

QC gov't grants financial aid to 25,000 residents

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THE **Quezon City government** has provided financial grant to help some 25,000 constituents recover from economic setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The aid was released through the Pangkabuhayang QC, a livelihood training and capital assistance program that extends options for marginalized people. It involves starting a business for displaced/resigned/reduced-salary employees, micro-entrepreneurs/vendors, persons with disabilities, laid-off overseas Filipino workers, unemployed solo parents, and indigent families.

For phase 1 with 18 batches that underwent proper screening 25,407 beneficiaries received capital assistance of P10,000 up to P20,000 depending on their business model.

“We are proud to share that this will continue to be the city government’s permanent program as the city council has approved and signed a city ordinance institutionalizing this initiative. This will no longer just support those affected by the pandemic, but more so all eligible aspiring entrepreneurs,” **Small Business and Cooperatives Development and Promotions Office** chief Mona Celine Yap said.