

XXXVIII. CONTINGENT FUND

Fund subsidies for contingencies.....P13,000,000,000
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New Appropriations, by Purpose
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Current Operating Expenditures

Personnel Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
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TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 8,000,000,000	P 5,000,000,000	P13,000,000,000
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Special Provision(s)

1. Contingent Fund. The amount of Thirteen Billion Pesos (P13,000,000,000) appropriated herein shall be used to cover the funding requirements of new or urgent programs, activities or projects of national government agencies or GOCCs that need to be implemented or paid during the year, such as, but not limited to the following: (i) legal obligation of the government arising from final and executory decisions of competent authorities, such as compromise agreements, arbitral awards, mediation settlement agreement, and professional services in connection thereto; (ii) requirements of newly created offices; or (iii) deficiencies in the appropriations for local and external travels of the President of the Philippines.

In no case shall this Fund be used for the purchase of motor vehicles, including any improvements thereon.

Releases from the Contingent Fund shall be subject to approval by the President of the Philippines, other than payment resulting from final and executory decisions of competent authorities, which shall be subject to the approval of the DBM.

The DBM shall include information on releases from the Contingent Fund in its quarterly and annual reports submitted to Congress.

New Appropriations, by Purpose
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PROGRAMS

Purpose(s)

Contingent Fund

Fund Subsidies for Contingencies	P 8,000,000,000	P 5,000,000,000	P13,000,000,000
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Sub-total, Purpose(s)	8,000,000,000	5,000,000,000	13,000,000,000
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TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 8,000,000,000	P 5,000,000,000	P13,000,000,000
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New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures-----
(In Thousand Pesos)**Current Operating Expenditures****Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses****Financial Assistance/Subsidy****8,000,000****Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses****8,000,000****Total Current Operating Expenditures****8,000,000****Capital Outlays****Property, Plant and Equipment Outlay****Infrastructure Outlay****5,000,000****Total Capital Outlays****5,000,000****TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS****13,000,000**

**GENERAL SUMMARY
CONTINGENT FUND**

Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. CONTINGENT FUND		P 8,000,000,000	P 5,000,000,000	P13,000,000,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS, CONTINGENT FUND		P 8,000,000,000	P 5,000,000,000	P13,000,000,000

XXXIX. MISCELLANEOUS PERSONNEL BENEFITS FUND

For payment of miscellaneous personnel benefits to or on behalf of national government officials and employees.....P 35,529,267,000
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New Appropriations, by Purpose
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Current Operating Expenditures

	Personnel Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 35,329,267,000	P 200,000,000		P 35,529,267,000
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Special Provision(s)

1. **Payment of Personnel Benefits.** The amount of Thirty Five Billion Five Hundred Twenty Nine Million Two Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Pesos (P35,529,267,000) appropriated herein for the payment of personnel benefits shall be used for deficiencies in authorized salaries, bonuses, allowances, associated premiums and other similar personnel benefits of National Government personnel, including Personnel Services requirements for the filling and creation of positions as may be authorized by law, the President of the Philippines, or the DBM. Of this amount, Six Hundred Eight Million Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Pesos (P608,257,000) shall cover the increase in government counterpart contributions to PhilHealth which shall allow the latter to continually provide, among others, primary care benefit. Accordingly, the PhilHealth shall update the guidelines in the provision of primary care benefit in addition to inpatient and outpatient care benefits.

Release of funds shall be subject to the determination by the DBM that the Personnel Services requirements cannot be accommodated within the agency's Personnel Services appropriations as authorized under Section 50 of the General Provisions of this Act.

2. **Legal Defense Fund.** The amount of Two Hundred Million Pesos (P200,000,000) appropriated herein for the Legal Defense Fund shall be used for the actual expenses, including payment of premiums for posting of bail bonds and cash advance for expenses of officials and employees of departments, bureaus and offices, in relation to the defense of administrative, civil or criminal cases filed against them in courts for acts committed in the performance of their actual functions.

The claims that may be charged against this Fund shall include the claims duly filed starting in FY 2016, which have not been released without the fault of the claimant, and limited to the amounts provided in the guidelines issued for this purpose. The maximum allowable amounts shall be applied per case and consolidated cases shall be considered as one case.

The amount of legal expenses charged against this Fund shall be refunded to the government when the claimant is found guilty by final judgment by the Court in relation to the offense charged.

Release of funds shall be subject to the favorable endorsement by the Legal Defense Fund Claims Board established in each agency to determine the eligibility and compliance with the allowable amounts chargeable from this Fund. Any favorable decision by the Board shall be final and executory, while denial of claims shall be appealable directly to the Office of the President.

The Legal Defense Fund may likewise be used for the legal assistance of Bids and Awards Committee members and their support staff authorized under R.A. No. 9184, its IRR and GPPB guidelines.

Implementation of this provision shall be subject to W.B.C. No. 566 dated December 15, 2016 and such other guidelines as may be issued by the DBM for the purpose.

3. **Implementation of National Budget Circular (NBC) No. 461.** The amount appropriated herein for the implementation of NBC No. 461 shall be used solely for the said purpose effective July 1, 2019.

(CONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION- President's Veto Message, April 15, 2019, Volume I-B, page 960, R.A. No. 10924)

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