

Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF BENGUET  
2601 La Trinidad

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

October 15, 2019

The Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet

Gentlemen:

In pursuance to Section 318 of Republic Act 7160, may I submit our proposed Annual Budget for CY 2020 under the General Fund and Benguet General Hospital Economic Enterprise in the total amount of **P1,595,007,000.00** as follows:

General Fund	P1,338,207,000.00
Benguet General Hospital	<u>256,800,000.00</u>
Total	P1,595,007,000.00
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The budget was prepared in accordance to the guidelines prescribed under DBM Local Budget Memorandum No. 78 dated May 15, 2019 and the policies provided in the Budget Call, issued July 1, 2019. The Department Heads/Heads of Office actively participated during the executive budget hearing conducted by the members of the Provincial Finance Committee (PFC) and the Assistant Provincial Administrator, representing the Provincial Governor. Programs, projects and activities that relate to our main thrust which is "H.E.A.L.T.H.I.E.R Benguet" were prioritized. This Administration aims to address services on **Health, Education, Agriculture, Livelihood, Tourism, Human Resource, Infrastructure, Environment, and Resiliency**. End-result is to have an enhanced delivery of health care and other social services; provided accessibility to basic needs and services; increased agricultural productivity; equal employment opportunities to all job seekers; provided quality infrastructure for development; and, adaptive response to climate change.

I. General Fund:

New two (2) co-terminus positions of Chauffeur I/Personal Driver, SG-5, under the Provincial Governor's Office and Vice Governor's Office, respectively, were created thru Provincial Ordinance No. 250-2019. For the Budget Year 2020, positions under the Provincial General Services Office, Provincial Health Office and Provincial Planning and Development Office were created in lieu of abolished positions, as follows:

OFFICE	FROM (Abolition)	TO (Creation)
1. Provincial General Services Office	Two (2) Administrative Aide III	SG-3 One (1) Engineer (Mechanical) SG-12
2. Provincial Health Office	Two (2) Population Program Worker I	SG-7 One (1) Engineer (Sanitary) SG-12
3. Provincial Planning and Development Office	One (1) Project Development Assistant	SG-8 One (1) Statistician I SG-11

Creation for the position of Mechanical Engineer will head the Motorpool Management Section under the Provincial General Services Office to attend to various requests for repair of motor vehicles of all offices/departments except the Provincial Engineer's Office. Meanwhile, the Sanitary Engineer under the Provincial Health Office is necessary to take charge of the sanitation and pollution control within the Province. The creation of the position Statistician I under the Provincial Planning and Development Office is in compliance to Philippine Statistics Authority Board Resolution No. 01, series of 2019.

Moreover, one (1) co-terminus position of Executive Assistant I, SG-14, under the Provincial Governor's Office is proposed to be created in lieu of one (1) casual Executive Assistant I, SG-14 under the same Office.

In accordance with the Provincial Strategic Planning, two positions were transferred to the appropriate office as follows:

POSITION TITLE	SALARY GRADE	FROM	TO
Administrative Assistant III (Stenographic Reporter)	SG-9	Provincial Legal Office	Provincial Prosecutor's Office

POSITION TITLE	SALARY GRADE	FROM	TO
Administrative Aide VI (Accounting Clerk II)	SG-6	Provincial Accountant's Office	Provincial Human Resource Management and Development Office

Salary increase and the corresponding Midyear and Year End Bonus, Retirement and Life Insurance Premiums and PHIC Contributions were provided in lump sum under the Special Purpose Appropriation. The same shall be distributed to the various Offices/Departments upon receipt of the circular/implementing guidelines to be issued by the Department of Budget and Management.

The proposed maintenance and other operating expenditures and various equipment for the usual operation of all offices were provided based on need. There is a significant increase in the Traveling Expenses due to the increase in the travel rates as provided under Presidential Executive Order No. 77 as implemented by DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2019-82. An increase in the amount for common office supplies and semi-expendable equipment is provided due to increase in prices of commodities in the market.

