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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3239 , S-2023

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXPANDED BENEFITS OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) BENEFICIARIES IN QUEZON CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order thereby uplifting its citizens and marginalized sectors from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all. The State further recognizes the need to foster social justice;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates that every local government unit shall exercise powers which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare within its territorial jurisdiction;

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WHEREAS, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is mandated to effectively implement programs, projects, and services that will alleviate poverty and empower disadvantaged individuals, families and communities for an improved quality of life;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Republic Act No. 11310 states that the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) is the national poverty reduction strategy and a human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor households for a maximum period of seven (7) years, to improve the health, nutrition and education aspect of their lives;

WHEREAS, Quezon City fully supports the implementation of 4Ps, through Executive Order No. 23, S-2021, issued by the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, which creates the Local Advisory Council (LAC) and organizes its Technical Working Group (TWG);

WHEREAS, DSWD-DILG Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2022-001, encourages to support the full implementation of 4Ps as part of the sustainability plan;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Quezon City, in support of the 4Ps of the National Government, hereby institutionalize and expand the benefits of this program in order to further improve the gains reached by the 4Ps beneficiaries-residents in Quezon City.

NOW, THEREFORE.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – This Ordinance shall otherwise be known as the "Expanded Benefits of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Beneficiaries Ordinance of Quezon City."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES. – The Quezon City Government advocates for the right of every household, especially in the marginalized sectors, to live humanely and maintain an improved quality of life by providing adequate social services, through policies and programs.

The City recognizes the need to complement National Government of programs and initiatives, thereby securing the improved quality of lives of the people.

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SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY. - This Ordinance is applicable to all qualified exiting and/or graduating 4Ps Beneficiaries under Republic Act No. 11310 who are residing in Quezon City.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - As used in this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined as follows:

- a. Beneficiaries refer to the households residing in the City and identified by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for entitlement to the monthly conditional cash grants as provided under Republic Act No. 11310.
- b. Benefits refer to the expanded benefits herein described in Section 5 of this Ordinance.
- c. Case manager refers to a program staff working directly with qualified household-beneficiaries to effect change and assist them in improving their well-being. A case manager can be a City or Municipal Link or other staff trained in case management process, counseling, family therapy, group process, project management, and other related training, as may be determined by DSWD.
- d. Institutionalization refers to expanding the benefits of the 4Ps to be received by the program beneficiaries who are residents of Quezon City.
- e. Local Advisory Council (LAC) refers to the Council consisting of departments/offices in the City which are tasked under the Executive Order No. 23, S-2021 issued by the City Mayor to implement the Special Implementation Agreements (SIA), particularly the 4Ps.

SECTION 5. EXPANDED BENEFITS OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps). - Notwithstanding the mandate of Republic Act No. 11310 is unto the National Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, by this local legislation, Quezon City formally imposes unto itself the obligation of expanding the benefits of the 4Ps beneficiaries and their families. Specifically, the following benefits shall be accorded them:

a. Social Services – The Social Services Development Department (SSDD) shall guarantee continuous access to City's social welfare programs, subject to rules and regulations;

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- b. Education The Schools Division Office (SDO) of Quezon City, the Quezon City University (QCU), the Quezon City Youth Development Office (QCYDO) and other government educational institutions in Quezon City shall provide continuous support to 4Ps beneficiaries qualified dependents;
- c. Employment The City's Public Employment Service Office (PESO) shall provide continuous employment assistance for the 4Ps beneficiaries and their qualified dependents;
- d. Health The Social Services Development Department (SSDD) and the Quezon City Health Department (QCHD) shall provide continuous medical assistance;
- e. Entrepreneurial The City through the Small Business and Cooperatives Development and Promotions Office (SBCDPO) and SSDD shall provide entrepreneurial opportunities, through inclusion of 4Ps qualified beneficiaries in the agency's programs and initiatives to assist them in their livelihood; and
- f. Other needed interventions/services which can be provided by the Quezon City Local Advisory Council (QC-LAC) members based on the assessment of the Case Managers.

