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Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

### RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE RELEASE, IMPLEMENTATION, AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PROJECTS FUNDED UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FUND IN THE FORM OF THE CONDITIONAL MATCHING GRANT TO PROVINCES, THE ASSISTANCE TO CITIES, THE ASSISTANCE TO MUNICIPALITIES, AND THE *SAGANA AT LIGTAS NA TUBIG PARA SA LAHAT* PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Article X, Section 7 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "*Local governments shall be entitled to an equitable share in the proceeds of the utilization and development of the national wealth within their respective areas, in the manner provided by law, including sharing the same with the inhabitants by way of direct benefits*";

**WHEREAS**, the National Government allocates in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA) a Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) to provide funding assistance to provinces, cities, and municipalities;

**WHEREAS**, the LGSF includes, among others, the (a) Conditional Matching Grant for Provinces (CMGP), (b) Assistance to Cities (LGSF-AC), (c) Assistance to Municipalities (LGSF-AM), and (d) *Sagana at Ligtas Na Tubig Sa Lahat* (SALINTUBIG) or the Provision for Potable Water Supply Program;

**WHEREAS**, the CMGP was incorporated into the LGSF to address the poor state of provincial roads and bridges across the country and to improve the competency of provinces in local road management (LRM) and in incorporating reforms in public financial management (PFM);

**WHEREAS**, the CMGP allocation in the GAA for FYs 2019 and 2020 is eight billion two hundred twenty three million six hundred forty five thousand pesos

(PhP8,223,645,000.00) to be distributed among eighty one (81) provinces, excluding those in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) for 2020;

**WHEREAS**, by the end of 2019, one province was not able to avail of its FY 2017 CMGP fund, three (3) provinces were not able to avail of their 2018 funds, and four (4) provinces have not been able to avail of their FY 2019 CMGP funds for not being able to comply with all the requirements for fund release.

**WHEREAS**, as of December 31, 2019, out of the nine hundred fifty five (955) projects for the FY 2019, only six hundred fifty six (56) were completed, one hundred eighty eight (188) are on-going construction, seventy nine (79) are in the procurement stage, twenty nine (29) are pending procurement, while three (3) were cancelled;

**WHEREAS**, the LGSF-AC shall be used to fund the construction, rehabilitation, repair or improvement of public open spaces;

**WHEREAS**, the LSGF-AC allocated in the GAA for FYs 2019 and 2020 is two billion four hundred eighty nine million eight hundred thousand pesos (PhP 2,489,800,000.00) to be distributed among one hundred forty-five (145) cities, excluding those in the BARMM for 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the LGSF-AM allocated in the GAA for FYs 2019 and 2020 is eleven billion seven hundred fourteen million one hundred thirty-three thousand pesos (PhP11,714,133,000.00) to be distributed among one thousand three hundred seventy three (1,373) municipalities, excluding those in the BARMM for 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the SALINTUBIG Program is aimed to contribute to the attainment of the goal of providing potable water to the entire country and the targets defined in the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016, Millennium Development Goals (MDG), the Philippine Water Supply Sector Roadmap and the Philippine Sustainable Sanitation Roadmap;

**WHEREAS**, the allocation for the SALINTUBIG Program in the GAA for FYs 2019 and 2020 is one billion five hundred forty nine million six hundred forty one thousand pesos (PhP1,549,641,000.00) to be distributed among two hundred twenty six (226) municipalities in sixty five (65) provinces for the year 2019 and one hundred thirty four (134) municipalities in forty seven (47) provinces for the year 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the last report of the SALINTUBIG Program was on 2018, where out of an allocation of one billion three hundred sixty five million seven hundred sixty



four thousand pesos (PhP1,365,764,000.00), one billion one hundred sixty three million and thirty four thousand pesos (PhP1,163,034,000.00) was released by the DBM, but only twenty two million pesos (PhP22,000,000.00) was liquidated;

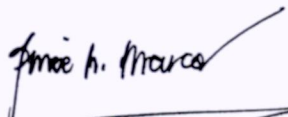
**WHEREAS**, the budget for the CMGP, LGSF-AC, LGSF-AM, and SALINTUBIG comprises the bulk of the LGSF fund which constitutes the assistance of the National Government to the Local Government Units;

**WHEREAS**, the allocation in the GAA for the CMGP, LGSF-AC, LGSF-AM, and SALINTUBIG are the same for FYs 2019 and 2020 despite the variation in the number of beneficiaries;

**WHEREAS**, other than the CMGP, there is no report yet for the SALINTUBIG, LGSF-AC, and LGSF-AM for the FY 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of the release, implementation, and the accomplishment of projects funded under the Local Government Support Fund in the form of the Conditional Matching Grant to Provinces, the Assistance to Cities, the Assistance to Municipalities, and the SAgana at Ligtas Na TUBIG para sa lahat program.

*Adopted,*

  
**IMEE R. MARCOS**