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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 25 SERIES OF 2022, "CONSOLIDATED GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED SWINE PRODUCTION, REPOPULATION, AND EXPANSION UNDER THE INTEGRATED NATIONAL SWINE PRODUCTION INITIATIVES FOR RECOVERY AND EXPANSION (INSPIRE) PROGRAM"

In the interest of the service and to facilitate continuous implementation of Memorandum Circular No.25, Series of 2022, the implementing agencies/units shall be guided by the following amendments:

1. Section V is hereby revised as follows:

B. Local Government Units (LGUs):

- a. Provide necessary technical support to the FCA in the preparation and implementation of the projects including the designation of a technical staff to support the FCAs (e.g. Livestock Technician, Municipality/City Veterinarians and/or Municipal/City Engineer);
- f. LGU may enter into a Usufruct Agreement with the FCA beneficiary for the provision of land.

C. Department of Agriculture

b. Regional Field Office:

- v. Assist the qualified FCAs upon request for the preparation, planning, implementation, and supervision of the project specifically managing the funds for the construction of the Bio-secure Facility and procurement of necessary equipment. On the other hand, the Regional Field Office may opt to procure all the project components for non-CSO Accredited FCAs subject to RA 9184.

2. Section VI is hereby revised as follows:

Project Package, Fund Grant and Scheme

For purposes of allocating the financial assistance, the following expenses are allowed:

1. The establishment of a Biosecure Facility (inclusive of the perimeter fence, climate-controlled animal house, waste management, basic farm equipment, office, and shower area) with a minimum land area of 2,000 square meters (*Option 1*)
2. Construction of Conventional Type Animal House (inclusive of perimeter fence basic farm equipment, shower area, provision for manure utilization) with a minimum land area of 1,000 square meters (*Option 2*)
3. Feeds and biologics
4. Piglets

A. Recommended Project Package

1. FCA without Existing Facilities

This scheme is for qualified FCA/LGUs (see Section VII) which opt to establish a **new facility**. Qualified beneficiaries may choose between the two options listed below. The **recommended** allocation for the funding coverage under FCA without existing facilities are as follows:

Option 1

FUNDING COVERAGE	AMOUNT (PHP)
Bio-secure Facility (inclusive of the perimeter fence, climate-controlled animal house, waste management, basic farm equipment, office, shower area)	6,000,000.00
Procurement of 300 heads piglets (15-20 kg liveweight)	2,400,000.00
Feeds/biologics support	1,500,000.00
Others (i.e. disinfectants, etc.)	100,000.00
TOTAL	10,000,000.00

Option 2

FUNDING COVERAGE	AMOUNT (PHP)
Construction of Conventional Type Animal House (inclusive of perimeter fence and basic farm equipment)	3,140,000.00
Procurement of 100 heads piglets (15-20 kg liveweight)	800,000.00
Feeds	1,000,000.00
Others (i.e. disinfectants, test kits etc.)	60,000.00
TOTAL	5,000,000.00

3. Section VII is hereby amended to read as follows:

Minimum Requirements

The minimum Project package as stated in Section VI can be availed by organized and active FCAs and Local Government Units who desire to undertake modernized swine raising compartments using the community swine clustering model. The number of target clusters for LGU-recipients shall however, not exceed 20% of the total target number of clusters as indicated in the regional work and financial plan.

The following qualifications must be considered:

1. FCA Applicants

2. No existing unliquidated funds from the concerned DA Regional Field Office;
6. Priority must be given to DA-CSO Accredited FCAs.

2. LGU Applicants

1. No existing unliquidated funds from the concerned DA Regional Field Office;
2. Must have existing BABay ASF-related Ordinances/Executive Orders; compliant with the protocols under the DA Administrative Order No. 30 series of 2021;
3. Must be released from quarantine (where applicable)

4. Section VIII is hereby amended to read as follows:

ESTABLISHMENT OF PRODUCTION FARMS TO INCREASE SOW BREEDER BASE FOR RFO II, III, IV-A and VII AS INDICATED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE WORK AND FINANCIAL PLANS FOR CY 2023

Considering the sizeable decrease in the breeder base population in Regions II, III and IV-A and considering further the regions' proximity to the National Capital Region, it is imperative to restore the Regions' flourishing pork production to ensure adequate and accessible supply within NCR and its surrounding areas.

Likewise, considering that Region VII is a green zone area and is therefore suitable for breeder base expansion and that for the last two and a half years said Region have consistently provided finishers hogs for slaughter to Metro Manila and breeders to other parts of the country; it is important and essential that Region VII be continuously supported to maintain and capacitate its flourishing swine industry thru the INSPIRE Program.

