



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT  
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**CIRCULAR LETTER**

No. 2019-14  
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To : Local Chief Executives, Members of the Local Sanggunian, Members of Local Finance Committee, Other Local Government Officials, and All Others Concerned

Subject : **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AGAINST INDIVIDUALS/ORGANIZED GROUPS ALLEGEDLY FACILITATING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS**

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- 1.0 This is to reiterate the provisions of Circular No. 2019-10 dated July 15, 2019, warning all Local Government Units (LGUs) to refrain from entertaining or transacting with individuals/organized groups of dubious character.
  - 2.0 It is emphasized that the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) does not authorize any person or group of persons to solicit any amount from the LGUs in order to facilitate the release of funds.
  - 3.0 Requests for fund releases submitted to the DBM are acted upon consistent with established procedures and guidelines as prescribed under the pertinent General Appropriations Act and other applicable laws, rules and regulations. There is absolutely no need for any intervention, especially from private entities, to facilitate the release of funds to LGUs.
  - 4.0 Hence, to preclude these individuals/organized groups from making representations that they are able to influence or facilitate the release of funds, the DBM shall only directly deal with the **Local Chief Executive or his/her duly authorized representative who must be an organic personnel of the LGU concerned.**
    - 4.1 Further, in order to avoid disclosure of valuable information to unauthorized individuals, the DBM shall refrain from divulging the status or details of fund releases in case of phone or email inquiries. It is to be noted that once the funds are already released to the LGUs concerned, the details on fund releases are posted on the DBM website for public information.

- 5.0 All LGUs are advised to directly report to the DBM any incident of fixing/facilitation of fund releases so that appropriate action(s) may be undertaken against the subject individuals/organized groups.
- 6.0 The DBM Regional Offices shall disseminate a copy of this Circular Letter to all the LGUs under their respective functional jurisdictions.
- 7.0 For information/guidance.

  
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Secretary

