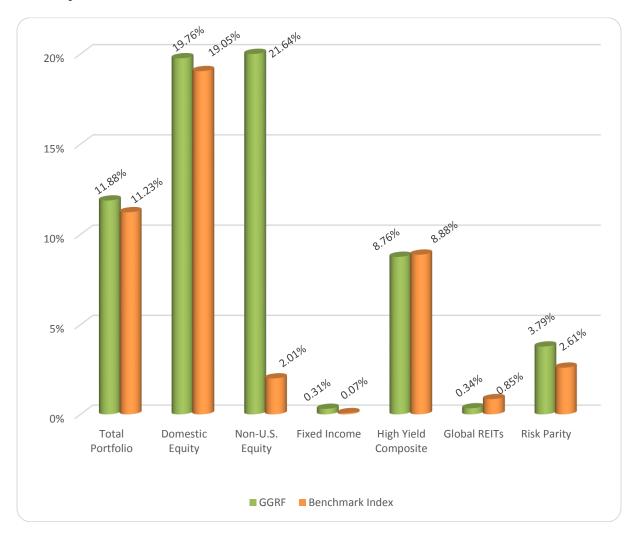
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## (3) Defined Benefit Plan, continued

#### **Total Portfolio Return**

For 2017, the total performance of the GGRF Portfolio 11.88% outperformed the benchmark index with a return of 11.23%. The GGRF Portfolio ranked at the 24<sup>th</sup> percentile of Wilshire's peer group universe.

For 2017, the domestic equity, non-US equity, fixed income and risk parity mandates outperformed their respective benchmark indices. The following, reflects the 2017 investment performance for the total portfolio, and for each investment mandate.



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#### (3) Defined Benefit Plan, continued

#### 2017 Portfolio Returns by Quarter

The following reflects the 2017 total and quarterly returns. The portfolio return for the second and third quarters were slightly below their respective benchmark indices.



• During the **first quarter** of 2017, the GGRF Portfolio outperformed its benchmark index, and ranked at the 49<sup>th</sup> percentile of Wilshire's peer group universe.



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## (3) Defined Benefit Plan, continued

• During the **second quarter**, the GGRF portfolio underperformed its benchmark ranking at the 70<sup>th</sup> percentile of Wilshire's peer group universe for the quarter.



• During the **third quarter**, the GGRF portfolio underperformed its benchmark index ranking at the 46<sup>th</sup> percentile of Wilshire's peer group universe for the quarter.



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#### (3) Defined Benefit Plan, continued

• During the **fourth quarter**, the GGRF portfolio outperformed the benchmark index ranking at the 24th percentile of Wilshire's peer group universe for the quarter.



#### Mitigating the Effects of Market Volatility through Diversification

GGRF's portfolio remains fully diversified across the different asset classes. A number of investment managers are utilized within each asset class, allowing the portfolio to achieve broad exposure to the market while minimizing overall risk. This broad diversification serves as the best defense against the uncertainty of volatile investment markets.

To mitigate other risks, the Board, with the guidance of GGRF's investment consultant, Wilshire Consulting consistently evaluates the relative performance of each mandate and individual managers, and rebalances the portfolio accordingly. Wilshire Associates Incorporated replaced Mercer Investment Consulting, Inc. in June of 2011.

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#### (3) Defined Benefit Plan, continued

Additions and Deductions to DB Plan Net Position for the years ended September 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	2017	.7 2016 2015		Increase (Decrease) From 2016 to 2017		
				\$	%	
Net Appreciation in Fair Value						
of Investments	161,667,955	107,455,032	(20,642,359)	54,212,923	50.5%	
Interest, Dividends & Other						
Investment Income	36,005,188	43,570,927	35,844,218	(7,565,739)	-17.4%	
Less Investment Expenses	4,907,570	4,790,928	5,640,872	116,642	2.4%	
Net Investment Income	192,765,573	146,235,031	9,560,987	46,530,542	31.8%	
Employer Contributions	119,211,434	118,432,015	128,961,255	779,419	0.7%	
Member Contributions	13,476,517	13,812,825	15,245,935	(336,308)	-2.4%	
Total Contributions	132,687,951	132,244,840	144,207,190	443,111	0.3%	
Total Additions	325,453,524	278,479,871	153,768,177	46,973,653	16.9%	
Benefit Payments	213,745,250	207,497,350	201,199,394	6,247,900	3.0%	
Refunds	1,113,513	2,035,400	2,942,602	(921,887)	-45.3%	
Interest on Refunds	831,859	1,284,833	939,653	(452,974)	-35.3%	
Administrative Expenses	3,915,898	3,289,698	2,851,694	804,644	2.6%	
Total Deductions	219,606,520	213,928,837	207,933,343	5,677,683	2.6%	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	105,847,004	64,551,034	(55,354,267)			

#### **Additions to DB Plan Net Position**

During 2017, the net appreciation in fair value of investments increased by \$54M from the 2016 total, while interest, dividends and other investment income decreased by \$7.6 M from the 2016 total.

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#### (3) Defined Benefit Plan, continued

#### **Deductions to DB Plan Net Position**

GGRF was created to provide retirement, survivor and disability benefits to qualified members and their beneficiaries. The cost of such programs includes recurring benefit payments, elective refunds of contributions to employees who terminate employment, and the cost of administering the Plan. For 2017, deductions totaled \$220 million, an increase of 2.6% over 2016.

Benefit payments to current retirees and their beneficiaries over the last two years averaged 97% of total deductions. For 2017, benefit payments increased by \$6.3 million or 3.0%, consisting of a \$5.5 million increase in age and service annuities, a \$1.1M increase in survivor annuities, and a \$300,000 decrease in disability annuities. Benefit payments for DB Plan retirees are not affected by the market downturn as they are based on a formula reflecting years of service and average annual salary. DB Plan investments, combined with future earnings and additional member and employer contributions, will be used to pay retirement benefits.

	2017	2016	2015	Increase (Decrease) from 2016 to 2017
Retirees and Beneficiaries				
Receiving Benefits	7,236	7,298	7,202	(62)
Terminated Members entitled to,				
but not yet Receiving Benefits	4,230	4,485	4,734	(255)
Active Plan Members	2,067	2,234	2,459	(167)
Total Membership	13,533	14,017	14,395	(484)

**DB Plan membership** as of September 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

#### Liquidations

During 2017, \$82 million in investments were liquidated in order to meet benefit payment obligations, compared to \$74.0 million in 2016. The \$82M and \$74M included \$37M and \$45M of interest and dividend income, respectively. The increase in 2017 liquidations is due largely to the decrease in the contribution rate from 28.16% to 27.41% in 2017.

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#### (4) Defined Contribution Plan

**The DC Plan** was created by Public Law 23-42:3. All new employees whose employment commences on or after October 1, 1995 are required to participate in the DC Plan.

**DC Plan Net Position** as of September 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	2017	2016	2015	Increase (D From 2016 to	m	
				\$	%	
Cash and Equivalents	2,682,345	2,567,499	2,216,818	114,846	4.5%	
Receivables	1,673,771	20,223	1,310,237	1,653,548	8176.6%	
Investments	533,689,745	455,932,238	399,621,914	77,757,507	17.1%	
Prepaid expenses	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Property and Equipment	9,567	11,233	16,247	-1,666	-14.8%	
Total Assets	538,055,428	458,531,193	403,165,216	79,524,235	17.3%	
Total Liabilities	1,489,361	1,258,645	787,264	856,916	68.1%	
Net Assets, End of Year	536,566,067	457,272,548	402,377,952	79,293,519	17.3%	
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	457,272,548	402,377,952	391,645,937			
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	79,293,519	54,894,596	10,732,015			

During 2017, DC Plan net position increased by approximately \$79.3 million or 17.3%, due primarily to the increased carrying value of investments.

DC Plan investments include core mutual funds, and target date funds. The core mutual funds allow members to create their own portfolios based on the type of investments that best fit their time horizon, risk tolerance and investment goals.

Employee contributions to the DC Plan are based on an automatic deduction of 5% of the member's regular base pay. Statutory contributions are determined using the same rates as the DB Plan. Of the amount contributed by the employer, only 5% of the member's regular base pay is deposited into the member's individual account. The remaining amount is contributed towards the unfunded liability of the DB Plan. Members who have completed five years of service are fully vested in employer contributions plus any earnings thereon.

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#### (4) Defined Contribution Plan, continued

Additions and Deductions to DC Plan Net Position for the years ended September 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	2017	2016	2015	Increase (De Fron 2016 to 2	1
				\$	%
Net Appreciation in Fair Value					
of Investments	44,510,428	16,967,995	-31,031,154	27,542,433	162.3%
Interest, Dividends & Other					
Investment Income	18,391,102	22,911,564	27,146,331	(4,520,462)	-19.7%
Less Investment Expenses	121,664	119,325	114,735	2,339	2.0%
Net Investment Income	62,779,866	39,760,234	-3,999,558	23,019,632	57.9%
Employer Contributions	20,171,815	18,552,941	18,046,745	1,618,874	8.7%
Member Contributions	19,949,072	18,536,053	17,942,475	1,413,019	7.6%
Total Contributions	40,120,887	37,088,994	35,989,220	3,031,893	8.2%
Total Additions	102 000 753	76 840 228	21 080 662	26 051 525	33.9%
	102,900,753	76,849,228	31,989,662	26,051,525	33.770
Refunds	21,539,126	19,847,080	19,181,613	1,692,046	8.5%
Administrative Expenses	2,068,107	2,107,552	2,076,034	586,755	27.8%
Total Deductions	23,607,234	21,954,632	21,257,647	2,278,801	10.4%
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	79,293,519	54,894,596	10,732,015		

#### Additions (deductions) to DC Plan Net Position

During 2017, the net appreciation in fair value of investments increased by \$27.5 million from the 2016 total, while interest dividends and other investment income decreased by \$4.5 million from the 2016 total. During 2017, refunds totaled \$21.5 million, an increase of 8.5% from 2016. Refunds of member contributions are at the discretion of the member and vary from year to year.

