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ORDINANCE NO. SP-**3071**, S-2021

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PANGKABUHAYANG QC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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*WHEREAS, in 2019, the Philippines is one of the fastest growing economies in Asia with Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth average of 6.3% annually over the ten-year period up to 2019 with private consumption, investment and services as major growth drivers. In 2020, the Philippines' real gross domestic product fell by around 9.51% compared to the previous year;*

*WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 929, S-2020 was promulgated on March 16, 2020 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines for a period of six (6) months due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant;*

*WHEREAS, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) states that the Philippines' underemployment rate raised to 8.7% or 4.14 million Filipinos without jobs in April 2021, amid the worst health and economic crisis in recent history;*

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WHEREAS, the pandemic caused by COVID-19 has devastated, damaged and negatively altered the used to be normal lives of the QCitizens. Not only does it threaten each and everyone's lives by the medical sickness it brings, it ravaged likewise the economic and financial standing of every community. Employment and work had been abruptly halted and some small businesses were shut down;

WHEREAS, to arm himself enough resources to fight the pandemic and to provide to the needs of its citizens, the Quezon City Government passed five supplemental budgets in 2020 and reprogrammed funding worth over Twelve Billion Pesos (Php12,000,000,000.00) to provide, among others, financial assistance to QCitizens affected by the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government, through the Office of the City Mayor (OCM), Small Business and Cooperative Development and Promotions Office (SBCDPO), Office of the City Administrator (OCA), Public Employment Service Office (PESO), and Sustainable Development Affairs Unit (SDAU), is launching the Pangkabuhayang QC to marginalized sectors and micro and small enterprise;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize a program that aims to boost the local economy of Quezon City by providing financial assistance to registered small enterprises, and is geared towards helping small businesses recover and encouraging continuous employment of QCitizens.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Pangkabuhayang QC Assistance Program Ordinance."

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined:

- a. SBCDPO - Small Business Cooperatives Development and Promotions Office.
- b. OCM - Office of the City Mayor.
- c. QC PESO - Quezon City Public Employment Service Office.
- d. SSDD - Social Services Development Department.
- e. OCA - Office of the City Administrator.
- f. Micro Entrepreneurs/ Vendors - shall mean QC residents who have existing micro business and store with an initial capital of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php250,000.00) and below.

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- g. PWD/Persons with Disabilities - shall mean QC residents suffering from any restriction or condition, as a result of mental, physical, or sensory impairment.*

*SECTION 3. PANGKABUHAYANG QC PROGRAM. - The City Government shall allot financial assistance from Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) to Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php20,000.00) to the qualified Quezon City residents who are planning to start a business or increase their existing business capital, after the submission of documentary requirements and passing the process of the Screening Committee.*

*SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS. - All beneficiaries must be a Quezon City resident and must be one of the following:*

- 1. Unemployed Solo Parents with children that are under the age of 18 or even over 18 but needs special medical care that causes the child to be dependent on the parent.*
- 2. PWDs.*
- 3. Returning OFWs with the intention to remain and establish a business in Quezon City.*
- 4. Micro-entrepreneurs or vendors who have an existing micro business or store with an initial capital of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php250,000.00) and who wish to expand their business capital.*
- 5. Workers and employees that have been laid off by reason outside of their control or without fault of their own.*
- 6. Graduates of the rehabilitation programs of QCADAAC.*
- 7. Indigent residents of Quezon City, as certified by their barangay.*

*SECTION 5. PRIORITY BENEFICIARIES DURING STATE OF CALAMITY. - During the period of COVID-19 pandemic or any other State of Calamity, the following shall be the priority beneficiaries of the Pangkabuhayan QC Program:*

- 1. Employees who are displaced, or who resigned, or whose regular salary has been reduced, or whose contracts have been terminated because of the pandemic, regardless of the employment status (regular, probationary, seasonal, part-time, project-based or fixed term).*
- 2. Returning Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who have been laid-off from their foreign employment and have returned in Quezon City and those who are unable to renew their employment contracts due to the pandemic.*



*SECTION 6. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND GUIDELINES. - Each beneficiary is entitled to a livelihood assistance which will be given in its full amount in cash, the minimum is Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) and the maximum is Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php20,000.00). The amount to be allotted varies per beneficiary as it shall be calculated according to the business plan, category of the applicant, and approved list of supplies submitted. The approval of supplies shall be at the discretion of the Pangkabuhayang QC Screening Committee.*

*SECTION 7. CREATION OF PANGKABUHAYAN QC SCREENING COMMITTEE. - A Screening Committee shall be created that will review the eligibility of the applicants, determine the amount to be given per beneficiary, and approve the list of supplies submitted in relation to Section 6 of this Ordinance. The Screening Committee shall have the following composition:*

- 1. Representative from SBCDPO*
- 2. Representative from OCM*
- 3. Representative from QC PESO*
- 4. Representative from OCA*
- 5. Representative from SSDD*

*SECTION 8. MONITORING. - The SBCDPO is tasked to monitor that the financial assistance given are properly used and in line with the business plan and approved list of supplies. In connection to this, the SBCDPO shall have the following powers:*

- 1. Conduct an internal audit on the implementation of the Pangkabuhayang QC Program.*
- 2. Conduct an on-the-spot visits to verify the authenticity of the business and if it is operational.*
- 3. Require the submission of additional requirements, such as receipts and invoices, before and after the issuance of the livelihood assistance.*

*SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION. - In the initial year of implementation, the amount of Two Hundred Million Pesos (Php200,000,000.00) shall be charged against the available funds of the City and shall thereafter be part of the regular programs and projects of SBCDPO.*


SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - The QC-SBCDPO, in consultation with the OCM, QC-PESO, and SSDD, shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance within ten (10) days from the approval of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If, any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions thereof not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All laws or regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, revoked or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: December 16, 2021.

  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: DEC 31 2021

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading during its 8<sup>th</sup> Special Session held on December 16, 2021 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
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