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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 19 Series of 2021

PROVIDING KALINGANG QC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR QUEZON CITY RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ) THAT STARTED ON 6 AUGUST 2021

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020 President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines" because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Quezon City Council declared Quezon City to be under a state of calamity due to the pandemic;

WHEREAS, due to noticeable increase in COVID-19 cases and an alarming increase of COVID-19 B.1.617 (Delta) variant cases in the National Capital Region, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IAFT-MEID) has recommended, and with the approval of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, placed NCR under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) starting on August 6, 2021;

WHEREAS, this is the second (2nd) time in the year 2021 that NCR has been placed under ECQ, the strictest quarantine classification in the country. Wherein, except for essential services, many business establishments are again not permitted to operate;

WHEREAS, under DILG-DSWD-DND Joint Memorandum Circular No. 3 s. 2021, the national government has authorized financial assistance in the form of cash *ayuda* to be given by Department of Budget and Management to local governments, and to be distributed by the local government to target beneficiaries ("ECQ Financial Assistance");

WHEREAS, there may be families or persons who cannot receive *ayuda* under the ECQ Financial Assistance, but who are nonetheless affected by the ECQ;

WHEREAS, based on Section 16 of the Local Government Code, the City has the implied power to do all things necessary, appropriate, or incidental to govern efficiently and effectively, promote general welfare, promote health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Sec. 455 (b) (1) (vii) of Republic Act No. 7160, the Mayor may carry out such emergency measures as be necessary during times of calamity.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, Mayor of Quezon City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

1. Grant of One-Time Financial Assistance. A one-time financial assistance in the amount of Php 2, 000.00, known as Kalingang QC, shall be given affected Quezon City residents who have lost their jobs or employment during the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in Quezon City from 06 to 20 August, 2021.

2. Eligibility Criteria:

- a. Priority shall be given to persons not receiving ayuda under ECQ Financial Assistance, and who otherwise will not receive other kinds of financial assistance;
- b. Must be physically residing in Quezon City;
- c. Must not receive salary for the duration of ECQ. In case of self-employed individuals, his/her job is not a permitted work or occupation during ECQ;
- d. This also applies to any employment status (regular, probationary, seasonal, part-time, project-based or fixed term).

3. Documentary Requirements:

- a. QCitizen ID or any valid government-issued ID showing the address of the beneficiary;
- Certification from the employer or pay slip showing that the employee did not receive salary for the duration of ECQ.

In case of self-employed individuals, certification from the Barangay of his/her residence and undertaking that /her job is not a permitted work or occupation during ECQ, hence, the individual has earned no income as a result;

c. Completed Application Form.

The City Social Services Development Department may recommend any modifications to the documentary requirements as may be necessary.

- 4. Eligibility and Verification. The City shall retain the right and discretion to reasonably determine eligible persons under this Order and applicable law. Entitlement to Kalingang QC shall be subject to, and conditional upon the verification of the documents and information supplied by the applicants. Applicants found to have mispresented their information may be subject to criminal and administrative charges.
- 5. Distribution Scheme of Financial Assistance. The Kalingang QC financial assistance shall be given to the qualified QC residents through any expeditious means, including but not limited to:
 - a. Direct cash payouts;
 - b. Payment through electronic or digital means;
 - c. Cash card payments; or
 - d. Transfer of funds through QC-LGU.

In the distribution of financial assistance, physical distancing, wearing of facemask and face shields shall always be observed.

6. Implementing Department. The Social Services Development Department in close coordination with the Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD), Public Employment Service Office (PESO), and Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD) shall ensure the efficient and effective implementation of this Order. For this purpose, the City Administrator shall supervise and monitor the implementation of this Order.

All Barangays are enjoined to actively cooperate and extend assistance for the proper distribution and receipt of application forms for Kalingang QC within their respective jurisdictions.

The BCRD shall serve as Secretariat of the Implementing Departments/Offices to hasten the process of distribution of application forms, receipt and proper documentation of the application forms with attached documentary requirements.

7. General Guidelines.

- a. Eligible applicants shall fill up and submit the application form and documentary requirements to their respective Barangay.
- b. Application forms with attached documentary requirements shall be forwarded by the concerned Barangays to the BCRD for consolidation.
- c. The consolidated applications shall be forwarded to the SSDD. The SSDD with the assistance of PESO, BPLD and BCRD shall immediately screen and verify the applications for approval.
- d. All approved applicants that will receive the financial assistance shall be informed by the SSDD.
- 8. Duration. This Order shall remain effective until otherwise revoked or suspended by the City Mayor. If any subsequent law, regulation, guideline or issuance affects any portion of this Order, such portion shall be deemed amended accordingly.
- **9.** Funding. The funding necessary for the implementation of this program shall be drawn from the Office of the City Mayor or any available funds of the City as may be later identified.
- 10. Dissemination. A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished to the Office of the President and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) for information and guidance pursuant to Section 455(1)(xii) of RA 7160, as amended, and shall be posted at the official website of the Quezon City Government.

11. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, II August 2021, Quezon City.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE City Mayor