DC Plan membership as of September 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

	2017	2016	2015	Increase (Decrease) from 2016 to 2017
Active (Contributing) Members	9,027	8,947	8,697	80
Inactive (Non-Contributing) Members with Account Balances	4,546	4,204	4,117	342
Total Membership	13,573	13,151	12,814	422

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## (5) Future Outlook

#### Membership

			Active	Membe	ership			
10,000 - 9,000 - 8,000 -	7,471	7,690	7,766	7,885	8,181	8,697	8,947	9,027
7,000 - 6,000 - 5,000 - 4,000 -	3,732	3,361	3,090			2.450		
3,000 2,000		5,501	5,050	2,872	2,692	2,459	2,234	2,067
2,000	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
DB	3,732	3,361	3,090	2,872	2,692	2,459	2,234	2,067
DC	7,471	7,690	7,766	7,885	8,181	8,697	8,947	9,027

Active membership in the DB plan decreased from 3,952 in 2009 to 2,234 in 2016. DC plan active membership increased from 7,107 in 2009 to an estimated 8,947 in 2016.

**Looking ahead**, DB membership will continually decline because new employees have been excluded from the plan since 1995. All new employees of the Government of Guam (except those who are ineligible for membership) are mandated to participate in the DC plan. As such, DC plan membership will continue to increase.



As DB plan membership decreases, payroll for DB members likewise will decrease. Conversely, payroll for DC members will increase as membership increases. The payroll for DB members decreased from \$182 million in 2009, to an estimated \$130 million in 2017. The payroll for DC members has increased from \$241.8 million in 2009, to an estimated \$390 million in 2017.

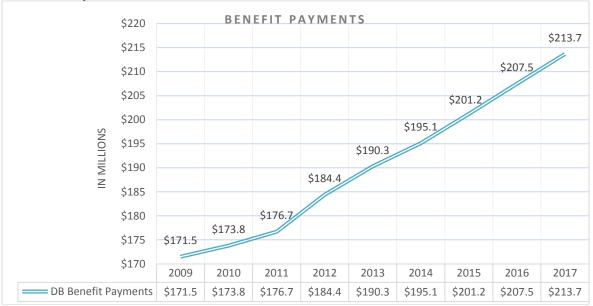
Total payroll, including both DB and DC members, has increased from \$423.8 million in 2009, to an estimated \$520 million in 2017.

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#### (5) Future Outlook, continued

#### DB Benefit Payments



The number of retired DB members has increased from 7,085 in 2009, to an estimated 7,298 in 2017. Annual benefit payments have also increased from \$171.5 million in 2009, to an estimated \$213.7 million in 2017. **Looking ahead**, benefit payments for DB retirees are expected to increase as active members continue to retire.

#### **Defined Benefit Plan**

The GGRF Board will revisit on an annual basis the asset allocation policy, related statutes, and the overall structure for managing GGRF assets, to ensure assets are managed in accordance with the following objectives:

- 1. Ensuring payment of all benefit and expense obligations when due.
- 2. Maximizing expected return within reasonable and prudent risk levels.
- 3. Maximizing the probability of achieving the actuarial rate of return assumption.
- 4. Controlling costs of administering GGRF and managing the investments.

Relative to the above objectives, the Board will perform quarterly investment performance reviews and rebalance GGRF's investment portfolio accordingly.

#### The Defined Contribution Plan

As previously discussed, the GGRF Board's proposed legislation to establish the Hybrid Plan, which combines a defined benefit component with a deferred compensation account, was introduced. As a result, PL 33-186 was passed into law on September 20, 2016 and became effective on January 1, 2018.

## Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

## September 30, 2017 with Comparative Totals for 2016

ASSETS	Defined <u>Benefit</u>	Defined Contribution	2017 <u>Total</u>	2016 <u>Total</u>
Investments, at fair value:				(As Restated)
Common and preferred stocks	\$1,110,502,896	_	1,110,502,896	956,950,473
U.S. Government securities	232,829,593	-	232,829,593	246,567,269
Corporate bonds and notes	303,153,981	-	303,153,981	295,367,509
Money market funds	23,864,447	-	23,864,447	40,801,515
Mutual funds	76,530,912	525,951,822	602,482,734	549,196,221
DC plan forfeitures	-	7,737,923	7,737,923	7,351,220
Total investments	1,746,881,829	533,689,745	2,280,571,574	2,096,234,207
Receivables:				
Contributions, Interest & Penalties:				
Supplemental/COLA benefits receivable	26,450,176		26,450,176	32,557,914
Employer contributions, net	2,192,359	751,839	2,944,198	1,076,435
Employer contributions, net Employer contributions, unfunded liability	4,401,290	751,659	4,401,290	1,413,129
Member contributions	4,401,290 851,023	-		
	,	750,432	1,601,455	367,797
Interest and penalties on contributions	293,978	-	293,978	372,402
Supplemental/Insurance benefits advanced	2,000,350	-	2,000,350	3,511,215
Member Notes:	36,189,176	1,502,271	37,691,447	39,298,892
Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP)				3,118
Service Credits	481,712	-	481,712	537,788
Service Credits	481,712		481,712	540,906
Other:	401,712		401,712	540,900
Accrued interest and dividends on investments	4,664,261	_	4,664,261	5,008,642
Other receivables	637,754	171,500	809,254	552,879
Due from brokers for unsettled trades	2,693,741	171,500	2,693,741	32,067,172
Due from DC plan	778,118	-	778,118	615,612
Due nom De plan	8,773,874	171,500	8,945,374	38,244,305
	0,773,071	171,500	0,913,571	30,211,303
Total receivables	45,444,762	1,673,771	47,118,533	78,084,103
Cash and cash equivalents	2,865,211	2,682,345	5,547,556	6,629,405
Prepaid expenses	12,116	-	12,116	3,090
Property and equipment	728,973	9,567	738,540	816,691
Total assets	1,795,932,891	538,055,428	2,333,988,319	2,181,767,496
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows of resources from pension	383,152		383,152	623,067
Total assets and deferred outflows from pension	1,796,316,043	538,055,428	2,334,371,471	2,182,390,563
Total assets and deferred outflows from pension	1,790,510,045	556,055,420	2,357,571,771	2,102,370,303
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,856,690	-	2,856,690	2,772,336
Due to brokers for unsettled trades	7,436,345	711,243	8,147,588	41,367,829
Due to DB plan		778,118	778,118	615,612
Total current liabilities	10,293,035	1,489,361	11,782,396	44,755,777
Net pension liability	5,450,291	-	5,450,291	5,686,442
Total lighilities	15 742 226	1 490 261	17 222 697	50 442 210

Total liabilities	15,743,326	1,489,361	17,232,687	50,442,219
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unearned revenue for service credits	660,577	-	660,577	705,023
Deferred inflows from pension	135,291		135,291	40,928
Total deferred inflows of resources	795,868		795,868	745,951
Net position restricted for pensions (See required				
supplemental schedule of funding progress)	\$1,779,776,849	\$ 536,566,067	\$2,316,342,916	\$2,131,202,393

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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## Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

## Year ended September 30, 2017 with Comparative Totals for 2016

<b>.</b>	Defined <u>Benefit</u>	Defined Contribution	2017 <u>Total</u>	2016 <u>Total</u> (As Restated)
Investment income				101 100 005
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 161,667,955	44,510,428	206,178,383	124,423,027
Interest	22,858,704	18,221,817	41,080,521	49,330,351
Dividends	12,862,678	-	12,862,678	13,459,859
Other investment income	283,806	169,285	453,091	3,692,281
	197,673,143	62,901,530	260,574,673	190,905,518
Less investment expenses	4,907,570	121,664	5,029,234	4,910,253
Net investment income	192,765,573	62,779,866	255,545,439	185,995,265
Contributions				
Employer	119,211,434	20,171,815	139,383,249	136,984,956
Member	13,476,517	19,949,072	33,425,589	32,348,878
Total contributions	132,687,951	40,120,887	172,808,838	169,333,834
TOTAL ADDITIONS	325,453,524	102,900,753	428,354,277	355,329,099
Benefit payments				
Age and service annuities	179,682,483	-	179,682,483	174,153,820
Survivor annuities	28,437,070	-	28,437,070	27,368,041
Disability annuities	5,625,697	-	5,625,697	5,975,489
Total benefit payments	213,745,250	_	213,745,250	207,497,350
Refunds to separated employees and withdrawals	1,113,513	21,539,127	22,652,640	21,882,480
Administrative and general expenses	3,915,898	2,068,107	5,984,005	5,218,806
Interest on refunded contributions	831,859	-	831,859	1,284,833
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	219,606,520	23,607,234	243,213,754	235,883,469
Net increase in plan net position	105,847,004	79,293,519	185,140,523	119,445,630
Net position restricted for pensions, beginning of year	1,673,929,845	457,272,548	2,131,202,393	2,011,756,763
Net position restricted for pensions, end of year	\$1,779,776,849	\$536,566,067	\$2,316,342,916	\$2,131,202,393

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Notes to Financial Statements

## September 30, 2017 and 2016

## (1) **Description of the Fund**

The following brief description of the Government of Guam Retirement Fund (GGRF) is provided for general information purposes only. Members should refer to Title 4, Chapter 8, Articles 1 and 2 of the Guam Code Annotated (GCA) for more complete information.

## Purpose

The Government of Guam Retirement Fund was established and became operative on May 1, 1951 to provide retirement annuities and other benefits to employees of the Government of Guam. The Board of Trustees (the "Board") is responsible for the general administration and proper operation of the Fund. With the passage of Public Law 27-43, effective November 14, 2003 the Board of Trustees comprises seven members, four of whom are elected and three of whom are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature. Two of the elected members must be GGRF retirees domiciled in Guam. These two members are elected by GGRF retirees. The other two elected members must be GGRF members with at least five years of employment by the Government of Guam. These two members are elected by GGRF active members. The GGRF is accounted for as a blended component unit, fiduciary fund type, pension trust fund of the Government of Guam.

