

QC gives P2,000 to workers not covered by

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Workers in Quezon City who are not covered by the national government's cash assistance during the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) will receive P2,000 under the city's financial aid disbursement program, Mayor Joy Belmonte announced over the weekend. Belmonte said the one-time P2,000 grant under the Kalingang QC program would be given to residents who lost their jobs or people whose sources of livelihood were affected during the ECQ.

The cash aid is limited only to those who did not qualify to receive the national government's payout, she said.

"We will prioritize those who are residing in Quezon City and not receiving ayuda from the national government," said Belmonte, adding that those eligible are residents who would not receive wages as well as self-employed individuals not allowed to work during the ECQ. The program applies to all employees whether regular, probationary, seasonal, part-time, project-based or fixed-term workers, Belmonte said.

The mayor has issued an executive order, directing the Social Services Development Department, Barangay Community Relations Department, Public Employment Services Office and Business Permits and Licensing Department to implement the program.

Qualified applicants may fill out and submit application forms together with documentary requirements to their respective barangays, such as the QCitizen identification card or any government-issued ID showing the address of the beneficiary and certification from the employer or pay slip showing non-receipt of salary during the lockdown.

Self-employed individuals may present a residence certificate from the barangay indicating that they are not permitted to work during ECQ, thus leaving them with no income.

Approved applicants will be notified by city hall as to how they can receive the aid – either through cash payout, online or cash card payment.

Last year, the local government distributed almost P1.2 billion in financial assistance to around 600,000 residents under the Kalingang QC program.