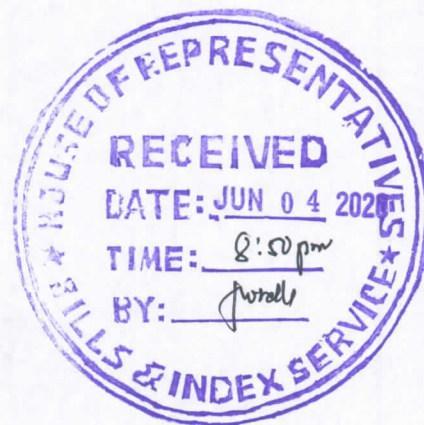




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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 959

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**Introduced by Representative Luisa Lloren Cuaresma**

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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) TO UTILIZE THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND TO FORMULATE THEIR ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR APPROVED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, Republic Act No. 11469, also known as the "*Bayanihan to Heal As One Act*," was enacted and to immediately implement the measure, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte approved the "*Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities (BGCM)*," a one-time financial assistance to cities and municipalities equivalent to their one-month internal revenue allotment (IRA) share in the Fiscal Year 2020;

**WHEREAS**, on April 7, 2020, the Department of Budget and Management issued Local Budget Circular No. 125 entitled, "*Guidelines on the Release and Utilization of the Bayanihan Grant to Cities and Municipalities*" and released the amount of P30,823,759,246.00 to cover the funding requirements of the BGCM to be used exclusively for projects, programs and activities of cities and municipalities in combating COVID-19 pandemic;

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**WHEREAS,** on April 13, 2020, the Department of Budget and Management issued Local Budget Circular No. 126 entitled, "*Guidelines on the Release and Utilization of the Bayanihan Grant to Provinces,*" the grant shall be equivalent to one half (1/2) of the one month FY 2020 Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) share of the provinces to be used as augmentation to the funding requirements for the operation of provincial, district, and other local hospitals operated by the provincial government, and maintenance of duly established provincial checkpoints related to COVID-19, in support to the on going efforts of the Government to respond to the crisis brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**WHEREAS,** as of May 31, 2020, a total of 31,528 overseas Filipinos workers (OFWs) affected by COVID-19 have been repatriated by the Department of Foreign Affairs and the figure will significantly increase in the coming months because of the continuous effort of the government to bring back hundreds of thousands of displaced OFWs;

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Labor and Employment has estimated a total of 93,621 business establishments which stopped operation during the lockdown displacing temporarily around 2.5 million workers without guarantee that they will all be absorbed upon the resumption of business operation;

**WHEREAS,** there is an urgent need to create jobs all over the country to reintegrate the repatriated OFWs, accommodate displaced domestic workers and provide jobs for the unemployed which the National Government cannot achieve without the active participation of all local government units in the country;

**WHEREAS,** being closer and more familiar with the needs of the people than the National Government, the LGUs are in a better position to craft policies that are responsive to the specific needs and capabilities of their people;

**WHEREAS,** the national planning must be based on local planning to ensure that the needs and aspirations of the people, as articulated by the local government units in their respective local development plans, are considered in the formulation of budgets of national line agencies or offices to finance self-liquidating, income-producing development or livelihood projects pursuant to the priorities established in the approved local development plans: Now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,** To urge local government units (LGUs) to utilize the financial assistance received from the National Government for their projects and activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to formulate their economic recovery programs in accordance with their approved local development plans.

Adopted,

  
**LUISA LLOREN CUARESMA**

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