## (2) Description of the Defined Benefit Plan

## <u>Membership</u>

The Defined Benefit Plan (DB) is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan and membership is mandatory for all employees in the service of the Government of Guam on the operative date. The DB plan provides for retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to members of the Plan prior to October 1, 1995. All new employees whose employment commences on or after October 1, 1995 are required to participate in the Defined Contribution Plan.

The following employees have the option of accepting or rejecting membership and become members only upon submission of a written request to the Board for membership:

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## (2) Description of the Defined Benefit Plan, continued

- 1. Employees hired for a definite agreed term or who at the time of employment are not domiciled on Guam.
- 2. Employees of a public corporation of the Government of Guam or of the University of Guam.
- 3. Any employee whose employment is purely temporary, seasonal, intermittent or part time.

## Ineligible Persons

The following employees are not eligible for membership:

- 1. Persons whose services are compensated on a fee basis.
- 2. Independent contractors.
- 3. Persons whose employment is for a specific project.
- 4. Persons who are employed in the Senior Citizens Community Employment Program.

At September 30, 2017, membership is as follows:

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	7,236
Terminated members entitled to, but not yet	
receiving benefits	4,230
Active plan members	2,067
	13,533

## Contributions

Contributions are set by law. Member contributions are required at 9.5% of base pay.

Based on the actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2016, which was issued in April 2017 and revised in March 2018, the actuarially determined contribution rate for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 was 27.41% of covered payroll.

Based on the actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2015, which was issued in May 2016 and revised in December 14, 2016, the actuarially determined contribution rate for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 was 28.1% of covered payroll.

The established statutory rates at September 30, 2017 and 2016, were 27.41% and 28.16%, respectively, of covered payroll.

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## (2) Description of the Defined Benefit Plan, continued

## Retirement, Disability and Survivor Benefits

Under the defined benefit plan, retirement benefits are based on age and/or years of credited service and an average of the three highest annual salaries received by a member during years of credited service, or \$6,000, whichever is greater.

Members who joined the DB plan prior to October 1, 1981 may retire with 10 years of service at age 60 (age 55 for uniformed personnel); or 20 to 24 years of service regardless of age with a reduced benefit if the member is under age 60; or completion of 25 years of service at any age.

Members who joined the DB plan on or after October 1, 1981 and prior to August 22, 1984 may retire with 15 years of service at age 60 (age 55 for uniformed personnel); or 25 to 29 years of service regardless of age with a reduced benefit if the member is under age 60; or completion of 30 years of service at any age.

Members who joined the DB plan after August 22, 1984 may retire with 15 years of service at age 65 (age 60 for uniformed personnel); or 25 to 29 years of service regardless of age with a reduced benefit if the member is under age 65; or completion of 30 years of service at any age.

## Service Benefit Formula

The basic retirement benefit is computed as the sum of the following:

- 1. An amount equal to two percent (2%) of the average annual salary for each of the first ten years of credited service and two and one-half percent (2.5%) of average annual salary for each year or part thereof of credited service over ten years.
- 2. An amount equal to twenty dollars (\$20) multiplied by each year of credited service, the total of which is reduced by an amount equal to a hundredth of one percent (.01%) of said total for each one dollar (\$1) that a member's average annual salary exceeds six thousand dollars (\$6,000).

The basic annuity is limited to a maximum of eighty-five percent (85%) of the average annual salary, and cannot be less than one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per year.

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## (2) Description of the Defined Benefit Plan, continued

## <u>Disability</u>

Members under the age of 65 with six or more years of credited service who are not entitled to receive disability payments from the United States Government are eligible to receive sixty six and two-thirds percent (66-2/3%) of the average of their three highest annual salaries received during years of credited service.

## Survivor

In the event of death of a member who completed at least 3 years of total service, the following benefits are payable:

- 1. Spouse annual benefit is equal to sixty percent (60%) of the disability or service retirement benefit earned by the member.
- 2. Minor children Basic benefit is \$2,880 per year for a minor child up to 18 years of age (age 24 if a full-time student).

## Separation from the DB Plan

Upon complete separation from service before attaining at least 25 years of total service, a member is entitled to receive a refund of total contributions including interest. Public Law 27-68 raised the time frame under which a refund was available from 20 years to 25 years, effective February 6, 2004.

A member who terminates after completing at least 5 years of service has the option of leaving contributions in the GGRF and receiving a service retirement benefit upon attainment of the age of 60 years.

## (3) Description of the Defined Contribution Retirement System

## <u>Purpose</u>

The Defined Contribution Retirement System (DCRS) was created by Public Law 23-42:3 to provide an individual account retirement system for any person who is employed in the Government of Guam. The GGRF Board of Trustees is responsible for the general administration and operation of the fund. The DCRS, by its nature, is fully funded on a current basis from employer and member contributions.

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## (3) Description of the Defined Contribution Retirement System, continued

## Membership

The DCRS is a single-employer pension plan and shall be the single retirement program for all new employees whose employment commences on or after October 1, 1995.

Existing members of the DB plan with less than 20 years of service credit may, upon written election, voluntarily elect membership in the DCRS. This option was available for sixty five (65) months after enactment of the legislation, and is available between March 1 and May 31 of every year, beginning in the year 2002. After making the election to transfer, the employee may not change the election or again become a member of the DB plan.

At September 30, 2017, membership is as follows:

Active contributing members	9,027
Inactive members with account balances	4,546
	<u>13,573</u>

## **Contributions**

Member and employer contributions are set by law at five percent (5%) of base pay.

#### Separation from the DCRS

Any member who leaves government service after attaining 5 years of total service is entitled to receive their total contribution plus 100% of the employer contribution and any earnings thereon.

Any member who leaves government service with less than 5 years of total service is entitled to receive their total contribution plus any earnings thereon.

#### (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Method of Accounting

The financial statements presented herein have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting under which expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred and revenues are recorded in the accounting period in which they are earned.

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## (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Employee contributions are recognized in the period in which contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Contributions from employees and employers for service through September 30, 2017 are accrued.

These contributions are considered fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for uncollectible receivables is reflected in the financial statements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with provisions set forth in the Guam Code Annotated.

## Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Cash

At September 30, 2017, the GGRF has cash balances in banks of approximately \$7.5 million, of which \$250,000 is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and of which includes approximately \$2.5M in outstanding checks. The remaining balances are collateralized by securities held by a trustee in the name of the financial institution.

## Reclassification

Certain balances in the 2016 presentation have been reclassified to conform to the 2017 presentation.

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## (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

## Investments

Investments include U.S. Federal Government and agency obligations, foreign government obligations, real estate, commercial mortgages, corporate debt, mutual funds, and equity instruments. Investments are reported at fair value. Securities transactions and any resulting gains or losses are accounted for on a trade date basis.

Investments other than real estate, commercial mortgages and other loans, and municipal revenue bonds are reported at market values determined by the custodial agents. The agent's determination of market values includes, among other things, using pricing services or prices quoted by independent brokers at current exchange rates.

Commercial mortgages and other loans and municipal revenue bonds have been valued on an amortized cost basis, which approximates market or fair value. No allowance for loan loss has been provided as all loans and bonds are considered by management to be fully collectible. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates market value.

For investments where no readily ascertainable market value exists, management, in consultation with their investment advisors, has determined the fair values for the individual investments based on anticipated maturity dates and current interest rates commensurate with the investment's degree of risk.

Northern Trust Company held the investments as custodian in the Fund's name through September 30, 2017. In addition, the Fund has selected investment managers who are given authority to purchase and sell securities in accordance with the following guidelines:

- A. Investment managers may invest in U.S. and non-U.S. common stocks, American Depository Receipts (ADRs), convertible bonds, preferred stocks, fixed-income securities, mutual funds and short-term securities.
  - 1. U.S. equities:
    - a. Equity holdings are restricted to readily marketable securities of corporations that are actively traded on the major U.S. exchanges and over the counter.

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#### (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

- b. Common and preferred stock:
  - i. The issuing institution has reported a profit in at least four of the five fiscal years preceding the date of investment, or alternatively, in at least seven of the ten fiscal years preceding the date of investment.
  - ii. The issuing institution has paid a cash dividend on its common or capital stock in at least four of the five years preceding the date of investment, or alternatively, in at least seven of the ten fiscal years preceding the date of investment.
  - iii. Total cash dividends have not exceeded total earnings in five years preceding the date of investment.
  - iv. On the date of investment, the issuer is not in default in payment of principal or interest on any of its publicly held bonds or other evidence of indebtedness, and any contingent interest, cumulative and non-cumulative preferred dividends and dividends on prior common or capital stock have been paid in full.
  - v. Preferred stock must also adhere to the following: The net earnings of the institution available for fixed charges over a period of five fiscal years preceding the date of investment have averaged per year, and during either of the last two years have been, after depreciation and income taxes, no less than:
    - 1. Two times its average annual fixed charges, maximum contingent interest and preferred dividend requirements over the same period, in the case of any public utility company; or,
    - 2. Three times its average annual fixed charges, maximum contingent interest and preferred dividend requirements over the same period, in the case of any other company.
- 2. U.S. Fixed Income:
  - a. All fixed income securities held in the portfolio must have a Moody's, Standard & Poor's and/or a Fitch's credit quality rating of no less than "BBB". U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government agencies are qualified for inclusion in the portfolio.

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#### (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

- b. No more than twenty percent (20%) of the market value of the portfolio may be rated less than single "A" quality, unless the manager has specific written authorization. Eighty percent (80%) of the fixed income portfolio must be in bonds of credit quality of no less than "A".
- c. Total portfolio quality (capitalization weighted) must maintain an "A" minimum rating.
- d. In case such bonds or other evidence of indebtedness are not so rated by two nationally recognized and published rating services, the net earnings available for fixed charges over a period of five fiscal years preceding the date of investment have averaged per year and during either of the last two years have been, after depreciation and taxes, not less than:
  - i. Two times its average annual fixed charges over the same period, in the case of any public utility company;
  - ii. One and one-half times its average annual fixed charges over the same period, in the case of any financial company; or,
  - iii. Three times its average annual fixed charges over the same period, in the case of any other company.
- e. With the written petition and subsequent written approval of the Trustees, opportunistic investment bonds issued by national governments other than the United States or foreign corporations may comprise up to six percent (6%) of each fixed-income manager's portfolio. In no case shall these investments exceed three and one-half percent (3.5%) of the total GGRF investments. All non-U.S. securities will be, in the judgment of the investment managers, of credit quality equal to or superior to the standards described above.
- 3. Non-U.S. Equities
  - a. Common or capital stock of any institution or entity created or existing under the laws of any foreign country are permissible investments, provided that:
    - i. The issuing institution has reported a profit in at least four of the five fiscal years preceding the date of investment, or alternatively, in at least seven of the ten fiscal years preceding the date of investment.

