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CASH ADVANCE EQUIVALENT TO FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF APPROVED PROJECT COST FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DPWH PROJECTS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS)

In the interest of the service and in order to fast-track the implementation of DPWH infrastructure projects undertaken by Local Government Units (LGUs) which are covered under corresponding memoranda of agreement (MOAs) between the DPWH and the LGUs, the release of initial cash advance (as seed money) equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the obligational authority (i.e., the approved project cost) is hereby authorized subject to the guidelines prescribed under Department Order No. 137, series of 1999, and in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

In all cases, the concerned LGUs shall remain to be fully accountable for the project funds released to them by the DPWH. The LGU concerned shall take up the said cash advance as Trust Receipts deposited in a separate current account with any government servicing bank. Any savings that may be realized after project completion shall be remitted back to the DPWH.

Consequently, the usual provisions of the MOA between DPWH and the LGU concerned on project funding shall be amended accordingly.

This Order amends Department Order No. 137, series of 1999, particularly Section 3.4 thereof, and other previous issuances inconsistent herewith.

This Order takes effect immediately.

