

## **GUIDELINES IN THE PROVISION OF PRODUCT CASH INCENTIVE AND HONORARIUM TO THE INTERNAL APPROVAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF BAYAWAN ORGANIC GUARANTEE SYSTEM (BOGS) UNDER THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM OF THE CITY**

### **RATIONALE**

The provision of cash incentive by the City Government of Bayawan started in 2017 when the Bayawan Organic Guarantee System (BOGS) was created and became operational. BOGS certified organic farms using its Manual of Operations (MOP) and the Local Organic Certification Standard, which were adopted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod thru a resolution in 2017.

The cash incentive budget is provided annually since 2017 up to the current year (2023) under the Organic Agriculture Program to sustain the interest of organic practitioners and at the same time encourage more farmers to engage in organic farming without switching back and forth. The product cash incentives provided to farms that belong to Categories B & A were 30% and 50% of the prevailing market price of a particular product, respectively.

RA 11511 recognizes the Core PGS Group as Organic Certifying Body (OCB) under the Participatory Guarantee System. OFPRAB-PGS was accredited by BAFS as an OCB, which can already certify the farms of member farmers thru its Peer Reviewers and the members of different committees who shall strictly follow the provisions in the MOP and shall base all their findings and observations on Internal Standard (IS) and BAFS-PNS. OFPRAB-PGS is targeting at least 20 farms to be certified in 2023. Most of these farms are BOGS-certified under category B and A, which are receiving product cash incentives from the LGU as support to increase income and sustain organic crop and livestock production in the city. BOGS is still active to certify new and in conversion farms thru the deliberation of the Internal Approval Committee upon the recommendation of the assigned Quality Control Officers of the Organic Agriculture Program and after pre-inspection.

The DA-RFO 7 has allocated budget in current year (2023) to provide cash incentive to OFPRAB-PGS-Certified farms as rewards to the farmers for their contribution to the National Organic Agriculture Program and for supporting PGS. The City Agriculture Office continuously provides inputs subsidy, technical assistance, and cash incentives as part of the LGU support to OFPRAB-PGS and to organic practitioners. The cash incentive has helped the organic practitioners in sustaining farm productivity and encouraged more farmers to engage in organic farming.

It is also imperative to provide honorarium to BOGS Internal Approval Committee members present during the deliberation who are non-LGU personnel for their valuable time and contribution.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. Encourage more farmers to engage in organic farming sustainably;

2. Provide additional income to BOGS-certified/OFPBAB-PGS-certified farms while the price of organic products is still almost the same with conventional products in the local market;
3. Give monetary reward to OFPRAB-PGS certified farms; and
4. Motivate farmers to adopt management practices that are environment friendly, ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially acceptable.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

**A. PRODUCT CASH INCENTIVES**

1. The farmer must be a member of OFPRAB and must file an application for inspection and submit the required documents such as farm map, farm records, farm management plan, etc;
2. The farmer's farm must be certified by BOGS as Category B and A or OFPRAB-PGS certified to receive cash incentive for the products specified in the certificate;
3. The farms certified by OFPRAB-PGS are entitled to receive the product cash incentive equivalent to a BOGS-certified farm under Category A;
4. Only farm products that are delivered to OFPRAB outlets and those that are sold in the farm as stated in the farm records and as certified by the Supervising Agricultural Technician/Quality Control Officer can be given cash incentives;
5. The average prevailing market price (per kilo) shall be determined by the Organic Focal Person and the CA shall issue a certification, which will serve as one of the supporting documents for the release of funds;
6. Only sold products are entitled for cash incentives;
7. The volume of organic products due for incentives shall be certified by the Organic Agriculture Focal Person of CAO duly approved by CA. The data shall be taken from the Production and Sales Monitoring Report.
8. The cash incentive for BOGS-certified products shall be computed as follows:

<b>Product</b>	<b>Category A</b>	<b>Category B</b>
Milled rice	50% of the prevailing market price	30% of the prevailing market price
Milled corn	50% of the prevailing market price	30% of the prevailing market price
Vegetable	50% of the prevailing market price	30% of the prevailing market price
Inland Fishery Products	50% of the prevailing market price	30% of the prevailing market price
HVCCs (Vegetables, Coffee, Cacao, Coconut, Banana, Pineapple, Mango, Papaya, Citrus, and others)	50% of the prevailing market price	30% of the prevailing market price
Pork	50% of the prevailing market price	30% of the prevailing market price

Chevon	50% of the prevailing market price	30% of the prevailing market price
Beef	50% of the prevailing market price	30% of the prevailing market price
Poultry	50% of the prevailing market price	30% of the prevailing market price
Other Fruits	50% of the prevailing market price	30% of the prevailing market price
Mushroom (Special Product)	30% of the prevailing market price	(No Category B)

Reference: Category A – Organic

Category B - Organic but w/ minor non-compliance

Category C – In conversion

Category D – Starter farm

All farms certified by the Organic Certifying Body (OCB) shall receive a one-time cash incentive under this program in the amount of Php 5,000.00 as LGU counterpart to the cash incentive to be given by DA-RFO 7 to certified organic farms.

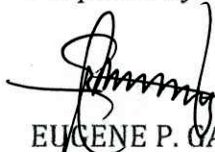
**B. HONORARIUM FOR BOGS INTERNAL APPROVAL COMMITTEE (IAC) MEMBERS**

1. Only Non-LGU employee IAC members are allowed to receive the honorarium in the amount of Php 500.00 per meeting;
2. The minutes of committee meetings and attendance sheets shall be attached to the disbursement voucher for honorarium;

**EFFECTIVITY**

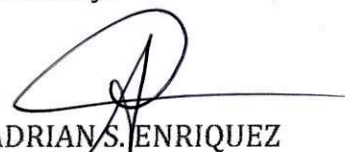
This implementing guidelines shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full force until revoked.

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