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### (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

- ii. The issuing institution has paid a cash dividend on its common or capital stock in at least four of the five years preceding the date of investment, or alternatively, in at least seven of the ten fiscal years preceding the date of investment.
- iii. Total cash dividends have not exceeded total earnings in five years preceding the date of investment.
- iv. On the date of investment, the issuer is not in default in payment of principal or interest on any of its publicly held bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, and any contingent interest, cumulative and non-cumulative preferred dividends and dividends on prior common or capital stock have been paid in full.
- b. Consistent with the desire to maintain broad diversification, allocations to any country, industry or other economic sector should not be excessive.
- 4. Cash and Cash Equivalents
  - a. Cash equivalent reserves must consist of cash instruments having a quality rating of A-2, P-2 or higher. Eurodollar Certificates of Deposit, time deposits, and repurchase agreements are also acceptable investment vehicles. All other securities will be, in the judgment of the investment managers, of credit quality equal to or superior to the standards described above.
  - b. No single issue shall have a maturity of greater than two years.
  - c. The cash portfolio shall have a maturity of less than one year.
  - d. Any idle cash not invested by the investment managers shall be invested daily through an automatic sweep managed by the custodian.
- B. No investment management organization shall have more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the GGRF's assets under its direction.
- C. No individual security of any issuer, other than that of the United States government or Government of Guam, shall constitute more than five percent (5%), at cost, of the total GGRF or of any investment manager's portfolio.
- D. Holdings of any issuer must constitute no more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding securities of such issuer.
- E. Investments in a registered mutual fund managed by the investment manager are subject to prior approval of the Board of Trustees.

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## (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

F. The following securities and transactions are not authorized: letter stock and other unregistered securities; non-negotiable securities; commodities or other commodity contracts; and, short sales origin transactions. Options and futures are restricted, except by petition to the Trustees for approval.

#### Investment policy

GGRF's investment policy in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established by mandates of public laws as enacted from time to time, as codified at 4GCA Title 4, Chapter 9, Article 1. GGRF's strategic asset allocation is based on the Fund's time horizon, risk tolerances, investment objectives, and asset class preferences. The following was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy as of September 30, 2017:

	Target
Asset Class	Allocation
U.S. Equities (Large Cap)	29.00%
U.S. Equities (Small Cap)	7.00%
Non-U.S. Equities	16.00%
Non-U.S. Equities (Emerging Markets)	2.00%
U.S. Fixed Income (Aggregate)	25.00%
High Yield Bonds	8.00%
Risk Parity	8.00%
Global Real Estate (REITs)	5.00%
	100.00%

## Rate of return

Based on the September 30, 2016 Actuarial Valuation, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was 9.05%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense.

#### Due to/from Brokers

Amounts due to/from brokers for unsettled trades consists of securities purchased or sold, which have not yet settled.

## Income Taxes

The Fund is a public employees' retirement system and an autonomous agency of the Government of Guam. Accordingly, the Fund is not subject to income taxes.

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## (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

## Actuarial Present Value of Accumulated Plan Benefits

Accumulated plan benefits are those future periodic payments, including lump-sum distributions that are attributable under the Fund's provisions to the service members have rendered through the most recent actuarial valuation date (September 30, 2016).

Accumulated plan benefits include benefits expected to be paid to (i) retired, disabled, and terminated employees and their beneficiaries, (ii) beneficiaries of employees who have died, and to (iii) present employees and their beneficiaries. Benefits payable under all circumstances - retirement, death, disability, and termination of employment - are included, to the extent they are deemed attributable to employee service rendered through September 30, 2016.

The actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits is determined by an independent actuarial firm and is the amount that results from applying actuarial assumptions to adjust the accumulated plan benefits to reflect the time value of money (through discounts for interest) and the probability of payment (by means of decrements such as for death, disability, withdrawals, or retirement) between the most recent actuarial valuation date (September 30, 2016), and the expected date of payment.

## Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

During the year ended September 30, 2015, the Fund implemented the following GASB pronouncements:

- GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, and GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68, which revised and established new financial reporting requirements for most governments that provide their employees with pension benefits. The implementation of these Statements resulted in the recording of net pension liability, and deferred inflows and outflows of resources, and the recognition of pension expense in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68 (refer to Note 5 for further information).
- GASB Statement No. 69, *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*, which provides specific accounting and financial reporting guidance for government combinations and disposals of government operations and new disclosure requirements. The implementation of this statement did not have a material effect on the Fund's financial statements.

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### (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements, continued

- GASB Statement No. 70, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees, which requires a government extending nonexchange financial guarantees to recognize a liability when qualitative factors and historical data indicate it is more likely than not the government will be required to make a payment on the guarantee. The implementation of this statement did not have a material effect on the Fund's financial statements.
  - In February 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements and requires entities to expand their fair value disclosures by determining major categories of debt and equity securities within the fair value hierarchy on the basis of the nature and risk of the investment. The provisions of Statement No. 72 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015. The implementation of this Statement did not have a material effect on the Fund's financial statements.
  - In June 2015, the Fund implemented GASB Statement No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not Within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68. This Statement aligns the reporting requirements for pensions and pension plans not covered in GASB Statement Nos. 67 and 68 with the reporting requirements in Statement No. 68.

The implementation of GASB No. 73, resulted in the restatement of the Fund's beginning net position, and deferred inflows and outflows as reflected below:

	As Previously <u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	As <u>Restated</u>
For the year ended September 30, 2016: Administrative & General Expense	\$ 5,040,362	\$ 178,444	\$ 5,218,806
As of September 30, 2016:			
Deferred outflows	\$ 538,866	\$ 84,201	\$ 623,067
Net pension liability	\$ 4,454,068	\$ 1,232,374	\$ 5,686,442
Deferred inflows	\$ -	\$ 40,928	\$ 40,928
Net position	\$ 2,132,391,494	\$ (1,189,101)	\$ 2,131,202,393

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## (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements, continued

- In June 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016. This Statement replaces Statement No. 43, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans, as amended, and No. 57, OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans. It also includes requirements for defined contribution OPEB plans that replace the requirements for those OPEB plans in Statement No. 25, Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans, as amended, Statement No. 43, and Statement No. 50, Pension Disclosures.
- In June 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*. This Statement eliminates two of the four categories of authoritative GAAP that exist under the existing hierarchy prescribed by Statement No. 55. The two categories that will remain under the new standard are (1) GASB Statements and (2) GASB technical bulletins and implementation guides in addition to AICPA guidance that the GASB clears. The provisions of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015. The implementation of this statement did not have a material impact on the Fund's financial statements.
- In August 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*. This Statement requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose certain information about the agreements. The provisions of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. The implementation of this statement did not have a material impact on the Fund's financial statements.
- In December 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 78, *Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans.* This Statement addresses an issue regarding the scope and applicability of Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions.* This issue is associated with pensions provided through certain multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans and to state or local governmental employers whose employees are provided with such pensions. GASB Statement No. 78 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Management has not evaluated the impact that the implementation of this statement will have on the Fund's financial statements.

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## (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements, continued

- In December 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants.* This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain external investment pools and pool participants. GASB Statement No. 79 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Management has not evaluated the impact that the implementation of this statement will have on the Fund's financial statements.
- In January 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units*. The Statement is intended to provide clarity about how certain component units incorporated as not-for-profit corporations should be presented in the financial statements of the primary state or local government. GASB Statement No. 80 will be effective for fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. Management has not evaluated the impact that the implementation of this statement will have on the Fund's financial statements.

## Upcoming Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2015, GASB issued statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2017. This Statement replaces the requirement of Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions, as amended, and No. 57, OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans, for OPEB. Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans, establishes new accounting and financial reporting requirements for OPEB plans. GASB Statement No. 75 will be effective for the Fund for fiscal year ending September 30, 2018.

In March 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*. This Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. GASB Statement No. 81 will be effective for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. Management has not evaluated the impact that the implementation of this statement will have on the Fund's financial statements.

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## (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Upcoming Accounting Pronouncements, continued

In March 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues*. This Statement addresses certain issues that have been raised with respect to Statements No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, and No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68*. This Statement addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. GASB Statement No .82 will be effective for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. Management has not evaluated the impact that the implementation of this statement will have on the Fund's financial statements.

In November 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*. This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations. GASB Statement No. 83 will be effective for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Management has not evaluated the impact that the implementation of this statement will have on the Fund's financial statements.

In January 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. This Statement improves guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. GASB Statement No. 84 will be effective for reporting periods after December 15, 2018. Management has not evaluated the impact that the implementation of this statement will have on the Fund's financial statements.

In March 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*. This Statement is to address practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits [OPEB]). GASB Statement No. 85 will be effective for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018.

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## (4) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

#### Upcoming Accounting Pronouncements, continued

In May 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources—resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt—are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. This Statement also improves accounting and financial reporting for prepaid insurance on debt that is extinguished and notes to financial statements for debt that is defeased in substance. GASB Statement No. 86 will be effective for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018.

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. GASB Statement No. 87 will be effective for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

The Fund is currently evaluating whether or not the new GASB pronouncements listed above will have a significant impact on the Fund's financial statements.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

Furniture and fixtures	3 years
Automobiles	5 years
Buildings	30 years
Improvements	5-10 years
Equipment	1-5 years

Administrative expenses include depreciation and amortization expense of \$85,791 in 2017.

