

## QC residents may claim cash aid until May 12

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Qualified Quezon City beneficiaries only have until May 12 to claim the financial assistance provided by the national government for those affected by the recent implementation of enhanced community quarantine.

A report from the city treasurer's office showed that around P100 million out of the original P2.4 billion allocation are still unclaimed by qualified beneficiaries in the city.

Mayor Joy Belmonte said that any unclaimed amount will be provided to those who have filed appeals during the distribution process.

"From today until Wednesday next week, that becomes the final window when qualified QC citizens can claim. We made this call so we could also attend to other deserving citizens who appealed or filed disputes with our grievances committee," she added.

Several sites in each of the city's six districts will be opened where qualified residents can still claim their financial aid.

To check if they are included in the list of beneficiaries, residents may access the list posted in their respective barangays or via the official website of the city government.

"Our next priority are those eligible individuals who were not recorded in the initial list. We understand that they're also waiting for this aid to be able to buy food and other essentials for their families," said city administrator Mike Alimurung.

Since April 7, the city has distributed 96 percent or P 2.38 billion financial aid allocated by the national government to qualified beneficiaries residing in the city.

Around 758,525 families or 2,381,863 individuals have claimed their share of monetary aid of P1,000 for each individual or up to P4,000 for a family of four or more members.

"We are happy that despite the size and scope of our city, we managed to disburse almost all of the allocated financial aid for our residents with speed and ease," Belmonte said.

The government earlier extended the deadline for local government units to complete the distribution on May 15.