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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 1396  
 Series of 2023

**SUBJECT : AUTHORITY TO CLAIM FINANCIAL GRANT FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR) – REGIONAL LEVEL AWARDEES OF THE FY 2023 YOUNG FARMERS CHALLENGE (YFC) PROGRAM – COMPONENT 2 – YFC UPSCALE, SUBCOMPONENT A: ENTERPRISE SCALING UP**

This has reference to the implementation of the Department of Agriculture’s Young Farmers Challenge (YFC) Program (Upscale) Regional Level competition. The said competition was completed with the assistance of the NCR Upscale Panel of Judges in accordance to the Department’s Memorandum Circular No. 16, series of 2023. As such, the panel of judges declared the awardees of the YFC Upscale Financial Grant, namely:

Title of Agribusiness Venture	Name of Awardees	Amount of Financial Grant
Vermille Vegetable Farming	Vernie S. Beo Camille F. De Peralta	Php 300,000.00
Nama Urban Farm Inc.	Eldrin T. Lee Skyrene R. Bacalso	Php 300,000.00
Urban-Farmer-TV Digital Marketing Services	Anna Beatriz A. Suavengco	Php 300,000.00

Thus, the above-mentioned awardees are hereby authorized to claim financial grant for the upscaling of their respective agribusiness enterprises. Upon receipt of the grants, the awardees are hereby required to submit a notarized sworn statement ensuring the implementation of the approved business model, quarterly and terminal reports to the DA-AMAS as part of YFC Program’s progress monitoring.

All expenses incurred in the preparation and provision of financial grants to the awardees and other related expenses shall be chargeable against the Young Farmers Challenge Fund under the FY 2023 General Appropriations Act (RA 11936), subject to the availability of funds and the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until the completion of the Program.

Done this 15th day of November 2023.

**FRANCISCO TIU LAUREL JR.**  
 Secretary



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