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Guam, October 15, 2024 — The Pacific Center for Island Security (PCIS), based in Guam, has been awarded a 24-month grant of \$445,000 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The funding supports a one-time project aimed at evaluating the evolving global order from the perspective of Pacific Islands, part of Carnegie's initiative: “Understanding the Forces Shaping the Global Order.” This project will analyze the Pacific Islands' unique geopolitical significance, providing an essential viewpoint in global discussions often overlooked by major powers.

The announcement followed the Carnegie Corporation of New York's most recent announcement of awards.

<https://www.carnegie.org/news/articles/carnegie-corporation-of-new-york-board-approves-97-grants-totaling-57785500/>

Their project is structured around several key activities such as data tracking and mapping of geopolitical activity in the Northern Pacific and the creation of a Micronesian Security group. These initiatives will not only bring Pacific Island perspectives into focus but also generate actionable insights for regional and global policymakers.

PCIS Chair, Dr. Robert Underwood, highlighted the critical importance of these insights:

Islands in the north Pacific, west of the international dateline, are at the forefront of international geopolitics. We witness the full impact of militarization and geopolitical competition firsthand. It's vital that our perspectives, like our contributions to the climate change debate, inform global discourse.

Affected by those who see us as pawns in a great game, it is important that island views and voices are heard. As in the case of climate change, we have a unique perspective that can inform the global community of the limits and impact of militarization, even in a pre-conflict environment.

The PCIS project will unfold from October 2024 through September 2026, with more information to be released as milestones are reached.

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The Pacific Center for Island Security (PCIS) is a Guam-based nongovernmental, nonprofit organization and research institute that anchors an island and islander perspective among geopolitical posturing and regional security issues. Its advisory council includes former presidents of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Kiribati, and the Republic of Palau.