



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD

**BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 15
SERIES OF 2025**

SUBJECT: GRANT OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DRUGS OF ABUSE RESEARCH LABORATORY (UP-DARL), ENTITLED: CHARACTERIZING THE USE OF TRADITIONAL RECREATIONAL AND NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES IN METRO MANILA, PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, Section 77 of R.A. 9165, otherwise known as "The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002", as amended, identifies the Board as the policy-making and strategy-formulating body in the planning and formulation of policies and programs on drug prevention and control;

WHEREAS, Paragraph (d) of Section 81 also of the same Law empowers the Board "to initiate, conduct and support scientific, clinical, social, psychological, physical and biological research on dangerous drugs and dangerous drugs prevention and control measures";

WHEREAS, the University of the Philippines Drugs of Abuse Research Laboratory (UP-DARL), an academic institution focusing on researching and analyzing drugs of abuse and emerging psychoactive substances in the Philippines, has come up with the above-identified Research Proposal, which it intends to implement with financial assistance from the Board;

WHEREAS, the main objective of this study is to implement testing for drugs of abuse and new psychoactive substances (NPS) in 440 urine samples; to characterize the demographic and clinical profiles of cohort subsets that consume NPS; and to describe trends in the use of traditional recreational drugs and new psychoactive substances over a one-year period;

WHEREAS, the study emphasizes people-centered service and partnerships through training on advancements in testing, information sharing, and benchmarking of methods for drug monitoring;

WHEREAS, its collaborative approach in forensic science also addresses challenges in testing NPS and unique samples, thereby strengthening the overall framework for public health, safety, and forensic research;

WHEREAS, the said research project proposal holds significant importance as it provides essential data that can inform and support policy development, particularly in understanding drug use trends, demographics, and clinical information.

WHEREAS, an amount of Php 4,670,120.00 is being requested from the Board to support the conduct of research on NPS, which shall be completed within twelve (12) months from the date of initial fund release;

WHEREAS, the Board, during its 206th Regular Meeting held on 29 October, having noted the importance and usefulness of the study in the areas of prevention and control of drug abuse in the country, had expressed favorable consideration for the grant of financial support for the purpose, as requested.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the requested funding support of Php 4,670,120.00 be provided for the said UP-DARL Research Project and is subject to the following conditions:

1. That the UP-DARL and DDB will collaborate to engage with laboratories in large hospitals for this joint research effort;
2. That a regular update report be provided the Board on developments with regard to the conduct of the said research project;
3. That a Final Research Report be provided to the Board one (1) month upon completion of the Research Project, to include an accounting of the funds provided by the Board for the purpose.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____ in the year of Our Lord, 2025, in Quezon City.


Secretary OSCAR F. VALENZUELA
Chairperson



Attested by:


Undersecretary EARL P. SAAVEDRA, CESO I
Board Secretary / Executive Director V