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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 50th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON OCTOBER 13, 2020.

PRESENT:

FAUSTINO G. DY III	Vice Governor & Presiding Officer
DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO	Member (1 st District) & Floor Leader
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CLIFFORD R. RASPADO	Member (4 th District)
ABEGAIL V. SABLE	Member (4 th District)
FAUSTINO U. DY IV	Member (5 th District)
EDWARD S. ISIDRO	Member (5 th District)
ALFREDO V. ALILI	Member (6 th District)
MARCO PAOLO A. MERIS	Member (6 th District)
ANTONIO S. HUI	Member, PCL Federation President
DANTE G. HALAMAN	Member, LnB Federation President
DAX PAOLO C. BINAG	Member, SK Federation President
ADRIAN PHILIP S. BAYSAC	Member, Agricultural /Industrial Workers Labor Sector Representative
VENUS GRACE T. BAUTISTA	Member, Women's Sectoral Representative
GRETCHEN F. VALDEZ	Member, Indigenous Cultural Communities Sector Representative

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-35-5
SERIES OF 2020

A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, THROUGH HONORABLE SECRETARY WENDEL E. AVISADO, THE REQUEST OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA TO AVAIL FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FUND – COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (Php400,000,000.00) FOR THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF ITS COVID-19 PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Sponsor: HON. DELFINITO EMMANUEL L. ALBANO
Vice Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Appropriation

WHEREAS, the country is facing an unprecedented health crisis due to the spread and pervasiveness of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as part of the country's COVID-19 response, the National Government appropriated the amount of Php1,500,000,000.00 to the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF), pursuant to Section 4 (q) of Republic Act No. 11494 or the *Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*, to be provided as financial assistance to Local Government Units to support their local COVID-19 efforts;

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

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WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management issued Local Budget Circular No. 128 which prescribed the guidelines and procedures on the release and utilization of the LGSF-COVID19 Financial Assistance to LGUs;

WHEREAS, the Province of Isabela is experiencing a steady increase of COVID-19 cases as it tallied 295 active cases and 22 new cases as of October 13, 2020 – with hundreds more awaiting their COVID-19 test results in various quarantine facilities established across the Province. Due to such increase, the local medical field is experiencing a rapid depletion in their medical equipment and supplies that are necessary for the extension of quality healthcare and service to patients and most crucially, in equipping themselves of appropriate protection against COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the pandemic also triggered a dispiriting chain reaction in the local economy of the Province as the months-long interruption in the operations of businesses resulted in the loss of investments and in turn, the closure of businesses, big and small, and the displacement of countless workers;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela has implemented a comprehensive response mechanism to effectively respond to the problems brought about by the COVID-19 crisis which include, among others, the Province-wide extension of medicines, vitamins, and immune health supplements; and the provision of appropriate medical equipment and supplies to government hospitals and medical personnel. However, with the pandemic persisting for an extended period, funds of the Provincial Government of Isabela allocated for its COVID-19 response are nearing full exhaustion;

WHEREAS, an interruption in the Province’s COVID-19 programs and initiatives will negate any progress that the Provincial Government of Isabela and its people have achieved in the past seven months in trying to resolve this pandemic, and will further worsen the health, social, and economic crises that the Isabeleño populace are currently experiencing;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Isabela aspires to avail monetary assistance from the LGSF-COVID-19 FA to LGUs in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (Php 400,000,000.00) to be utilized for the continued implementation and enhancement of its COVID-19 programs in the following order of priority:

Project	Amount
1) Procurement of Hospital Equipments and Supplies	Php200,000,000.00
2) Procurement of Medicines and Vitamins	Php100,000,000.00
3) Food Assistance and other Relief Goods for Affected Households	Php100,000,000.00
TOTAL	PHP 400,000,000.00

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WHEREAS, as per Section 3.0 of Local Budget Circular 128, the programs mentioned in the previous clause are among those COVID-19 programs, projects, and activities (PPAs), and expenses permitted to be funded by the LGSF-COVID-19 FA to LGUs;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body earnestly anticipates DBM's approval of PGI's request as such will pave the way to the achievement of our common goal of improving the country's response against COVID-19 and in resolving this crisis at the soonest possible time;

WHEREFORE, premises considered, upon motion of Hon. Delfinito Emmanuel L. Albano, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, TO PASS A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT, THROUGH HONORABLE SECRETARY WENDEL E. AVISADO, THE REQUEST OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA TO AVAIL FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FUND – COVID-19 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (Php400,000,000.00) FOR THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF ITS COVID-19 PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish the Provincial Governor, Honorable Rodolfo T. Albano III, a copy of this Resolution for his guidance and further action; and the Department of Budget and Management Secretary, Honorable Wendel E. Avisado, for his information.

Approved and Adopted, October 13, 2020.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS
of the foregoing Resolution:**


ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED/APPROVED:


FAUSTINO G. DY III
Provincial Vice Governor & Presiding Officer