

## Republic of the Philippines SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

City Government of Pasig

Resolution No. 22-11 Series of 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF PASIG THROUGH THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR, VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Author:

Councilor Maria Luisa M. De Leon

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) established a program called Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) to support the recovery of individuals and families from unexpected crises such as illness or death of family member, and other crisis situation. AICS provides eligible beneficiaries with either material or financial assistance for medical, funeral, food, transportation, educational and other support services;

WHEREAS, the medical assistance under the AICS program cover hospitalization expenses, cost of medicines, and other medical treatment or procedures such as implants, common laboratory tests and diagnostic imaging procedures for any illness or ailment, including postpartum complications, and also provision of assistive devices;

WHEREAS, the Program Management Bureau-Crisis Intervention Division (PMB-CID) of the DSWD Central Office is in charge with the nationwide implementation and monitoring of the AICS program in coordination with the Field Offices;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 15, Series of 2022, issued by the DSWD on 28 July 2022, provides for the Updated Guidelines for the Implementation of the AICS program to ensure faster and more efficient delivery of assistance through the said program;

**WHEREAS**, the Updated Guidelines provide that the DSWD may resort to other expeditious means of distribution by engaging partners/services providers that are able and willing to assist the Department;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Pasig is mandated under Section 17 (b) (1) (iii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, to exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provision of the basic services, which includes health services on the implementation of programs and projects on primary health care, maternal and child care, and communicable and non-communicable disease control services and access to secondary and tertiary health services;

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**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Pasig, through its Tertiary Level Four hospital called the Pasig City General Hospital, aims to provide quality healthcare services to all of its constituents at an affordable price;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Pasig has manifested its willingness to forge a partnership with the DSWD-CO and to provide a credit line to the latter, by making its health services readily available to qualified individuals or families in crisis or difficult situations under the AICS program through the Pasig City General Hospital, thus, fostering and promoting efficient delivery of social services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PASIG CITY, IN REGULAR SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, to authorize the City Government of Pasig, through the City Mayor, Hon. Victor Ma. Regis N. Sotto, to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

**RESOLVED, FURTHERMORE**, that the copy of the said Memorandum of Agreement shall form integral part of this Resolution.

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, that the Secretary of the Sangguniang Panlungsod furnish all concerned agencies/offices copies of this Resolution, as duly adopted/approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

APPROVED, this 9th day of February 2023 at Pasig City.

HON. RAYMUND FRANCIS S. RUSTIA

City Councilor

HON. SIMON GERARD R. TANTOCO

City Councilor

HON. PAUL ROMAN C. SANTIAGO

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HON.RODERICK MARIO U. GONZALES

City Councilor

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HON. REGINO S. BALDERRAMA

City Councilor

MARION ROSALIO M. MARTIRES

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City Councilor

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HON. GEORGIA LYNNE P. CLEMENTE SK Fed. President

HON. MARIA LUISA M. DE LEON

City Councilor Minority Floor Leader

HON. MARK GIL M. DELOS SANTOS

City Councilor Majority Floor Leader

Attested by:

HON. ROBERT V (UDE/B. JAWORSKI, JR.

City Vice-Mayor

**Presiding Officer** 



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APPROVED:

HON. VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO City Mayor

Attested by:

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Acting City Council Secretary

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## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG PASIG OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCILOR

#### MA. LUISA "ANGELU" M. DE LEON

City Councilor, 2nd District

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Submitted by the Committee on Social Services and Solo Parent Affairs
Re: Proposed Resolution No. 159-2023: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY
GOVERNMENT OF PASIG THROUGH THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR, VICTOR
MA. REGIS N. SOTTO TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND
DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Authored by: Councilor Ma. Luisa "Angelu" M. De Leon Referred to the Committee on 2 February 2023

#### **Preliminaries**

The Committee on Social Services and Solo Parent Affairs met on 7 February 2023 at the 7th Floor, Councilor's Lounge, to discuss Proposed Resolution No. 159-2023 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF PASIG THROUGH THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR, VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

In attendance were the following:

#### Committee Members:

- Councilor Ma. Luisa "Angelu" M. De Leon (Chairperson)
- Councilor Marion Rosalio M. Martires (Vice Chairperson)
- Councilor Mark Gil "Volta" Delos Santos
- Councilor Corazon M. Raymundo
- Councilor Paul Roman C. Santiago

#### Resource Speakers:

- Dr. Paulo Roman A. Castro, Jr. (Medical Director, Pasig City General Hospital)
- Mr. Anthony Alcantara (Department of Social Welfare and Development - NCR Regional Office)
- Atty. Kathleen Villamin (Office of the City Mayor)

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#### **Summary of Discussion**

- Mr. Anthony Alcantara from DSWD-NCR stated that their office has an existing draft MOA
  already vetted by their Legal Office. He suggested that the same be compared with the
  LGU's draft MOA so that the suggestions may be integrated in the final MOA for signature
  of the parties.
- Councilor De Leon asked whether DSWD has similar agreements with other LGUs. Mr. Alcantara explained that they only have this agreement with Muntinlupa City, and hopefully soon, Pasig City. He clarified that guarantee letters (GLs) and cash basis methods are both practiced in Muntinlupa City and the same will be adopted for Pasig City, wherein GLs will be issued by the DSWD upon referral to their office, while cash basis is applied for walk-ins. He also said that GLs from Batasan office of DSWD (Central Office) can also be credited as its funding also comes from the DSWD.
- Councilor Martires inquired about what will be covered by the GL. According to Mr.
  Alcantara, it usually covers the last hospital billing of the applicant but can also depend
  on the assessment of the social workers. Moreover, when it comes to other fees, its
  coverage may vary depending on the final decision of the parties on the MOA.
- It was also clarified by Mr. Alcantara that the maximum amount that a GL can cover is P150,000.00. Even so, there is no limit on the number of individuals that can request for a GL, as long as there is a government fund and that the MOA is renewed yearly. In some cases where there is a repetition of request, the individual can do this every after three months. Thus, the importance of immediate issuance of the statement account from the hospital to DSWD with regard to the GLs presented was emphasized.

#### Recommendation

- The Committee notes the following points for implementation prior to adoption of the Proposed Resolution:
  - (1) Revision of "Central Office/Field" to "Regional Office/Field" in the MOA, as requested by DSWD.
  - (2) Comparison of the draft MOAs prepared by the LGU and the DSWD to identify necessary revisions and additions, if any.
  - (3) Creation of internal measures by PCGH and DSWD to ensure the effective implementation of the MOA.
- The Committee recommends the adoption of Proposed Resolution No. 159-2023 and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the DSWD, upon consideration of the abovementioned points.

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Pasig City, 7 February 2023

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