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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 5th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 8th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF HIMAMAYLAN HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL, CITY HALL, CITY OF HIMAMAYLAN, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL ON AUGUST 13, 2019

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ABSENT: Hon. Johny T. Ades _____ -do- (SL)

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 006

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE HIGHER EDUCATION LEARNING PROGRAM (HELP) OF THE CITY OF HIMAMAYLAN.

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Sponsor: Hon. Marie Antoinette R. Limsiaco

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Himamaylan that:

Section 1. Title – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Himamaylan City-Higher Education Learning Program” or “HELP.”

Section 2. Purpose – This Ordinance aims to provide financial assistance to deserving Himamaylanon professionals for the advancement of their careers and the improvement of human resource capital of the City.

Section 3. Definitions – When used in this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a) Beneficiary – means any person admitted to the Himamaylan City-Higher Education Learning Program;
- b) Financial Aid – means the scholarship program of the City as embodied in this Ordinance;
- c) Resident – means a bonafide resident of the City of Himamaylan as evidenced by Valid Identification or a Certification from the Punong Barangay bearing the same;
- d) Graduate Education – means any course requiring two (2) years or more of advanced academic degrees from a recognized institution of higher learning;
- e) College/University – any government-recognized school, college, or university that offers tertiary education located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Negros Occidental;
- f) City – means the City of Himamaylan;

Section 4. Qualifications – To apply to HELP, the potential beneficiary must possess the following qualifications:

- a) A resident of the City of Himamaylan;

- b) Must have earned a previous undergraduate (bachelor's) degree;
- c) Must not exceed sixty (60) years old at the age of application;
- d) Must not be a holder of any Post Graduate Degree/Course;
- e) Must not be a holder of any equivalent degree or Doctorate Degree.

Section 5. Higher Education Learning Program (HELP) Committee – There shall be a HELP Committee which shall be composed of the following:

- a) Chairperson : Mayor
- b) Vice Chairperson : Vice Mayor
- c) Members:
 - c.1. Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Education
 - c.2. Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on People's Empowerment and Cooperatives
 - c.3. Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Women and Gender Development

Section 6. Functions of the HELP Committee – The HELP Committee shall have the following functions:

- a) Supervise the application, deliberation, and selection of beneficiaries;
- b) Determine the number of beneficiaries to be accommodated in any given School Year;
- c) Approve the school, college, and/or university that the beneficiary may study at;
- d) Determine the benefits to be enjoyed by the beneficiary;
- e) Formulate and enforce the guidelines and criteria for the selection of beneficiaries;
- f) Oversee and monitor the beneficiary's progress and management of financial aid; and
- g) Accept and Remove beneficiaries.

Section 7. Conditions – the beneficiaries must comply with the following to continuously avail of financial aid:

- a) Must enroll in any course prescribed by the HELP Committee;
- b) Must finish the course within the prescribed period by the HELP Committee;
- c) Must have no failing grades throughout the duration of the program and maintain a general weighted average of at least 80% for the preceding semester;
- d) Must submit all documents required by the HELP Committee;
- e) Must not be found guilty nor seriously involved in any academic dishonesty;
- f) Must participate in activities prescribed by the HELP Committee;
- g) Must not accept any other grants funded by the Philippine Government; and
- h) Must enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the City Government of Himamaylan.

Non-compliance with any of the above conditions may result in the revocation of financial aid.

Section 8. Limitations – The limitations of availing HELP are:

- a) Only one (1) member of any family up to the third civil degree of consanguinity or affinity can be accepted as a beneficiary; and
- b) The beneficiary must not be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

Section 9. Any beneficiary who dropped or no longer matriculates during any given Semester shall be replaced upon the recommendation of the HELP Committee.

Section 10. Memorandum of Agreement – The qualified beneficiary must sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the City Government of Himamaylan embodying all the conditions in availing the HELP.

Section 11. Financial Aid – Financial aid in the amount of fifteen thousand Philippine Pesos (Php15,000.00) per semester shall be paid directly by the City to every individual beneficiary upon showing his/her certification of enrolment. Receipt of payments of Miscellaneous Fees must also be submitted together with Final Grades at the end of each Semester.

Section 12. Funding – A regular budget to be taken from the General Fund shall be appropriated every calendar year to which amount shall be determined by the HELP Committee starting FY 2020.

Section 13. Repealing Clause – All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, or inconsistent with the regulations of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 14. Separability Clause – If for any reason, any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 15. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect starting School Year 2020-2021.

ENACTED.

FAVOR : HON. JULIE ANN T. VASQUEZ HON. SAMUEL R. BELARGA
HON. ALY B. TONGSON, JR. HON. TERESITA A. GAMPOSILAO
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HON. MARIE ANTOINETTE R. LIMSIACO

NOT FAVOR : NONE

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


GENEFREDA E. DECENA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested by: 
HON. JUSTIN DOMINIC S. GATUSLAO
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. ROGELIO RAYMUND I. TONGSON, JR.
City Mayor

Date: NOV 19, 2019