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#### SPECIAL ORDER

No. <u>975</u> Series of 2024

SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY TO GRANT AND CLAIM FINANCIAL GRANT FOR THE YFC START UP SUBCOMPONENT A: OPEN CATEGORY AND YFC UPSCALE SUBCOMPONENT A: ENTERPRISE SCALING UP

The Young Farmers Challenge (YFC) is a competitive financial grant to the youth who will engage in new agri-fishery enterprises or scale up or innovative agribusiness operations. There are two general categories of YFC: 1.) YFC Start-up; and 2.) YFC Upscale.

The sub-components of the YFC Start Up are: A. Open Category; and B. Intercollegiate Competition. On the other hand, the subcomponents of YFC Upscale are: A. Enterprise Scaling Up; B. YFC Summer Competition.

Memorandum Circular (MC) Nos. 15 and 16, Series of 2023 and MC No. 01, Series of 2024 provide for the guidelines on the implementation of the Program as well as for the selection and awarding of the winners. In view of this, the following are the awardees for the YFC Start-up Subcomponent A: Open Category and YFC Upscale Subcomponent A: Enterprise Scaling up are hereby authorized to claim their respective financial grants as indicated below.

## A. YFC Start Up Subcomponent A: Open Category

Name of Awardees	FINANCIAL GRANT (in	Title of Agribusiness
	Php)	Venture
John Arex M. Ocampo	Php 300,000.00	"KWAKTUTUBO" Kilusang
		Wais sa Agrikultura at
		Kaalaman Kasama ang mga
		Katutubo
Andrea Naraja	Php 300,000.00	Andrea's Quail Farm &
		Hatchery
John Carlo B. Abedoza	Php 300,000.00	SirJuan Agriventure: New
		Generation's Philippine
		Native Chicken Raising
Leon Vincent O. Paraguya	Php 300,000.00	Wagling Cattle Enterprise
Cilfred L. Ramos	Php 300,000.00	EcoGrow Agritek
Harry C. Luces		
Seth Luigi V. Borbon	Php 300,000.00	Clawseth Aquafarm

Name of Awardees	FINANCIAL GRANT (in Php)	Title of Agribusiness Venture
Joseph B. Malantao Khester Gabe F. Odango Patrisha Joyce V. Manalo	Php 300,000.00	MagRice App
Edwin C. Gonzales Jr.	Php 300,000.00	Coco Chill Processing
Jayson Fontanosa Isaiah Noel Macarilay	Php 300,000.00	Pilipinya Agercolo Leaf Fiber
Andrea Rose C. Reyno	Php 300,000.00	Calabaza Deli
Son Raffael O. Barret	Php 300,000.00	Qfarmercegen Eco Farm
Vincent Ryan Galos	Php 300,000.00	Sikwate Tea Hub

# B. YFC Upscale Subcomponent A: Enterprise Scaling Up

Name of Awardees	FINANCIAL GRANT	Title of Agribusiness
	(in Php)	Venture for the Upscale
		Awardees
Shawnie Dhale B. Bitso	Php 500,000.00	Sanagi Agritourism Farm
		and Farm School
Reynro T. Herrera	Php 500,000.00	Healthy Bite Food
		Processing and Preserving
Lendilou F. Loon	Php 500,000.00	Sergio-Loon Coffee Farm
Lawrence Joseph L. Velasco	Php 500,000.00	Rancho Velasco Agricultural
Elysah R. Velasco		Farm
Japhet G. Tabale	Php 500,000.00	Prince Cacao Products
		Manufacturing

Upon receipt of their respective grants, each of the awardees are required to submit a notarized sworn statement ensuring the implementation of their respective approved business models, quarterly report and terminal report to DA-AMAS.

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 be considered revoked until the financial grants have been awarded to the winners. All orders, memoranda, and issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked

Done this 3th day of July 2024.

FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL JR.

Secretary



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