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### (5) Net Pension Liability and Funded Status

#### Funded Status

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is used to determine funding requirements. As of the most recent actuarial valuations (September 30, 2016 and 2015), the DB plan had the following funded status:

Actuarial value of assets Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	<u>2017</u> \$ 1,655,592,379 <u>2,904,908,866</u>	$\begin{array}{r} \underline{2016}\\ \$ \ 1,629,394,933\\ \underline{2,927,661,561}\end{array}$
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	\$ <u>1,249,316,487</u>	\$ <u>1,298,266,628</u>
Security Ratio (Funded ratio)	56.99%	55.66%

## GASB 67

GASB 67 introduced some new terms for government sponsored pension plans. These are similar to the terms previously used, but have new names:

- Total Pension Liability (TPL) = Actuarial Accrued Liability
- Fiduciary Net Position (FNP) = Market Value of Assets
- Net Pension Liability (NPL) = Total Pension Liability (TPL) less Fiduciary Net Position (FNP)

The Net Pension Liability is similar to what was previously called the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. However, the Net Pension Liability is calculated using the Market Value of Assets instead of the Actuarial Value of Assets. For GGRF, the Actuarial Value of Assets recognizes excess investment gains and losses over a 3 year period while the Market Value of Assets recognizes gains and losses immediately.

As reflected above, the Security Ratio for GGRF is calculated as the Actuarial Value of Assets divided by the Actuarial Accrued Liability. The security ratio based on the 2016 valuation was 56.99%.

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#### (5) Net Pension Liability and Funded Status, continued

GASB 67 requires the disclosure of the Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability. This is similar to the security ratio, but uses the Market Value of Assets instead of the Actuarial Value of Assets. As reflected on the below, the NPL as a % of TPL was 50.76% as of 9/30/15 for the DB Plan.

#### Net Pension Liability

The components of the collective net pension liability of the participating component units at September 20, 2017 (based on the 2016 valuation) were as follows:

#### **DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN**

		COLA and	
	Retirement	Supplemental	
	<u>Annuity</u>	<u>Annuity</u>	<b>Combined</b>
Total pension liability	\$ 3,015,826,383	229,486,687	3,245,313,070
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>1,647,181,257</u>		<u>1,647,181,257</u>
Net pension liability	\$ <u>1,368,645,126</u>	<u>229,486,687</u>	<u>1,598,131,813</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a			
percentage of total pension liability	54.62%	-0-%	50.76%

#### **DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN**

		COLA and	
	Retirement	Supplemental	
	<u>Annuity</u>	Annuity	Combined
Total pension liability	\$ -	61,688,067	61,688,067
Plan fiduciary net position			
Net pension liability	\$	<u>61,688,067</u>	<u>61,688,067</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a			
percentage of total pension liability	-0-%	-0-%	-0-%

The actuarial valuation of the Fund involves estimates of the reported amounts and assumptions about probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment mortality and future salary increases. Amounts determined regarding the net pension liability are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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### (5) Net Pension Liability and Funded Status, continued

The Schedule of Employers' Net Pension Liability presents multi-year trend information about whether the plan fiduciary net positions are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the total pension liability. These schedules are presented in the <u>Required</u> <u>Supplementary Information section</u>. The Total Pension Liability as of September 30, 2017, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2016.

A summary of the actuarial assumptions as of the latest actuarial valuation is shown below and are based on the assumption that the Fund will continue in operation. If the Fund were to terminate, different actuarial assumptions and other factors might be applicable in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits.

Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry age normal
Valuation of Assets:	3-year phase in of gains/losses relative to interest rate assumption.
Investment Income:	7% per year.
Salary Increase:	Graduated based on service with the Government ranging from 4.5% for service in excess of 20 years to 7.5% for service from zero to five years
Total Payroll Growth:	3.0%
Mortality:	RP 2000 Healthy table set forward 4 years for males and set forward 1 year for females
Disability:	1974-78 SOA LTD Non-Jumbo, with rates reduced by 50%
Retirement Age:	40% probability of retirement at earliest age of eligibility for unreduced retirement benefits; 15% per year thereafter until age 65, 20% per year thereafter until age 70, 100% at age 70
Return of Contributions:	100% withdrawing before retirement with less than 20 years of service assumed to elect a return of contributions. All those who have previously withdrawn assumed to elect a return of contributions. Contributions earn 4.5% interest.
Amortization Method:	Constant percentage of total payroll, which is assumed to grow at 3.0% per year.
Amortization Period:	In accordance with 4GCA§8137, complete funding is to be achieved by April 30, 2031. At September 30, 2015 the remaining period is 15.58 years.

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### (5) Net Pension Liability of Employers, continued

#### Long-term expected rate of return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the longterm expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The Fund has a target asset allocation based on the investment policy adopted by the Board of Trustees. The target allocation and best estimates of the expected nominal return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target <u>Allocation</u>	Nominal <u>Return</u>	Component <u>Return</u>
U.S. Equities (large cap)	29%	8.78%	2.55%
U.S. Equities (small cap)	7%	9.45%	0.66%
Non-U.S. Equities	12%	9.15%	1.10%
Non-U.S. Equities (small cap)	4%	9.15%	0.37%
Non-U.S. Equities (emerging markets)	2%	10.75%	0.22%
U.S. Fixed Income (aggregate)	25%	4.85%	1.21%
Risk parity	8%	8.36%	0.67%
High yield bonds	8%	7.35%	0.59%
Global Real Estate (REITs)	5%	8.71%	0.44%
Expected average return for one year			7.81%
Expected geometric mean (30 years)			7.18%

The assumption used in the actuarial valuation (7.0%) is slightly less than the expected geometric average return over the next 30 years. If the investments do not return the expected results, future pension expense will increase.

#### Discount rate – Pension Liability For Retirement Benefits

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for retirement benefits was 6.70%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the Fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefits payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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## (5) Net Pension Liability of Employers, continued

## Discount rate – Ad hoc Supplemental Benefits and Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

The discount rate used to measure the Ad hoc Supplemental Benefits and Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) was a municipal bond rate of 3.058%. This rate was used as these two benefits are not funded with the accumulation of assets; they have been funded historically through appropriations from the Government of Guam

#### Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability as of September 30, 2016, calculated using the current discount rate of 6.7% for the defined benefit plan and 3.058% for the defined contribution plan, as well as the net pension liability calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point (1.0%) lower or 1% higher than the current rate:

## Defined Benefit Plan:

		Current	
	1%	Discount	1%
	Decrease	Rate	Increase
	5.7%	6.7%	7.7%
Net Pension Liability	\$1,915,693,302	\$1,598,131,813	\$1,324,370,176
Defined Contribution P	<u>lan</u> :	Current	
	1%	Discount	1%
	Decrease	Rate	Increase
	2.058%	3.058%	4.058%
Net Pension Liability	\$70,465,327	\$61,688,067	\$54,219,485

## Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2017, the Fund reported a liability of \$5,450,291 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The Fund's proportion of the net pension liability was based on projection of the Fund's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of GovGuam and GovGuam's component units, actuarially determined. At September 30, 2017 the Fund's proportion of the GovGuam overall liability was .33%.

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## (5) Net Pension Liability of Employers, continued

At September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Fund reported deferred outflows or resources and deferred inflows of resources as follows:

	Total 2017		Total 2	2016
	Deferred	Deferred	Deferred	Deferred
	Outflows of	Intflows of	Outflows of	Intflows of
	Resources	Resources	Resources	Resources
Difference between expected				
and actual experience	\$6,701	\$17,379	\$55 <i>,</i> 859	\$3,694
Net difference between projected				
and actual earnings on pension				
plan investments	0	23,039	50,333	0
Changes of assumptions	51,176	0	80,469	0
Contributions subsequent to the				
measurement date	313,835	0	340,370	0
Changes in proportion and difference				
between GGRF contributions and				
proportionate share	11,440	94,873	96,036	37,234
	\$383,152	\$135,291	\$623,067	\$40,928

# Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

Deferred outflows resulting from contributions subsequent to measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the following year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2017 will be recognized in pension expense (recovery) as follows:

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Year Ending	
<u>September 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	(\$12,521)
2019	(7,842)
2020	(5,837)
2021	(5,837)
2022	(5,837)
Thereafter	(28,100)
	(\$65,974)

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## (6) Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure

Cash and investments as of September 30, 2017 are classified in the accompanying statement of plan net assets as follows:

	<u>DB Plan</u>	DC Plan
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,865,211	2,682,345
Common stocks	1,110,502,896	-
U.S. government securities	232,829,593	-
Corporate bonds and notes	303,153,981	-
Money market funds	23,864,447	-
Mutual funds	76,530,912	<u>533,689,745</u>
Total cash and investments	\$ <u>1,749,747,040</u>	<u>536,372,090</u>

Cash and investments as of September 30, 2016 are classified in the accompanying statement of plan net assets as follows:

	<u>DB Plan</u>	<u>DC Plan</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,061,906	2,567,499
Common stocks	956,950,473	-
U.S. government securities	246,567,269	-
Corporate bonds and notes	295,367,509	-
Money market funds	40,801,515	-
Mutual funds	100,615,203	455,932,238
Total cash and investments	\$ <u>1,644,363,875</u>	<u>458,499,737</u>

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September 30, 2017 and 2016

## (6) Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, continued

#### Investments Authorized by the Guam Code Annotated and the Fund's Investment Policy

Investments that are authorized by the Guam Code Annotated and by the Fund's investment policy are described in Note 4 above. There are no maximum maturities set for investments, with the exception of cash and cash equivalents as specified in Note 4 above. The only limitation on the maximum percentage of the portfolio that may be invested in any one type is with international government or corporate bonds as specified in Note 4 above. The maximum percentage of each issue that may be made is five percent, as specified in Note 4 above.

