

Summary of Major Government Funds for the Social Sector

[As at end October 2019]

	Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund [SIE Fund]	Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme [ESR]	Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project [3E Project]	Community Investment and Inclusion Fund [CIIF]	Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged [PFD] ¹	Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme [Revitalisation Scheme]	Innovation and Technology Fund for Better Living [FBL]
Responsible B/D	Efficiency Office	Home Affairs Department	Social Welfare Department	Labour and Welfare Bureau	Social Welfare Department	Development Bureau	Innovation and Technology Bureau
Main Objectives	To establish or support schemes and experiments with a view to attracting, inspiring or nurturing social entrepreneurship to develop innovations that aim at creating social impact and build social capital for supporting poverty relief in Hong Kong.	To promote sustainable poverty prevention and alleviation efforts at the district level that help enhance self-reliance and social integration of the socially disadvantaged groups, by providing seed grants for eligible organisations to set up social enterprises.	To enhance the employment of persons with disabilities through market-driven approach and direct creation of more work opportunities through the payment of grants as seed money and to support the creation of small enterprises/businesses to ensure persons with disabilities can enjoy genuine employment in a carefully planned and sympathetic working environment.	To strengthen social solidarity, enhance social cohesion and strengthen sense of belonging to the community, leading to a caring and harmonious society; To encourage and increase self-help and mutual-help capabilities to strengthen community support networks and increase an individual's capacity; and to promote positive values to facilitate communication and co-operation for building social capital.	To incentivise the welfare sector to expand their network in seeking and securing corporate participation; and to encourage the business sector to take up more corporate social responsibility for creating a cohesive, inclusive and caring society.	To preserve and transform historic buildings into unique cultural landmarks for good and innovative use with active public participation, and create job opportunities in particular at the district level.	To fund innovation and technology projects which will make people's daily living more convenient, comfortable and safer, or address the needs of specific community groups.
Eligibility²	1	2 3 ³	2 ⁴	2 3 4 5 6 7 ⁵	2 ⁶ 5 6	2	2 6 7
Nature of Fund	Grants and Matching Grants ⁷	Grants	Grants	Grants	Matching Grants	Grants	Grants
Funding Ceiling Per Application	Not Pre-determined	\$3 million	\$3 million	Not Pre-determined	\$3 million ⁸	\$5 million ⁹	\$5 million ¹⁰
Maximum Funding Period	No Pre-defined Period	3 years	3 years	3 years	No Pre-defined Period	No Pre-defined Period	3 years ¹¹
Profit Handling¹²	A	B	C	C	C	C	C
Stages in Business Or Project Cycle	Idea Generation, Prototype, Start-up and Scale-up	Start-up and Scale-up	Start-up	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Start-up	Not Applicable
Website	www.sie.gov.hk	www.esr.gov.hk	www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv/id_employment/id_enhance/e/	www.ciif.gov.hk	www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_supportser/sub_partnership/	www.heritage.gov.hk	fbl.itb.gov.hk

1: Including Dedicated Portion for Implementing After-school Learning and Support Programmes

2: 1 All legal entities (plus individuals for idea generation and prototype projects)

2 Organisations registered under the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) which are charitable institutions being tax-exempt under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance

3 Organisations registered under the laws of the HKSAR which are non-profit-making organisations or social enterprises

4 Private companies or societies

5 Public sector primary or secondary schools

6 Social Welfare Department subvented non-governmental organisations

7 Public bodies, professional bodies or trade associations

3: Established for at least one year

4: Either receiving subventions from Social Welfare Department, or actively engaged in welfare and charitable activities for at least two years before the submission of the application

5: Except individuals and government agencies

6: Only charitable institutions providing welfare services are eligible to apply

7: The current forms of financial support under the SIE Fund include grants and matching grants.

Other forms such as loan guarantee or equity investment may also be considered

8: The funding ceilings per application for regular portion and dedicated portion are \$2 million and \$3 million respectively

9: \$5 million is for starting costs and operating deficits of the first 2 years of the social enterprise.

Besides, grantee can enjoy nominal rental. Capital funding for major renovation works will be funded by the Government separately subject to approval

10: The funding ceiling per application is 90% of the total project cost or \$5 million, whichever is the less

11: 1st year project development stage and subsequent 2-year project running stage

12: A Allow distribution not more than 35% of annual distributable profit from the project

B Allow distribution not more than 20% of annual distributable profit from the project

with prior approval of the Government and upon fulfilment of certain conditions

C Should not be profit-making or 100% reinvestment of profit into the project

*The information contained herein may change without prior notice at any time. Please refer to the latest announcements or publications of respective government funds before any decision making.

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