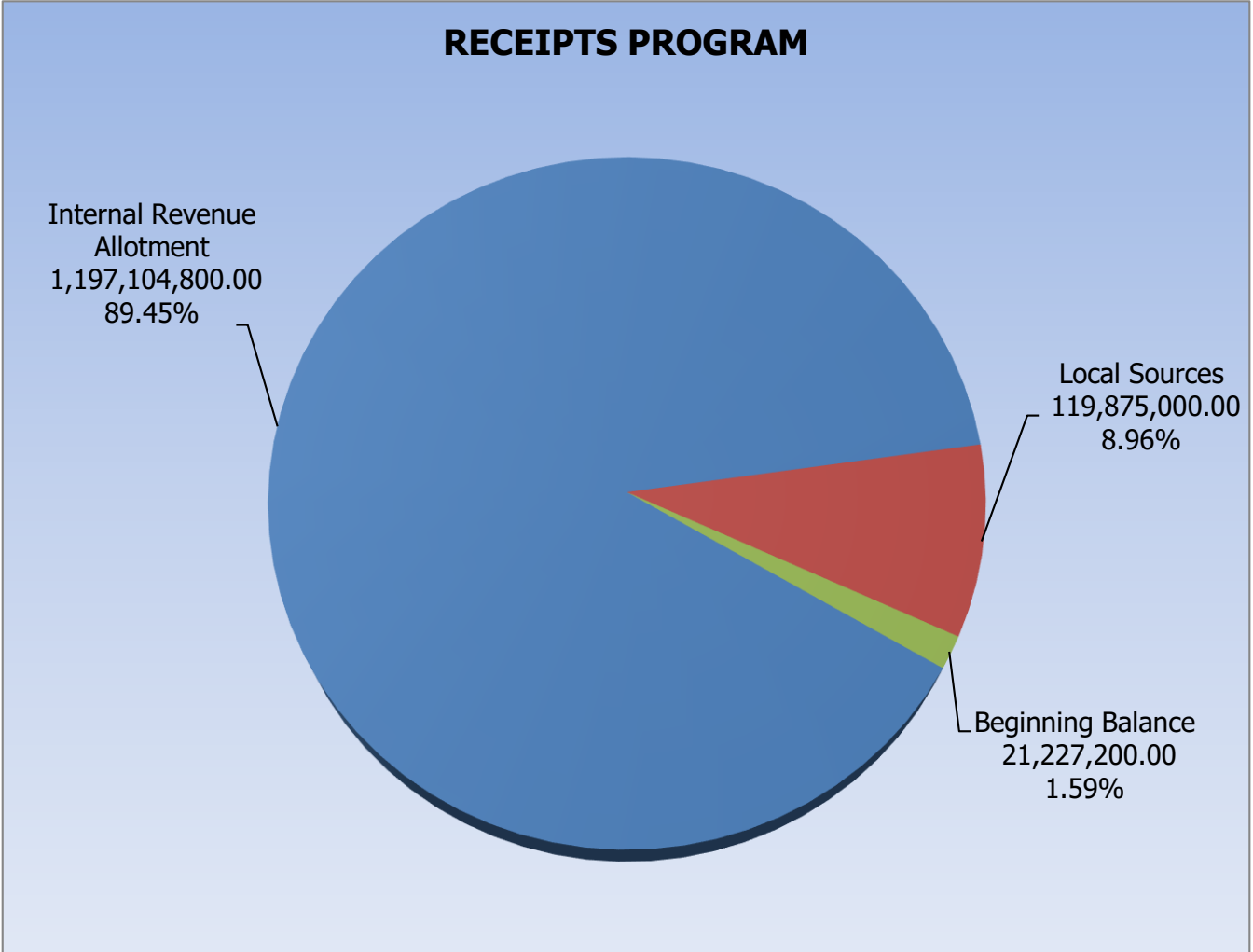
The amount of P239,450,000.00 equivalent to not less than 20% of the Internal Revenue Allotment is earmarked for the various development projects under the Provincial Development Fund.

Aside from the development projects, various infrastructure projects in the amount of P92,277,000.00 for the various barangays and some Provincial Offices is allotted.