#### Disclosures Relating to Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. One of the ways that the Fund manages its exposure to interest rate risk is by purchasing a combination of shorter term and longer term investments and by timing cash flows from maturities so that a portion of the portfolio is maturing or coming close to maturity evenly over time as necessary to provide the cash flow and liquidity needed for operations.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Fund's investments (including investments held by bond trustee) to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distribution of the Fund's DB plan investments at September 30, 2017 by maturity:

	_	Remaining Maturity in Years								
Investment Type		Less than 1	<u>1 to 5</u>	<u>6 to 10</u>	Greater <u>than 10</u>	Total				
U.S. Treasury securities	\$	0	7,867,976	10,244,215	66,077,740	84,189,931				
Federal Agency securities		19,773,963	56,455,050	26,551,514	45,859,135	148,639,662				
Corporate bonds and notes		4,840,817	164,209,057	77,572,957	<u>56,531,150</u>	<u>303,153,981</u>				
Totals	\$	<u>24,614,780</u>	<u>228,532,083</u>	<u>114,368,686</u>	<u>168,468,025</u>	<u>535,983,574</u>				

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## (6) Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, continued

#### Investments with Fair Values Highly Sensitive to Interest Rate Fluctuations

The Fund's investments are typically made in corporate equities, U.S. Treasury obligations, and commercial paper. These types of investments are not more sensitive to interest rate fluctuations than as already indicated above. Investments that are highly sensitive to interest rate fluctuations include Federal agency securities with coupon multipliers that are reset frequently, mortgage-backed securities, and Federal agency securities with interest rates that vary inversely to a benchmark set quarterly.

The Fund has invested in mortgage backed securities, which are more sensitive to fluctuations in interest rates than already indicated in the information provided above. Such securities are subject to early payment in a period of declining interest rates. The resultant reduction in expected total cash flows affects the fair value of these securities and makes the fair values of these securities highly sensitive to changes in interest rates.

At September 30, 2017, the Fund held mortgage-backed securities valued at approximately \$150 million.

#### Disclosures Relating to Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Presented below is the minimum rating required by (where applicable) the Guam Code Annotated and the Fund's investment policy, and the actual rating as of September 30, 2017 for each investment type.

	Minimum Legal		
Investment Type	Rating	<u>Amount</u>	Rating as of Year End
U.S. Treasury securities	N/A	\$ 84,189,931	Exempt from disclosure
Federal agency securities	N/A	137,444,006	Exempt from disclosure
Money market funds	A-2	23,864,447	AAAm
Corporate medium term notes and	BBB	10,456,459	Aaa
U.S. Municipal Obligations		32,715,680	Aa1-Aa3
		73,301,841	A1-A3
		149,085,232	BBB-BB
		15,668,907	CCC-CC
		33,121,518	Not rated/cash
		\$ <u>559,848,021</u>	

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#### (6) Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, continued

#### Concentration of Credit Risk

The Fund's investment policy contains limits on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. At September 30, 2017, the Fund did not hold any investments in any one issuer (other than U.S. Treasury securities, mutual funds, and external investment pools) that represents 5% or more of total Fund investments.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in foreign exchange rates will adversely affect the fair values of an investment or deposit. At September 30, 2017, the Fund held approximately \$28 million in corporate bonds issued by companies organized in various foreign countries.

The countries of incorporation and the dollar amount of the bonds issued were as follows at September 30, 2017:

Canada	\$ 8 million
United Kingdom	4
Netherlands	4
Ireland	1
Others – 19 countries	<u>_11</u>
Total	\$ <u>28</u> million

At September 30, 2017, the Fund held investments (generally U.S. dollar denominated ADRs) in corporate stocks issued by companies organized in various foreign countries. These ADRs are indirectly affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

The market value of these investments at September 30, 2017 was approximately \$92 million. The functional currencies of the companies that issued the stocks (and the market value in millions of U.S. dollars) were as follows at September 30, 2017:

Euros	\$ 43 million
Japanese Yen	13
<b>British Pound</b>	10
Hong Kong Dollar	8
Others – 18 countries	<u>18</u>
Total	\$ <u>92</u> million

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### (6) Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, continued

#### Investments at Fair Value

GASB 72 requires all investments be categorized under a fair value hierarchy. The Fund determines fair value of its investments based upon both observable and unobservable inputs. The Fund categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles – levels within the hierarchy are as follows:

- Level 1 quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs (other than quoted prices included within Level 1) that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs can include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active or inactive markets, or market-corroborated inputs.
- Level 3 unobservable inputs for an asset or liability, which generally results in a government using the best information available and may include the government's own data.

The remaining investments not categorized under the fair value hierarchy are shown at NAV. These are investments in non-governmental entities for which a readily determinable fair value is not available, such as member units or an ownership interest in partners' capital to which a proportionate share of net assets is attributed. Investments at NAV are commonly calculated by subtracting the fair value of liabilities from the fair value of assets.

Investment	Fair Value Sep. 30, 2017	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)
Equity Securities:	569. 50, 2017		(120012)
Domestic equity	872,430,687	872,430,687	0
International Equity	238,072,209	238,072,209	0
Total equity securities	1,110,502,896	1,110,502,896	0
Debt Securities:			
U.S. Treasury Securities	232,829,593	0	232,829,593
Corporate bonds	286,276,386	0	286,276,386
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	12,741,790	0	12,741,790
Bank loans	4,135,805	0	4,135,805
	535,983,574	0	535,983,574
Other	100,395,359	100,395,359	0
Total Investments By Fair Value Level	1,746,881,829	1,210,898,255	535,983,574

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## (6) Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, continued

## Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

The Guam Code Annotated and the Fund's investment policy contain legal requirements that limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits and investments, as follows:

The Guam Code Annotated requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by Government of Guam agencies by pledging securities in: "(a) Treasury notes or bonds of the United States, or those for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the payment of principal and interest, (b) any evidence of indebtedness of the government of Guam, (c) Investment certificates of the Federal Home Loan Bank, or (d) such other securities as may be ... approved by the Director of Administration and the Governor of Guam.". The fair market value of the pledged securities must be at least ten percent (10%) in excess of the amount of monies deposited with the bank.

Further, to address custodial risk, the Guam Code Annotated requires the custodian to have been in the business of rendering trust custody services for ten or more years, to be organized under the laws of the United States or a state or territory thereof, to have capital and surplus in excess of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000), and to be a member of the Federal Reserve System whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Regardless of the above, any locally chartered bank may act as custodian for the Fund.

## (7) Related Party Transactions

At September 30, 2017 and 2016, GGRF was owed employer and member contributions, and interest and penalties receivable by various Government of Guam agencies. At September 30, 2017 and 2016, employer contributions receivable including the unfunded liability totaled \$7,345,488 and \$2,489,564, respectively; member contributions receivable totaled \$1,601,455 and \$367,797, respectively; and interest and penalties receivable totaled \$293,978 and \$372,402, respectively.

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### (8) Property, Equipment and Land

Property, equipment and land at September 30, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Building	\$ 1,290,889	\$ 1,290,889
Improvements	825,985	825,985
Land	439,428	439,428
Equipment	485,145	477,505
Automobiles	22,732	22,732
Furniture and fixtures	15,887	15,887
Other	7,000	7,000
	3,087,066	3,079,426
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(2,348,526)	(2,262,735)
	\$ 738,540	\$ 816,691

#### (9) Supplemental Annuities and COLA Payments

Public Law 25-72, passed in September 1999, required the payment of supplemental annuities and cost of living allowances (COLA) to retirees. P.L. 25-72 also specified that these payments were an obligation of the employer and not of the GGRF. The cost of these benefits is to be paid through increased contributions over a period of twenty years.

The GGRF paid certain of these benefits on behalf of the General Fund and autonomous agencies, and collected certain amounts from the General Fund and from autonomous agencies. The excess of the amount paid out over the amount collected was recorded as "Supplemental/COLA benefits receivable" by the GGRF.

During fiscal year 1999, the Government of Guam appropriated \$12 million to pay for a portion of the \$31.4 million that the GGRF paid for supplemental annuities and COLA payments.

However, Public Law 25-122, passed in May 2000, reallocated the \$12 million appropriation collected by GGRF to regular employer contributions. Since the \$12 million reduced the receivable balance in fiscal year 1999, this reallocation resulted in a \$12 million increase in the receivable balance in fiscal year 2000. The offset was recorded as a reduction of employer contributions receivable from the Government of Guam for fiscal year 2000.

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#### September 30, 2017 and 2016

#### (9) Supplemental Annuities and COLA Payments, continued

Beginning in fiscal year 2000, the receivable for supplemental annuities and COLA payments is being reduced by a portion of the employer contributions received. The percentage used for fiscal years 2017 and 2016 was 1.2016% of covered payroll.

At September 30, 2017 and 2016, the GGRF had Supplemental/COLA benefits receivable of \$26,450,176, and \$32,557,914, respectively. Since the GGRF is simply acting as a paying agent for these benefits, the payment of the benefits and their subsequent collection should not increase or decrease plan net assets.

Fiscal Year	Pay	ment of Benefits by GGRF	Collections	Other		Balance
1999	\$	31,400,000	\$ (4,500,000)	\$ (12,000,000)	\$	14,900,000
2000		32,300,000	(4,300,000)	12,000,000		54,900,000
2001		34,000,000	(4,700,000)			84,200,000
2002		27,500,000	(3,600,000)			108,100,000
2003			(4,400,000)			103,700,000
2004			(7,200,000)			96,500,000
2005			(4,300,000)			92,200,000
2006			(4,600,000)			87,600,000
2007			(4,600,000)			83,000,000
2008			(5,000,000)			78,000,000
2009			(5,100,000)			72,900,000
2010			(5,300,000)			67,600,000
2011			(5,800,000)			61,800,000
2012			(5,500,000)			56,300,000
2013			(5,500,000)			50,800,000
2014			(6,000,000)			44,800,000
2015			(6,200,000)			38,600,000
2016			(6,000,000)			32,600,000
2017			(6,100,000)		lana and a	26,500,000
	\$	125,200,000	\$ (98,700,000)	\$ _		

A history of the transactions follows (amounts rounded to the nearest hundred thousand):

#### (10) Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP)

Public Law 24-327, as amended by Public Laws 25-2, 25-3, 25-72, 25-74, 25-90, 25-98 and 25-99 became effective December 30, 1998. This law allowed GGRF members with at least 20 years of creditable service to retire and to purchase up to 5 years of creditable service.

