



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

February 12, 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **144**, s. 2025

**DOWNLOADING OF PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS (PSF) FOR THE
REPLENISHMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE CONDUCT
OF THE 2025 DIVISION FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (DFOT) AND
FOR THE 2025 REGIONAL FESTIVAL (RFOT)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. To replenish the expenses incurred during the conduct of the 2025 Division Festival of Talents (DFOT) and provide financial support for the 2025 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT), this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), shall download a portion of the Program Support Funds (PSF) amounting to **Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P850,000.00)** from the 2025 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Currents Funds attached hereto to the 13 SDOs.

2. The breakdown of fund to be downloaded per recipient office is shown on the table below:

Recipient Offices/SDOs	Amount	Purpose
Baybay City, Biliran, Borongan City, Calbayog City, Catbalogan City, Eastern Samar, Leyte, Maasin City, Northern Samar, Ormoc City, Samar, Southern Leyte, and Tacloban City with Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) per SDO	P650,000.00	To defray and replenish expenses incurred during the conduct of the 2025 Division Festival of Talents (DFOT)
Borongan City Division	P200,000.00	To cover eligible expenses for the hosting of the 2025 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT)
Total Amount:	P850,000.00	

3. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum are desired.


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Regional Director

Enclosure: None

Reference: DM-CT-2025-024

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

FESTIVAL OF TALENTS

PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS

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MEMORANDUM
DM-CT-2025-024

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM : 
GINA O. GONONG *md*
Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching

SUBJECT : GUIDELINES FOR THE REGIONAL OFFICES ON THE UTILIZATION OF PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS (PSF) FOR THE CONDUCT OF DIVISION AND REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (DFOT AND RFOT), AND HOST REGION AND TRANSPORTATION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025

DATE : 27 January 2025

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Relative thereto, the following guidelines shall be strictly observed:

PSF for the DFOT: For the conduct of the DFOT, the PSF amounting to **Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php 50,000.00) per division**, to be provided to each RO, shall cover the following eligible expenses:

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Supplies and Materials	Php 25,000.00
Health and Safety	Php 3,000.00
Logistics	Php 10,000.00
Communication	Php 2,000.00
Overhead Cost	Php 10,000.00
TOTAL	Php 50,000.00

To facilitate the release of Php 50,000.00 per SDO, the ROs shall then issue a Sub-Allotment Release Order (Sub-ARO) to each SDO for the conduct of the DFOT.

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PSF for the RFOT: For the conduct of the RFOT, the PSF amounting to **Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 200,000.00)**, shall cover the following eligible expenses:

Eligible Expenses for the RFOT	Amount
Supplies and Materials	Php 75,000.00
Stage Decoration and Program Invitation (opening and closing)	Php 10,000.00
Meals	Php 50,000.00
Logistics	Php 20,000.00
Communication	Php 5,000.00
Overhead Cost	Php 35,000.00
Health and Safety	Php 5,000.00
TOTAL	Php 200,000.00

Any balances may be used to augment other expenditures not mentioned in these guidelines, provided that such shall be utilized solely for the conduct of activities relevant to Festival of Talents, subject to the existing budgeting, accounting, auditing and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

If the DFOT/RFOT has already been conducted prior to receiving this PSF, SDOs/ROs may use their 2025 BEC Current Funds to cover eligible activities and/or expenses related to the Festival of Talents.

In case that the PSF are insufficient to cover the eligible expenses incurred during the DFOT and/or RFOT, **local funds** or **other eligible source/s of funds** may be utilized, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The PSF for the DFOT and RFOT shall be utilized not later than **December 31, 2026**, aligned with the general provisions of the FY 2025 GAA, Section 70. Cash Budgeting System, and subject to the usual budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

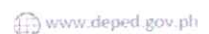
Enclosed are **Annex A** for the Summary of the Distribution of PSF per RO, **Annex B** for the Specific Details on the Distribution of PSF per RO, and **Annex C** for the Guidelines for the Host Region (DepEd Region I) on the Utilization of PSF for the Conduct of the 2025 NFOT.

To effectively monitor fund utilization, the ROs are requested to accomplish the Summary of Utilization of FY 2025 PSF after conducting DFOT/RFOT and participating in NFOT and other relevant activities through this link: <https://bit.ly/UtilizationFY2025PSF>.

For inquiries or concerns, kindly contact the BLD, through the Student Inclusion Division (SID), through **Ms. Marites Paiton-Romen** and/or **Mr. Denn Marc P. Alayon**, Supervising Education Program Specialists, through email at nfot.blidsid@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8637-4346.

For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.

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Program Support Funds (PSF) for the Transportation of Learner-Participants and Teacher-Coaches for the 2025 NFOT

Region	Unit Cost	No. of Learner-Participants and Teacher-Coaches	TOTAL
I	2,360.00	111	261,960.00
II	8,860.00	111	983,460.00
III	6,360.00	111	705,960.00
CALABARZON	8,860.00	111	983,460.00
MIMAROPA	13,860.00	111	1,538,460.00
V	8,860.00	111	983,460.00
VI	10,860.00	111	1,205,460.00
VII	13,860.00	111	1,538,460.00
VIII	13,360.00	111	1,482,960.00
IX	13,860.00	111	1,538,460.00
X	13,860.00	111	1,538,460.00
XI	13,860.00	111	1,538,460.00
XII	14,360.00	111	1,593,960.00
CARAGA	13,860.00	111	1,538,460.00
CAR	8,560.00	111	950,160.00
NCR	6,360.00	111	705,960.00
TOTAL		1,776	19,087,560.00

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Annex A: Summary on the Distribution of PSF to be Directly Released per Regional Office (RO)

