

Pre-employment fund ready for QC job hunters

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THE Quezon City government yesterday launched the first pre-employment financial aid program in Metro Manila.

The city's **Public Employment Service Office** said residents seeking employment are now eligible for grants to help them accomplish requirements needed by prospective employers.

Grants are available for Quezon City residents from indigent families, including fresh graduates.

Applicants must be graduates of public high schools or alternative learning systems in the city.

City Ordinance 2576 of 2017 creates the pre-employment financial assistance program with an initial appropriation of P500,000.

"A jobseeker may now avail of P2,000 worth of services and requirements," the

measure read.

Residents who want to avail of the one-time assistance should submit to the PESO their resume, certified list of pre-employment requirements from prospective employers, certificate of indigency and, if applicable, a certification from the barangay certifying the applicant as a registered skilled worker.

A qualified beneficiaries shall receive a certification to be presented to the city **health department, National Bureau of Investigation, Quezon City Police District, civil registry, and Business Permit and Licensing Office.**

Meanwhile, **Mayor Herbert Bautista** approved the establishment of the West

Fairview High School in Barangay Greater Fairview.

City Ordinance 2786-2018, introduced by Councilor **Karl Edgar Castelo**, seeks to convert the North Fairview High School Annex located at Austin Street, Barangay Greater Fairview into a separate and independent integrated high school to be known as the West Fairview High School.

The ordinance aims to address the increasing student population of the North Fairview High School Annex.

West Fairview High School began to operate last June 2017 with 1,792 enrollees for school year 2018- 2019 catering to grades 7 to 10.

West Fairview High School is to be integrated from Grades 7 to 12.

Barangay Greater Fairview shall initiate the establishment of a barangay high school under Section 391 paragraph 21 of Republic Act no. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991.