Those electing to participate in the ERIP must pay the members' share of the required contribution, plus interest, based on their salary at the time they made the election.

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## (10) Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP), continued

Payments can be made in full or can be financed through deductions from annuities over a period not to exceed 15 years.

The time allowed for making the election and retiring was from December 30, 1998 to January 7, 2000. During this period, approximately eight hundred (800) members elected to participate in this program and signed promissory notes totaling nearly \$15 million. At September 30, 2016 the amount owed under these notes was \$3,118. There is a corresponding unearned revenue account to offset these notes receivable, since contribution income is recognized on a cash basis as amounts are collected from the retirees.

The member's share and government's share of these required contributions were fully paid as of September 30, 2017 and 2011, respectively.

The receivable for the government's share of required contributions was being reduced by a portion of the employer contributions received. The statutory percentage for fiscal year 2016 was 1.31% of covered payroll.

## (11) Supplemental/COLA Benefit Owed by Government of Guam Agencies

All Government of Guam agencies are obligated to pay retirees for supplemental and COLA benefits. GGRF paid certain supplemental and COLA benefits for other Government of Guam agencies. GGRF will be reimbursed for these benefit payments; accordingly, these benefit payments are reflected as "Supplemental/insurance benefits advanced" in the accompanying statement of net assets.

At September 30, 2017 and 2016, the GGRF had \$2,000,350 and \$3,511,215, respectively in Supplemental/insurance benefits receivable from three Government of Guam agencies.

## (12) Risk Management

The Government of Guam Retirement Fund is subject to various risks in the normal course of operations. The Fund protects itself against such risks by purchasing liability insurance from a private company in Guam.

Further, the Fund purchases Directors and Officers Liability insurance from a private company in Guam to protect the Board of Trustees against liability for official actions they take in their capacities as Board members.

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## (13) Other Post-Employment Benefits

GovGuam, through its substantive commitment to provide other post-employment benefits (OPEB), maintains a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit plan to provide certain postretirement healthcare benefits to retirees who are members of the GGRF. Under the Plan, known as the GovGuam Group Health Insurance Program, GovGuam provides medical, dental, and life insurance coverage. The retiree medical and dental plans are fully-insured products provided through insurance companies. GovGuam shares in the cost of these plans, with GovGuam's contribution amount set each year at renewal. Current statutes prohibit active and retired employees from contributing different amounts for the same coverage. As such, GovGuam contributes substantially more to the cost of retiree healthcare than to active healthcare. For the life insurance plan, GovGuam provides retirees with \$10,000 of life insurance coverage through an insurance company. Retirees do not share in the cost of this coverage. Because the Plan consists solely of GovGuam's firm commitment to provide OPEB through the payment of premiums to insurance companies on behalf of its eligible retirees, no stand-alone financial report is either available or generated.

During the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Fund's required contributions to this plan totaled approximately \$150,000 each year.

#### (14) Subsequent Events

In accordance with Public Law 33-186:

- 1. The Defined Benefit 1.75% Plan became effective on January 1, 2018. DB 1.75 Plan members are required to contribute 9.5% of their base salary to the DB 1.75 Plan and 1% of base salary to the 457 Plan, and are fully vested for benefits upon attaining five (5) years of credited service. Members may retire with full benefits at age 62 and 5 years of credited service, or at age 55 with 25 years of credited service with reduced benefits, or at age 60 and 5 years of credited service without survivor benefits.
- 2. The DC Plan member and employer contribution rates increase from five percent (5%) to six and two-tenths percent (6.2%), effective January 1, 2018.
- 3. The period used to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) was extended by two years, from an end date of May 1, 2031 to an end date of May 1, 2033, effective January 1, 2018.

The market value of the Fund's invested assets in the DB plan increased from \$1.75 billion at September 30, 2017 to approximately \$1.97 billion at March 31, 2018. This is an increase of \$22 million or about 1.3%. DC plan assets decreased from \$534 million at September 30, 2017 to \$334 million at March 31, 2018. The \$200M (38%) decrease is due to the transfer of DC Plan members to the DB 1.75 Plan effective January 1, 2018 and market fluctuations.

## Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability - DB Plan

## September 30, 2013 to 2016

	2013	2014	2015	2016
	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
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Total Pension Liability - Beginning of Year	\$ 2,811,399,525	\$ 2,829,439,663	\$ 3,112,295,398	\$ 3,249,042,023
Service cost	21,089,199	22,323,496	23,167,161	22,042,055
Member contributions	0	0	-	-
Interest on the total pension liability	190,558,974	191,594,023	213,116,889	210,570,472
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Differences between actual and expected experience with regard to economic or demographic factors	0	27,739,034	58,338,457	(19,460,258)
Changes of assumptions	0	21,139,034	71,752,411	17,912,379
Benefit payments	(193,608,035)	(199,534,108)	(229,628,293)	(234,793,601)
Total changes	18,040,138	42,122,445	136,746,625	(3,728,953)
Total Pension Liability - End of Year	\$ 2,829,439,663	\$ 2,871,562,108	\$ 3,249,042,023	\$ 3,245,313,070
Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning of Year	\$ 1,391,421,887	\$ 1,526,135,027	\$ 1,625,255,354	\$ 1,576,428,084
Contributions from employers	121,940,930	134,106,867	159,053,013	148,395,481
Member contributions	16,290,014	16,626,009	15,245,935	13,812,825
Net investment income	192,776,061	150,599,955	9,560,987	146,235,031
Benefit payments	(193,608,035)	(199,534,108)	(229,628,293)	(234,793,601)
Administrative expense	(2,685,830)	(2,678,396)	(3,058,912)	(2,896,563)
Total changes	134,713,140	99,120,327	(48,827,270)	70,753,173
Fiduciary Net Position - End of Year	\$ 1,526,135,027	\$ 1,625,255,354	\$ 1,576,428,084	\$ 1,647,181,257
Net Pension Liability - End of Year	\$ 1,303,304,636	\$ 1,246,306,754	\$ 1,672,613,939	\$ 1,598,131,813
Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability	53.94%	56.60%	48.52%	50.76%
Covered employee payroll	460,347,780	504,943,471	511,366,411	506,322,283
Net Pension Liability as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	283.11%	246.82%	327.09%	315.64%

Note 1 - Liabilities are shown in this column as originally reported as of 9/30/14, without regards to Ad Hoc COLAs or Supplemental Annuity Payments.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

## Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability - DC Plan

## September 30, 2013 to 2016

	)13 lation	2014 luation	2015 Valuation	<u> </u>	2016 Valuation
Total Pension Liability - Beginning of Year	\$ n/a	\$ n/a	\$ 46,880,986	\$	52,115,736
Service cost	n/a	n/a	2,623,748		3,074,446
Member contributions	n/a	n/a	-		-
Interest on the total pension liability	n/a	n/a	1,885,957		1,851,695
Changes of benefit terms	n/a	n/a	-		-
Differences between actual and expected experience	n/a	n/a			
with regard to economic or demographic factors	n/a	n/a	(587,552)		1,265,643
Changes of assumptions	n/a	n/a	2,510,997		4,802,047
Benefit payments	 n/a	 n/a	 (1,198,400)		(1,421,500)
Total changes	 n/a	 n/a	 5,234,750		9,572,331
Total Pension Liability - End of Year	\$ n/a	\$ n/a	\$ 52,115,736	\$	61,688,067
Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning of Year	\$ n/a	\$ n/a	\$ -	\$	-
Contributions from employers	n/a	n/a	1,198,400		1,421,500
Member contributions	n/a	n/a	0		0
Net investment income	n/a	n/a	0		0
Benefit payments	n/a	n/a	(1,198,400)		(1,421,500)
Administrative expense	n/a	n/a	-		-
Total changes	n/a	n/a	 0		0
Fiduciary Net Position - End of Year	\$ n/a	\$ n/a	\$ _	\$	_
Net Pension Liability - End of Year	\$ n/a	\$ n/a	\$ 52,115,736	\$	61,688,067
Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability	n/a	n/a	0.00%		0.00%
Covered employee payroll	n/a	n/a	355,895,521		365,069,550
Net Pension Liability as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	n/a	n/a	14.64%		16.90%

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#### Schedule of Employer Allocations by Component Unit - DB Plan

For the year ended September 30, 2016

	DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN								
<u>Component Unit (Employer)</u>	Expected Defined Benefit Plan % <u>Contributions</u> <u>Share</u>		Allocated Net Pension Liability for Retirement Annuity <u>Only</u>	Ad hoc COLA/ Supplemental Annuity <u>Contributions</u>	% <u>Share</u>	Allocated Net Pension for Ad Hoc COLA and Supplemental <u>Annuity</u>	Combined Allocated Net Pension <u>Liability</u>		
Government of Guam General Fund	\$ 35,264,911	28.36%	\$ 388,211,714	\$ 8,921,319	37.21%	\$ 85,390,486	\$ 473,602,200 28 207 700		
Office of the Attorney General Mayors' Council of Guam	2,461,386 1,541,339	1.98% 1.24%	27,096,024 16,967,740	125,557 129,090	0.52% 0.54%	1,201,765 1,235,584	28,297,790 18,203,324		
Department of Chamorro Affairs	368,551	0.30%	4,057,172	124,049	0.52%	1,187,336	5,244,508		
Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation	89,410	0.07%	984,265	4,000	0.02%	38,286	1,022,551		
Government of Guam Retirement Fund	400,130	0.32%	4,404,808	72,957	0.30%	698,312	5,103,119		
Guam Community College	3,057,177	2.46%	33,654,754	636,358	2.65%	6,090,904	39,745,658		
Guam Department of Education	37,515,809	30.18%	412,990,587	6,817,993	28.44%	65,258,489	478,249,075		
Guam Economic Development Authority	446,162	0.36%	4,911,548	30,713	0.13%	293,970	5,205,518		
Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority	1,025,876	0.83%	11,293,296	159,046	0.66%	1,522,308	12,815,604		

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See accompanying independent auditors' report.