Region	PSF for the Conduct of Division Festival of Talents (DFOT)	PSF for the Conduct of Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT)	PSF for the Transportation of Learner-Participants and Teacher-Coaches for the 2025 NFOT	PSF for the Travel Expenses for the Workshop on the Refinement of Implementing Guidelines for National Festival of Talents (NFOT)	TOTAL
I	700,000.00	200,000.00	261,960.00	137,500.00	1,299,460.00
II	450,000.00	200,000.00	983,460.00	137,500.00	1,770,960.00
III	1,050,000.00	200,000.00	705,960.00	137,500.00	2,093,460.00
CALABARZON	1,200,000.00	200,000.00	983,460.00	137,500.00	2,520,960.00
MIMAROPA	350,000.00	200,000.00	1,538,460.00	137,500.00	2,225,960.00
V	650,000.00	200,000.00	983,460.00	137,500.00	1,970,960.00
VI	1,050,000.00	200,000.00	1,205,460.00	82,500.00	2,537,960.00
VII	1,000,000.00	200,000.00	1,538,460.00	82,500.00	2,820,960.00
VIII	650,000.00	200,000.00	1,482,960.00	137,500.00	2,470,460.00
IX	400,000.00	200,000.00	1,538,460.00	82,500.00	2,220,960.00
X	700,000.00	200,000.00	1,538,460.00	82,500.00	2,520,960.00
XI	550,000.00	200,000.00	1,538,460.00	27,500.00	2,315,960.00
XII	400,000.00	200,000.00	1,593,960.00	44,000.00	2,237,960.00
CARAGA	600,000.00	200,000.00	1,538,460.00	71,500.00	2,409,960.00
CAR	400,000.00	200,000.00	950,160.00	137,500.00	1,687,660.00
NCR	800,000.00	200,000.00	705,960.00	137,500.00	1,843,460.00
TOTAL	10,950,000.00	3,200,000.00	19,087,560.00	1,710,500.00	34,948,060.00

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Annex B: Specific Details on the Distribution of PSF to be Directly Released per Regional Office (RO)

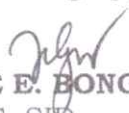
Program Support Funds (PSF) for the Conduct of Division Festival of Talents (DFOT)

Region	Unit Cost	No. of Divisions per Region	TOTAL
I	50,000.00	14	700,000.00
II	50,000.00	9	450,000.00
III	50,000.00	21	1,050,000.00
CALABARZON	50,000.00	24	1,200,000.00
MIMAROPA	50,000.00	7	350,000.00
V	50,000.00	13	650,000.00
VI	50,000.00	21	1,050,000.00
VII	50,000.00	20	1,000,000.00
VIII	50,000.00	13	650,000.00
IX	50,000.00	8	400,000.00
X	50,000.00	14	700,000.00
XI	50,000.00	11	550,000.00
XII	50,000.00	8	400,000.00
CARAGA	50,000.00	12	600,000.00
CAR	50,000.00	8	400,000.00
NCR	50,000.00	16	800,000.00
TOTAL		219	10,950,000.00

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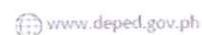
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Annex C: Guidelines for the Host Region (DepEd Region I) on the Utilization of Program Support Funds (PSF) for the Conduct of the 2025 NFOT

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) - Curriculum and Teaching (CT) Strand, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD), shall provide PSF to Region I as the Host Region of the 2025 National Festival of Talents (NFOT).
2. The provision of the PSF aims to support Region I in the successful conduct of the NFOT and fund eligible expenses to be incurred.
3. For the said purpose, the PSF amounting to **Sixteen Million Eight Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Three Hundred Forty Pesos (Php 16,894,340.00)**, to be provided to Region I, shall be utilized for the following eligible expenses:

Eligible Expenses for the NFOT	Unit Cost	No. of Pax	Days	Total
Board and Lodging of the NTWG, Guests, and Panel of Experts	2,000.00	130	5	Php 1,300,000.00
Meals for the Delegates	700.00	2,290	5	Php 8,015,000.00
Meals for the RTWG/DTWG	700.00	50	5	Php 175,000.00
TEVs for the Panel of Experts	4,800.00	55	-	Php 264,000.00
Honorarium for the Panel of Experts	17,000.00	55	-	Php 935,000.00
T-Shirts, Jackets, and Kits for the NTWG	2,000.00	75	-	Php 150,000.00
Kits & T-shirts for the Official Delegates	250.00	2,290	-	Php 572,500
Transportation Service (Jeep) for the Delegates	4,500.00	34	4	Php 612,000.00
Transportation Service (Van) for the NTWG	6,000.00	12	4	Php 288,000.00
Small Improvement of the Billeting Quarters	100,000.00	17	-	Php 1,700,000.00
Health and Safety	100,000.00	1	-	Php 100,000.00
Opening & Closing Program	100,000.00	1	-	Php 100,000.00
Medals, Trophies, Plaques, and Certificates	100,000.00	1	-	Php 100,000.00
Supplies and Materials for Different Events	157,000.00	1	-	Php 157,000.00
Supplies and Materials for Technolympics	875,840.00	1	-	Php 875,840.00
Supplies and Materials, Rentals, and other General Purposes	1,100,000.00	1	-	Php 1,100,000.00
Contingency	20,000.00	1	-	Php 20,000.00
TOTAL				Php 16,464,340.00

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4. The PSF shall be **flexible**. Excess funds for any of the aforecited eligible expenses may be used for other expenses not mentioned in these guidelines provided that such are used solely for the conduct of NFOT.
5. The utilization of the PSF for the NFOT shall be subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. In case that the PSF are insufficient to cover the said eligible expenses incurred during the NFOT, **local funds** or **other eligible source/s of funds** may be utilized, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. For information, guidance, and compliance.

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