In this regard, Regions II, III, IV-A, and VII are authorized and allowed to provide budgetary assistance to qualified FCAs and implement Component 2 of the INSPIRE Program which provides for the recovery of the pre-ASF breeder base population through the establishment of multiplier and production farms to produce genetically superior gilts and finishers animals, as indicated in the CY 2023 Work and Financial Plans under the National Livestock Program.

Provided however that qualified FCAs comply with the requirements as specified in Section VII. Provided further that the following additional requirements are complied with:

- 1 Existing farm is vacant
1. Existing farm has Biosecurity Level II
2. Existing farm has a minimum capacity of 300 sows

The funding coverage of 10 Million includes the following: procurement of 220 PS/F1 stocks, feeds, biologics, test kits, and disinfectants.

Moreover, the recipient shall “pay” the Department of Agriculture the equivalent amount in terms of breeders provided and distributed to other identified FCAs.

5. Section IX. is hereby amended to read as follows:

As used in this guideline, this scheme shall encourage and enjoin the more advanced DA- Accredited CSOs to “Adopt” smaller cooperatives and associations to become their “mentors” purposely guiding them in the implementation of the Project. As such, “Big Brother” shall provide utmost administrative and technical support to the “Small Brothers” up to such time that the provisions contained in the Memorandum of Agreement have been complied with. Recipients of this scheme shall be subject to the review, evaluation, and approval of the Regional Executive Director.

6. Section X is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Requirement for the MOA signing

1. Approved Program Document/Project Proposal based on the DA-NLP prescribed program design shall be signed by the head of the FCA/LGU and approved by the Regional Executive Director.

C. Application Process

Activity	Procedure	Responsible	Time Frame
Submission and Review	1. Submit application documents to DA-RFO	FCA (assisted by LGUs/RFOs)	One day
	2. Review the submitted documents	DA-RFOs	Two days
	3. Complete any lacking documents and resubmit to DA-RFO	FCA	Five days
	4. Revise proposal as deemed necessary by DA-RFOs	FCA/LGU	Five days

Activity	Procedure	Responsible	Time Frame
On-site evaluation	1. Validate beneficiary and the location of the Project (applicant must have a minimum of 60 points)	DA-RFO, LGU	One day
	2. Approve Project Proposal	DA-RFO	Two days
Compliance with local requirements	1. Processing of permits and clearances	FCA, LGU	One month
	2. Comply to the DENR requirements for ECC/CNC or any other applicable DENR requirements	FCA, LGU	One month
Preparation and Signing of MOA	1. Prepare, discuss and agree on the provisions of the MOA	DA-RFO, LGU, FCA	20 days
	2. MOA Signing (LGU Veterinarian and Regional Livestock Focal Person shall serve as witness)	DA-RFO, LGU, FCA	Three days
Fund Transfer (Where applicable)	1. Fund transfer as stipulated in MOA and existing rules and regulations on the transfer of funds	DA-RFO	Five days
Implementation	1. Monitoring of project implementation (e.g., construction of facilities)	DA-RFO	120 Days Program of Works
	2. Testing and commissioning	RAED	Two Weeks
Liquidation	1. Submit liquidation report as per COA rules and regulation	LGU / FCA	Within 6 months from the completion of all project components

7. *Special Provision is hereby added to read as follows:*

SECTION XI. SPECIAL PROVISION

Given that Regions VI and VII are also a green zone areas and thus suitable for breeder base expansion, and that said Regions have consistently provided finishers hogs for slaughter to Metro Manila and breeders to other parts of the country over the last two and a half years, it is vital that Regions VI and VII be continuously supported to maintain and capacitate its flourishing swine industry through the INSPIRE Program.

Given these, Regions VI and VII are authorized and allowed to provide budgetary assistance to qualified stakeholders and implement Component 2 of the INSPIRE Program through the establishment of 30 Sow-Level Multiplier and Techno-Demo Farms to produce genetically superior gilts and finishers. Regions VI and VII shall follow the implementing guidelines used by the Agricultural Training Institute - International Training Center on Pig Husbandry.

The allocation would be sourced from the “Community-Based Swine Production and Expansion Thru Clustering and Consolidation” Project as indicated in its Work and Financial Plan for CY 2023

8. *Section XI is hereby revised to read as follows:*

1. SECTION XII. Supplementary Guideline

The DA-RFOs may issue a supplementary guideline to facilitate the orderly implementation of the Project subject to the review and recommendation of the National Livestock Program Director and approval of the Assistant Secretary for Operations.

9. *Section XII is hereby amended to read as follows:*

SECTION XIII. Effectivity

All other provisions in Memorandum Circular No. 25 series of 2022 shall remain in order.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing. All orders, memoranda, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 8th day of February 2023.

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