Guam Legislature

Judiciary of Guam

University of Guam

Guam Power Authority

Guam Visitors Bureau

Port Authority of Guam

Guam Waterworks Authority

Office of Public Accountability

**Guam Housing Corporation** 

Guam International Airport Authority

Guam Memorial Hospital Authority

## Schedule of Employer Allocations by Component Unit - DC plan

## For the year ended September 30, 2016

<u>Component Unit (Employer)</u>	Actual DC Ad hoc COLA <u>Contributions</u>		Allocation <u>Percentage</u>	Allocated Net Pension <u>Liability</u>
Government of Guam General Fund	\$	484,000	34.05%	\$ 21,003,886
Office of the Attorney General		26,000	1.83%	1,128,308
Mayors' Council of Guam		24,000	1.69%	1,041,515
Department of Chamorro Affairs		8,000	0.56%	347,172
Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation		2,000	0.14%	86,793
Government of Guam Retirement Fund		8,000	0.56%	347,172
Guam Community College		18,000	1.27%	781,136
Guam Department of Education		374,400	26.34%	16,247,634
Guam Economic Development Authority		6,000	0.42%	260,379
Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority		12,000	0.84%	520,758
Guam Housing Corporation		6,000	0.42%	260,379
Guam International Airport Authority		30,000	2.11%	1,301,894
Guam Legislature		10,000	0.70%	433,965
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority		113,100	7.96%	4,908,140
Guam Power Authority		88,000	6.19%	3,818,888
Guam Visitors Bureau		6,000	0.42%	260,379
Guam Waterworks Authority		36,000	2.53%	1,562,273
Judiciary of Guam		20,000	1.41%	867,929
Port Authority of Guam		74,000	5.21%	3,211,338
University of Guam		76,000	<u>5.35</u> %	 3,298,131
	\$	1,421,500	<u>100.00</u> %	\$ 61,688,067

See notes to GASB 68/73 schedules.

#### Schedule of Contributions

#### September 30, 2013 to 2016

Plan Year Ending <u>September 30</u>	Actuarially Determined <u>Contribution</u>	Actual Employer <u>Contribution</u>	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered <u>Payroll</u>	Contribution as a % of <u>Covered Payroll</u>
2016	\$ 124,419,000	\$ 124,419,000	\$ -	\$ 506,322,000	24.57%
2015	134,506,000	134,506,000	-	511,366,000	26.30%
2014	134,107,000	134,107,000	-	504,943,000	26.56%
2013	121,698,000	121,941,000	(243,000)	460,348,000	26.49%

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of September 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. The methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates are as follows:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining amortization period	May 1, 2031 (15.58 years remaining as of September 30, 2015)
Asset valuation method	3-year smoothed market value (effective September 30, 2009)
Inflation	2.75% per year
Total payroll growth	3.00% per year
Salary increases	7.5% per year for the first 5 years of service, 6% for 5-10 years, 5% for 11-15 years and 4.5% for service over 15 years.
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses, including inflation of 2.75%
Retirement age	40% are assumed to retire upon first eligibility for unreduced retirement. Thereafter, the probabilities of retirement are 15% until age 65, 20% from 65-69, and 100% at age 70.
Mortality	RP-2000 healthy mortality table set forward by 4 years for males and 1 year for females. Mortality for disabled lives is the RP 2000 disability mortality table with no set forwards.
Other information	Actuarial assumptions are based upon periodic experience studies. The last experience study reviewed experience from 2007 to 2011, and was first reflected in the actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2012.

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Schedule of Investment Returns

## September 30, 2013 to 2016

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of				
investment expense	14.14%	10.04%	0.60%	9.51%

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## Supplementary Schedule of Administrative and General Expenses

## September 30, 2017 and 2016

	Defined	Defined		
	Benefit	Contribution	Total	Total
	<u>Plan</u>	<u>Plan</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,812,007	217,878	2,029,885	1,686,136
Third party administrator fees	-	1,107,358	1,107,358	949,818
Insurance	438,537	410,745	849,282	500,030
Pension expense	522,962	87,636	610,598	684,586
Legal fees	207,103	45,334	252,437	177,673
Retiree supplemental/COLA	233,581	17,811	251,392	239,769
Computer program services/maintenance	218,700	24,300	243,000	243,000
Actuary fees	122,406	34,342	156,748	188,141
Depreciation	84,125	1,666	85,791	101,119
Utilities	38,708	39,442	78,150	72,766
Repairs and maintenance	40,011	25,250	65,261	63,226
Audit fees	30,000	10,000	40,000	48,000
Medicare contribution	23,646	4,884	28,530	23,409
Printing and publications	21,028	5,964	26,992	23,341
Travel and transportation	13,533	12,078	25,611	28,418
Proxy voting services	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Communications	16,945	1,404	18,349	17,216
Equipment rental	11,162	5,498	16,660	16,603
Board of trustees expenses	8,839	5,406	14,245	22,372
Miscellaneous	13,696	2,803	16,499	25,299
Office supplies	11,482	1,421	12,903	16,200
Postage	8,632	3,344	11,976	43,621
Training	4,922	3,543	8,465	9,397
Medical exams	3,986	-	3,986	4,459
Bad debt related to notes receivable	2,835	-	2,835	4,442
Computers supplies and software	2,052	-	2,052	2,440
Medical consultant				2,325
	\$ 3,915,898	2,068,107	5,984,005	5,218,806

Supplementary Schedule of Personnel Costs

## September 30, 2017 and 2016

	2017	<u>2016</u>
Salaries and wages Employer's retirement contribution Medicare contribution	\$ 2,029,885 610,598 28,530	\$ 1,686,136 684,586 23,409
	\$ 2,669,013	\$ 2,394,131
Average number of employees	40	36
Average cost per employee	\$ 66,725	\$ 66,504

Supplementary Schedule of Personnel Count - Public Law 28-150: Section 45

## September 30, 2017 and 2016

	Full Tir	ne Employees		
	As of During September 30,			Total
			Sala	ries & Wages
	FY 2017	2017	I	Expended
Director's Office	3	3	\$	188,074
Administrative Services	5	5		204,156
Accounting / Investments	17	16		975,429
Members and Benefits Services	18	21		662,226
	43	45	\$	2,029,885

	Full Tir	me Employees		
		As of		Total
	During	September 30,	Sala	ries & Wages
	FY 2016	2016	]	Expended
Director's Office	3	3	\$	195,064
Administrative Services	5	5		183,138
Accounting / Investments	18	17		473,983
Members and Benefits Services	14	11		833,951
	40	36	\$	1,686,136

Supplementary Schedule of Other Receivables - Defined Benefit Plan

## September 30, 2017 and 2016

	2017	<u>2016</u>
Benefit overpayments Member rate differential	\$ 446,857 <u>190,897</u>	\$ 379,261 156,413
	<u>\$ 637,754</u>	\$ 535,674

## Supplementary Schedule of Receivables by Agency - Defined Benefit Plan

## September 30, 2017

Agency	Supplemental/ COLA	Employer Contributions	Employer Contributions (Unfunded Liability)	Member Contributions	Interest & Penalties	Retiree Supplemental Benefits & Insurance	TOTAL
			<u>(;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;</u>				
Department of Administration (General Fund)	\$ 26,450,176	963,529	997,923	342,443	230,409	1,968,057	30,952,537
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority	-	77,582	345,731	26,798	-	-	450,111
Guam Department of Education	-	760,528	2,103,915	263,600	63,569	-	3,191,612
Guam Power Authority	-	82,411	158,796	28,796	-	32,293	302,296
Guam Housing & Urban Renewal Authority	-	26,128	26,688	9,056	-	-	61,872
Supreme Court of Guam	-	61,828	136,012	23,586	-	-	221,426
Guam Waterworks Authority		30,063	105,574	12,757	-		148,394
Port Authority of Guam		113	113,890	77,656			191,659
Guam Airport Authority	-	44,518	70,292	15,433	-	-	130,243
University of Guam	-	92,252	187,864	32,386			312,502
Public Defender		7,994	22,618	2,771			33,383
Guam Community College		31,231	81,564	10,825			123,620
Guam Housing Corp		4,988	8,047	1,729			14,764
Guam Visitors Bureau		2,725	13,231	945			16,901
Guam Legislature		2,729	16,359	946			20,034
Guam Economic Development Authority		3,740	12,786	1,296			17,822
Total	\$ 26,450,176	\$ 2,192,359	\$ 4,401,290	\$ 851,023	\$ 293,978	\$ 2,000,350	\$ 36,189,176

## Supplementary Schedule of Receivables by Agency - Defined Benefit Plan

## September 30, 2016

Agency	Supplemental/ COLA	Employer Contributions	Employer Contributions (Unfunded Liability)	Member Contributions	Interest & Penalties	Retiree Supplemental Benefits & Insurance	TOTAL
Department of Administration (General Fund)	\$ 32,557,914	552,021	15,121	189,727	308,908	1,971,918	35,595,609
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority	-	89,905	339,469	31,370	-	1,507,004	1,967,748
Guam Department of Education	-	419,551	1,057,977	141,095	63,494	-	1,682,117
Guam Power Authority	-	-	562	-	-	32,293	32,855
Guam Housing & Urban Renewal Authority	-	12,655	-	4,269	-	-	16,924
Supreme Court of Guam		91		530			621
Total	\$ 32,557,914	\$ 1,074,223	\$ 1,413,129	\$ 366,991	\$ 372,402	\$ 3,511,215	\$ 39,295,874

## **Deferred Compensation Plan**

## **Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

September 30, 2017

	Total	
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value:	\$	63,398,916
Employee loans receivable		3,204,234
Cash and cash equivalents		275,883
Total assets		66,879,033
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		
		-
Net position - Held in trust for benefits	\$	66,879,033

## Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Year ended September 30, 2017

	 Total
Additions:	
Member contributions	\$ 8,860,489
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	5,614,177
Interest	1,827,975
	 7,442,152
Less investment expenses	 111,617
Net investment income	7,330,535
Total Additions	 16,191,024
Deductions:	
Benefits	3,669,010
Total Deductions	3,669,010
Change in net position	12,522,014
Net position - beginning of year	 54,357,019
Net position - end of year	\$ 66,879,033