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**PBS Guam & KPRG-FM Awarded Major Funding
Through the Public Media Bridge Grant**

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Guam's Only Public Media Outlets Secure Critical Support to Sustain Local Service

(Hagåtña, Guam) — PBS Guam (KGTF-TV) and Guam Educational Radio Foundation, KPRG-FM, the island's only public media stations, are proud to announce that both organizations have been awarded essential funding through the Public Media Bridge Fund, a national initiative designed to support stations facing the loss of Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) funding. This investment reflects the relentless work, fiscal discipline, and unwavering commitment of the Guam public media professionals to sustain trusted local service despite extraordinary funding challenges. PBS Guam and KPRG-FM were among the only U.S. territories to receive this grant.

PBS Guam has been awarded **\$538,163**, while KPRG-FM has been awarded **\$149,973**. This crucial support is intended to sustain the delivery of trusted, independent, and educational content for the people of Guam and the Mariana Islands.

The Public Media Bridge Fund provides a one-time infusion of capital to help stations:

- Maintain critical public media services after the elimination of CPB funding
- Strengthen operational sustainability
- Support long-term organizational planning
- Continue providing free, essential educational and cultural programming to the communities they serve

"We are deeply grateful for this support during a critical moment for public media nationwide. But let's be honest — this one-time grant doesn't fix our structural funding crisis. It simply buys us time. We still need a permanent, reliable funding source to ensure Guam's only public media stations can survive long-term." said **Ina Marie Carillo**, General Manager of PBS Guam. "Speaking for both our stations, "We thank the Public Media Bridge Fund for standing up for us! For their leadership and unwavering efforts to preserve public media during one of the most challenging moments in our industry."

"After 32 years broadcasting on Guam these funds will assist KPRG to continue bringing news, entertainment, and music programming free of charge to the Western Pacific" said **Christopher Hartig**, Executive Director of the Guam Educational Radio Foundation.

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Funding will be disbursed in two phases:

- **60%** upon completion of required grant documents
- **40%** on or before **June 15, 2026**, contingent on ongoing service and compliance

Both organizations emphasized that this opportunity reflects the strength and importance of public media in the region. “PBS Guam and KPRG-FM remain committed to serving the people of Guam with free, high-quality programming that informs, educates, and inspires,” the organizations said in a joint statement. “This Bridge Grant marks a major step toward long-term sustainability for public media in the Marianas.”

About Public Media Company: Public Media Company is a nonprofit strategic advisor and partner to public media organizations nationwide. Through financial services, strategic planning, partnerships, and innovative initiatives, Public Media Company helps stations expand their impact, improve their sustainability, and strengthen local service. For more information about the Public Media Bridge Fund visit: <https://publicmedia.co/bridge-fund-Awards-26-million/>

About PBS Guam (KGTF-TV): PBS Guam is Guam’s only public television station, serving the island and the surrounding region with free educational programming, locally produced content, and community outreach initiatives. As part of the Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation, PBS Guam is committed to supporting lifelong learning and cultural preservation.

About KPRG-FM: KPRG-FM, operated by the Guam Educational Radio Foundation, is Guam’s only public radio station. Broadcasting NPR news, classical music, and educational programming, KPRG-FM provides a vital service to listeners throughout Guam and the Marianas.

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