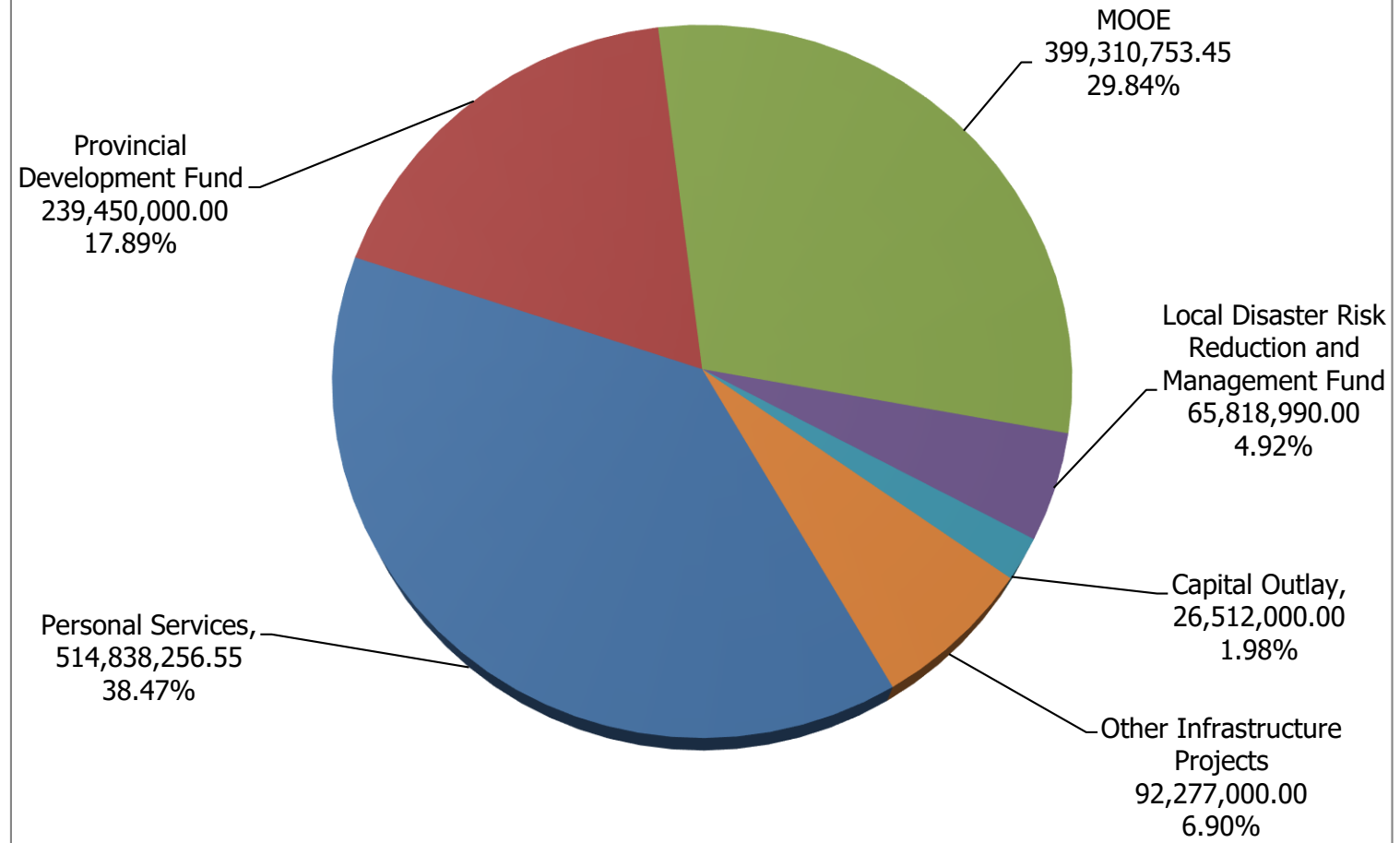
The 5% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund of P65,818,990 is set aside for calamity.

The Benguet Technical School (BTS) previously operated as a public enterprise is dissolved as such to become a service unit under the Provincial Governor's Office. The dissolution as economic enterprise is resorted to due to the fact that the technical school mostly implements programs under the Free TVET for Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education (UAQTEA) of the Technical Education Skills Development Authority (TESDA); and secondly, the school is integrated as part of the Cordillera State Institute of Technical Education (CSITE) as provided under Republic Act 11192.

The balanced General Fund Annual Budget of P1,338,207,000.00 is presented as to the sources of financing and expenditure program as follows:



### EXPENDITURE PROGRAM



II. Benguet General Hospital Economic Enterprise:

The proposed budget of the Benguet General Hospital, a public enterprise of the Province, is summarized below:

1. Sources of Fund:	
Beginning Balance	P14,550,000.00
Business and Service Income	185,800,000.00
Subsidy from General Fund	55,000,000.00
Other Income	<u>1,450,000.00</u>
Total Available Resources	P256,800,000.00
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2. Uses of Fund:	
Personal Services	P177,217,948.00
Maintenance and Other	
Operating Expenses	77,712,052.00
Capital Outlay	<u>1,870,000.00</u>
Total Proposed Appropriation	P256,800,000.00
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For Personal Services, the salaries and other compensation of one (1) part-time Psychologist II is provided in full in compliance with the DBM Review Letter dated March 26, 2019 of our CY 2019 Annual Budget. One (1) position of Dental Aide, SG-4 is retitled as Administrative Aide IV, SG-4 per Provincial Ordinance No. 2019-256. A lump sum amount of P6,800,000.00 is provided for salary increase and other compensation subject to a recomputation or adjustment upon receipt of the implementing guidelines to be issued by the Department of Budget and Management.

An amount of P20,000,000.00 for various medical equipment is provided for the hospital under the Special Purpose Appropriation (Provincial Development Fund).

Submitted together with this Message are the Local Expenditure Program (General Fund and Benguet General Hospital Economic Enterprise) and our local plans. Gentlemen of the Sanggunian, this budget reflects our goal for good governance. Let us continue to work harmoniously so that together we can realize a "**H.E.A.L.T.H.I.E.R** Benguet".

Truly yours,

**MELCHOR D. DICLAS, MD**  
Governor

