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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, DAGUPAN CITY, HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON AUGUST 22, 2023.

PRESENT:

Hon. Dean Bryan L. Kua	City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Hon. Alipio Serafin D. Fernandez	Presiding Officer Pro Tempore, Member
Hon. Maria Librada Fe M. Reyna	Majority Floor Leader, Member
Hon. Alvin T. Coquia	First Deputy Majority Floor Leader, Member
Hon. Redford Christian P. Erfe-Mejia	Second Deputy Majority Floor Leader, Member
Hon. Michael B. Fernandez	Minority Floor Leader, Member
Hon. Jeslito C. Seen	Deputy Minority Floor Leader, Member
Hon. Celia C. Lim	City Councilor, Member
Hon. Marilou Maria Lourdes S. Fernandez, DMD	City Councilor, Member
Hon. Dennis C. Canto	City Councilor, Member
Hon. Victoria Czarinna C. Lim-Acosta	City Councilor, Member
Hon. Marcelino D. Fernandez	Liga ng mga Barangay President, Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Joshua Bon Bon F. Bugayong	Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan President, Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 2271-2023

GRANTING ONE TIME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DRUG SURRENDEREES WHO ARE CURRENTLY CONFINED AT BALAY SILANGAN IN THE CITY OF DAGUPAN.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City government of Dagupan has newly established the Balay Silangan, a home for the drug surrenderees. It is the primordial concern of the city government of Dagupan to actively participate in the national government's thrust of weeding out narcotics, prohibited drug dependents and consider the same as inimical to public health and safety concerns.

In 2022, sources showed that approximately 236,000 drug personalities involved in drug related crimes surrendered in the concerned public authorities. That year around 1.23 Million drug personalities surrendered to the Philippine National Police.

Executive Order No. 15 which provides that DSWD is mandated to provide assistance to local government units, non-government organizations, other national government agencies, peoples organizations and other members of civil society in effectively implementing programs, projects, and services that will alleviate and empower disadvantaged individuals, families and communities for an improved quality of life.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Redford Christian P. Erfe-Mejia, duly and jointly seconded by Councilors Alipio Serafin D. Fernandez and Maria Librada Fe M. Reyna, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in regular session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED DRUG SURRENDEREES IN THE CITY OF DAGUPAN ORDINANCE.**

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall cover all drug surrenderees and *bona fide* residents in the City of Dagupan.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs on their physical and mental wellbeing, and to defend the same against acts or omissions detrimental to their development and progress. In view of the foregoing, the State needs to enhance further the efficacy of the law against dangerous drugs, it being one of today's more social ills.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following words and phrases are defined for purposes of brevity:

1. **Drug Surrenderees.** It refers to drug pushers and users who voluntarily submit themselves to authorities
2. **Balay Silangan.** A place where a small-time drug offenders or reformist resides for rehabilitation.
3. **Reformist.** A person who advocates gradual reform rather than abolition or revolution.
4. ***Bona fide* resident.** A person who resides in the city for at least uninterrupted one year.
5. **Community based rehabilitation program.** It refers to a holistic approach in rehabilitating the drug surrendered personalities. It aims to focus on the healing of the body, mind, and soul through counselling and other therapeutic sessions, and to restore and reconnect the patients with his/her family through various interventions

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS. The respective families of the drug surrenderee shall be qualified to receive such one-time financial assistance as long as the family has met the following requirements:

1. *Bonafide* resident in any barangay of the city for at least one year. Said certificate of residency must be issued by the Punong Barangay from where said drug surrenderee and his /her family resides;
2. Certificate of indigency to be secured from the Punong Barangay from where the drug surrenderee and his/her family resides;
3. Certification from the officer-in-charge of the Balay Silangan that the drug surrenderee is confined thereat stating the date when the confinement has begun. Recidivists shall be ineligible to receive the assistance.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. The City Social Welfare Officer shall examine fully the requirements submitted if these are fully authentic documents after which upon verification shall issue the corresponding voucher indicating there in the amount to be availed by the qualified beneficiary to be encashed to the City Treasurer's Office.

SECTION 7. AMOUNT OF GRANT. The amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00 shall be granted to the authorized representative of the family of the qualified drug surrenderee.

SECTION 8. FUNDING REQUIREMENT. Appropriations for the granting of financial assistance to sustain this program shall be in the amount of ONE MILLION PESOS (Php1,000,000.00) to be included in the regular anti-drug program of the city government of Dagupan.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) shall be formulated by a Committee formed for this purpose, which shall be submitted to the City Mayor for his/her approval prior to its implementation.

In addition, the Committee shall perform the following:

1. Formulate, implement, draft, monitor and evaluate the program implementation;
2. Recommend and submit to the Local Chief Executive the list of recipients of the funding assistance;
4. Conduct continuing studies to improve the program;
5. Perform other functions as maybe directed by the Local Chief Executive.

SECTION 9. OVERSIGHT FUNCTION. The person in charge of the Balay Silangan shall submit on a bi annual period the status of said program.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason or reasons, any part of or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof shall not be affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any existing resolution or ordinance which are in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its approval.

ENACTED UNANIMOUSLY.

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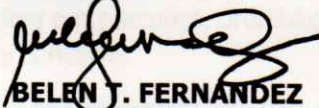
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City Mayor

Date: _____