What Are The Effects of Reducing Government Aid?

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| 2 | 3  Organize and manage surveys | 4  Facebook or Email Congressman Kilili | 5 | 6  Contact the Nutrition and Assistance Program | 7  Contacts Department of Public Health | 8 |
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What are the Effects of Reducing Government Aid?

Over the years, the CNMI government has struggled to attain funding from the federal government to supply the needs and welfare for the islands and its people. The CNMI government provides assistance through government programs for low income families who meet a certain criteria. This includes but is not limited to Women Infants Children, Workforce Investment Agency, Medicaid, Nutrition Assistance Program, etc. For fiscal year 2013, the CNMI government was allotted $114 million (Eugenio, 2013, para. 1). The allotted budget was disseminated into many areas of the Commonwealth. Each year, the number of aid recipients has increased due to the cut in hours, increase in fuel and groceries, and layoffs. For fiscal year 2014, the CNMI is expected to receive $1.1 trillion for its operations and programs (Editor, 2014). Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan stated in an article from Pacific Island News Association that, “this will double the benefits of needy families”. (Editor, 2014) Many people believe that these are not the answers to the problems the CNMI faces. This literature review considers the effects of reducing government aid beneficial or crucial to the CNMI.

1. If the amount of government aid to the CNMI is reduced, what do you think will happen to its recipients?
2. Are these recipients willing to take on the challenge of looking for a job to support their needs?
3. How reliant is the CNMI on the government?
4. Is government aid beneficial or does it hold back some people who without the support might own earning?

Understanding the need of where all the money is going to is crucial. The need for skilled professionals, accountants, and law makers are needed to devise solutions that are beneficial for the citizens. Research shows that with skills, knowledge, and hard work anything is achievable.

**How reliant is the CNMI on the government?**

With approximatley10,000 foreign workers leaving the island on December 31, 2014, many jobs will be available for the aid recipients left behind. Since many low-income families are reliant on government aid, they do not feel the need to look and apply for jobs. However some argue that, if the CNMI were to reduce this amount many of the needy families will struggle through these tough economic times. Instead of the government providing aid to these low-income families, why not provide more opportunities like the Workforce Investment Agency where many can attain knowledge and skills to help prepare for the workforce.

**Is government aid beneficial or does this hold back some people to find out their capabilities?**

There are many other possibilities and conflict that may arise if the CNMI were to receive a reduced budget. Decisions about money and what to do with the money are difficult because this may affect the lives of many individuals. Though, one must think before they act. For those who are not able to work, due to old age, special needs, or special concern should be acceptable. If they are in sound mind, opportunities should be available to them to assist them with that they need to get by in today’s society.

In conclusion, the assistance the government provides is helpful especially for those in need. The citizens of the CNMI should not be too reliant on these needs because these needs are variables. They are not permanent. In order for them to be stable is to be assertive and attain the knowledge and skills that are essential for any job.

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