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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod ng Bacolod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1102
September 3, 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF CASH ADVANCE FROM THE PAGCOR TRUST FUND FOR SPECIFIED PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOLOD, PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES FOR ITS UTILIZATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is a Government-Controlled Corporation (GOCC) that generates revenue for Philippine Government's socio-civic and national development programs;

WHEREAS, PAGCOR has been extending PAGCOR financial assistance to the Local Government Unit of Bacolod as host city of its gaming operations for quite some time to fund specific expenditures and projects as prescribed under PAGCOR Guidelines for its utilization;

WHEREAS, the disbursement of PAGCOR funds for socio-civic purposes is slowed down by the bureaucratic procedures and the funds do not fully reach the intended beneficiaries and for its intent and purpose;

WHEREAS, in order to fast-track disbursements to its intended beneficiaries and to maximize the benefits of the funds, this measure aims to make available the release of funds within a reasonable time-frame.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City in session assembled:

Section 1. TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known as the "Bacolod City PAGCOR Trust Fund Cash Advance Ordinance of 2025."

Section 2. POLICY DECLARATION.

It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Bacolod to ensure the timely and efficient implementation of programs, projects and activities funded under the PAGCOR Trust Fund by allowing cash advances to authorized officials in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Section 3. AUTHORITY TO GRANT CASH ADVANCE.

The City Mayor or the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) Member concerned, is hereby authorized to grant cash advances from the PAGCOR Trust Fund to duly designated Special Disbursing Officers (SDOs) for specific purposes pursuant to PAGCOR Guidelines as determined by the SP via an approved Appropriations Ordinance. The designated SDO should be a permanent employee authorized by the Mayor or the SP Member as the case maybe.

Section 4. PURPOSES OF CASH ADVANCE.

Cash advances from the PAGCOR Trust Fund shall be utilized for Qualified Projects consistent with PAGCOR Guidelines, to wit:

a. Self-sustainable livelihood projects preferably at the grassroots level to provide employment and generate income for the less fortunate segments of the community, including the physically challenged, the elderly citizens, orphaned and abandoned youth. Whenever possible, these projects should utilize indigenous materials. This category includes home-based projects such as soap making, candle-making, meat processing and the like for the formation and improvement of skills and talent that will enhance the income-earning potential of the individual, particularly the poor and the physically-challenged;

b. Scholarships to include high-impact short courses such as computer science, tailoring, auto mechanic and other vocational subjects;

c. Infrastructure projects which are essential to the community;

d. Projects connected with the delivery of basic health services including medical assistance, improvement of facilities and acquisition of needed equipment for the hospital, clinics and health centers of the city. Other projects designed to prevent widespread diseases of epidemics such as mass vaccination, declogging of and collection of garbage and debris in sewers and canals, construction of sanitary facilities in depressed areas and the like;

e. Projects that support various sports programs of the city including the grassroots, training of the youth and participation in the local, regional and national sports competitions to promote the good health and physical well-being of their constituents and keep them away from becoming involved in illegal drugs and other illegal activities. This category also includes the acquisition of various equipment and materials for sport-related activities;

f. Projects which have to do with the improvement of peace and order in the city;

g. Projects which involve the extension of emergency assistance to victims of natural disaster and other calamities and terrorism;

h. Such other projects that will help alleviate poverty among the poor sector within the city.

i. Burial Assistance.

Section 5. HANDLING AND DISBURSEMENT.

a. The fund shall be kept in a separate account, shall not be comingled with the general and other funds of the city;

b. The projects to be financed and the amount of funding required shall be jointly approved by the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the corresponding appropriate ordinance/resolution;

c. The funds shall not be utilized for salaries and wages of the personnel of the Local Government Units;

d. Disbursement of funds shall be subject to the requirements and procedures of the Commission on Audit.

e. Submission to PAGCOR by the Office of the City Mayor of the notarized Utilization Report on a quarterly basis and other reports required.

Section 6. GUIDELINES AND LIMITATIONS.

a. All cash advances shall comply with Commission on Audit (COA) rules and PAGCOR Trust Fund guidelines;

b. Each cash advance shall be supported by an approved project proposal, activity design, or program of work;

c. Liquidation of cash advances shall be submitted within the period prescribed by COA rules;

d. No additional cash advance shall be granted unless full liquidation of the previous cash advance from the PAGCOR Funds has been fully completed;

Section 7. REPORTING AND TRANSPARENCY.

The City Accountant's Office shall submit to the Sangguniang Panlungsod a quarterly report on the utilization and liquidation of all cash advances from the PAGCOR Trust Fund. The report shall be posted on the official website of the City Government for public transparency.

Section 8. SANCTIONS.

Any official or employee who fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, including the timely liquidation of cash advances, shall be subject to administrative and/or legal action in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations

Section 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances, resolutions, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 11. EFFECTIVITY.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and compliance with publication requirements under the Local Government Code.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Isarel P. Salanga, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor, Dindo C. Ramos, Roberto M. Rojas, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Psyche Marie E. Sy, Homer Q. Bais, Al Victor A. Espino, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen.

Official Travel : None.

Official Leave : None.

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Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilors Em L. Ang and Danna Marie C. Barzo were not around when this ordinance was passed.

CLAUDIO JESUS RAYMUNDO A. PUENTEVELLA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: SEP 19 2025

GREG G. GASATAYA
City Mayor

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