SECTION 6. GRADUATION CEREMONY. – The SSDD, in coordination with the QC-LAC, shall be responsible in conducting graduation ceremonies of all Quezon City candidates exiting/graduating from the program.

SECTION 7. THE QUEZON CITY LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (QC-LAC). – Pursuant to Executive Order No. 23, S-2021 issued by the City Mayor, the LAC for the implementation of Special Implementation Agreements (SIA) relative to the QC 4Ps was created. The QC-LAC is hereby constituted with the following members:

a. Chairperson:

City Mayor

b. Lead Agencies:

Department of Social Welfare and Development – National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR)

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> Social Services Development Department (SSDD)

c. Members:

Quezon City Health Department (QCHD)

Schools Division Office of Quezon City (SDO-QC)

Department of the Interior and Local Government – Quezon City Field Office (DILG-QCFO)

Housing Community Development and Resettlement Department (HCDRD)

City Planning and Development Department (CPDD)

Gender and Development (GAD) Council Office

Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Department

Quezon City Council Committee on Social Services

Barangay and Community Relations Department (BCRD)

Liga ng mga Barangay – Quezon City

Public Employment Service Office (PESO)

Small Business and Cooperatives Development and Promotions Office (SBCDPO)

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Quezon City University (QCU)

Quezon City Youth Development Office (QCYDO)

City Civil Registry Department (CCRD)

Quezon City Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office (QCDRRMO)

Quezon City Nutrition Council

Quezon City Council for the Protection of Children (Early Childhood Care and Development Coordinating Sub-Committee and Nutrition Committee pursuant to City Mayor Executive Order No. 42-B, Series of 2020)

Two (2) Accredited Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)

d. Secretariat:

The SSDD shall be appointed as Secretariat for the Quezon City Local Advisory Council, members of which shall be selected by the SSDD Department Head

SECTION 8. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. – The QC-LAC shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Act as the policy-making body to monitor the implementation of the Specific Implementation Agreements (SIA) relative to the 4Ps in Quezon City;
- b. Ensure the convergence of services and oversee the implementation of 4Ps in Quezon City;
- c. Pass resolutions to address concerns related to the implementation of 4Ps in Quezon City;

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- d. Conduct quarterly meetings to promote coordination across agencies to enhance the implementation of the 4Ps and jointly address and resolve program implementation issues;
- e. Hold special meetings as may be necessary to address urgent concerns;
- f. Perform other related functions and tasks as may be necessary for the implementation of 4Ps in Quezon City;
- g. Designate or assign members of the Family Development Session Team that will complement the recommended 7-year FDS Plan of the National Program Management Office of DSWD; and
- h. Appoint the SSDD as Secretariat.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The SSDD, in coordination with the LAC and its TWG, shall be responsible for the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance. Within ninety (90) days from the date of passage of this Ordinance, the SSDD shall formulate and issue the appropriate rules and regulations necessary for the effective and efficient implementation of any and all provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. – The SSDD shall allocate the funds through Annual Appropriations to cover the expenses needed for the implementation of this Ordinance and its projects, programs and activities. For 2023, the funds needed for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be sourced from the existing fund of the SSDD and may be augmented by their available funds upon the approval of the City Mayor.

SECTION 11. GOVERNING LAW. – In the implementation of this Ordinance, the provisions of Republic Act No. 11310, otherwise known as the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, shall be deemed written unto this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – In the event that any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other sections or provisions unaffected shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All prior inconsistent ordinances are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and shall continue to be in force and effect until revoked or set aside.

ENACTED: October 16, 2023.

BERNARD R. HERRERA City Councilor Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. AIFEROS, III City Government Department Head III (City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: NOV 2 4 2023

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 16, 2023 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.

ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III
City Government Department Head III
(City Council Secretary)