

Archdiocese weighs appealing decision in pandemic loan case

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The Archdiocese of Agaña maintains that it is eligible to receive a pandemic loan under the Paycheck Protection Program, and is now considering whether to appeal a federal court decision on the matter.

"The archdiocese had previously prevailed in obtaining injunctive relief, allowing the PPP loans to go forward," archdiocese attorney Ford Elsaesser said in a statement on Wednesday.

He said the archdiocese is reviewing the court decision thoroughly "and will make a decision in the near future over whether to appeal the decision."

There are similar appeals pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and elsewhere, he said.

"The Archdiocese of Agaña respectfully disagrees with the conclusions reached by the District Court of Guam with regard to the eligibility of the Archdiocese for



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the PPP loans made available in the spring of 2020," Elsaesser said.

In a Tuesday ruling, District Court Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood sided with the U.S. Small Business Administration, which denied the archdiocese's PPP application because of its bankruptcy status.

The judge said SBA did not exceed its authority and did not act arbitrarily or capriciously when it excluded bankruptcy debtors in the PPP.

The archdiocese filed for bankruptcy in January 2019 to settle more than \$1 billion in claims from Guam clergy sex abuse claimants while also keeping Catholic schools and parishes open.

Elsaesser said the archdiocese will be able to continue operations and remains optimistic about mediating an overall resolution to the pending Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.

More than two years since the filing, the archdiocese has yet to propose a plan to get it out of bankruptcy and compensate the abuse claimants while its legal billing meters continue to tick. The archdiocese's legal tabs for the bankruptcy case alone have been at least \$4 million.

The pandemic further hurt the archdiocese's finances, so it applied for the forgivable PPP loan to keep its payroll and maintain operations.

Hundreds of books donated to children at Global Dorm

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A real estate company has brought smiles to the faces of some of our island's homeless youth, giving them a chance to explore the world through reading.

Over 500 books were donated to the children at the Global Dorm homeless shelter in Maite.

Realtor Troy White of Century 21 Commonwealth Realty helped coordinate the donation, which was presented on Feb. 18. He said the donation was made possible by high school student Alex Duenas, daughter of Century 21 real estate agent Angie Duenas.

"Well, Alex Duenas - the one who donated all the books - she belongs to a local Junior Achievement chapter and their drive was so successful," said White. "They had got so many books that they had somewhere between 500 to 700 left over and didn't have a place to donate them.

So her mother had asked me, since I had been the lead person here for most of the charity events."

Century 21 has organized several charitable donations to the Global Dorm over the past year. Recognizing that the shelter's occupants are mostly children, White said it was an easy decision.

"The Global Dorm in Maite, they have a lot of children there. I'm sure that they would, you know, appreciate that," he said. "So I set it up, I spoke with Mike Suzuki and Bo Salas over at the Global Dorm, let them know that we have a whole bunch of

books here that we'd like to give to children there. He said come on over, so we did."

'The kids were just so happy'

The donation was well-received by the children, and White said their reactions were unforgettable.

"This is a picture you know that has lasted and lasted, that's been seared in my mind since that event, because the kids were just so happy and elated to receive all those books. I said, well, that's got to be a good thing because you want children to learn to read; you want children to explore through books," White said.



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Zoom meeting information:

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