

Summary of Major Government Funds for the Social Sector (As at end October 2019)

Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund (SIE Fund)

Responsible B/D: Efficiency Office

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

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

Nature of fund: Grants and matching grants (Note: 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.)

Funding ceiling per application: Not pre-determined

Maximum funding period: No pre-defined period

Profit handling: Allow distribution not more than 35% of annual distributable profit from the project

Stages in business or project cycle: Idea generation, prototype, start-up and scale-up

Website: www.sie.gov.hk

Enhancing Self-Reliance Through District Partnership Programme (ESR)

Responsible B/D: Home Affairs Department

Main objectives: 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

Eligibility: 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; and Organisations registered under the laws of the HKSAR which are non-profit-making organisations or social enterprises established for at least one year

Nature of fund: Grants

Funding ceiling per application: \$3 million

Maximum funding period: 3 years

Profit handling: 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

Stages in business or project cycle: Start-up and scale-up

Website: www.esr.gov.hk

Enhancing Employment of People with Disabilities through Small Enterprise Project (3E Project)

Responsible B/D: Social Welfare Department

Main objectives: 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

Eligibility: Organisations registered under the laws of the HKSAR which are charitable institutions being tax-exempt under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Note: 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.)

Nature of fund: Grants

Funding ceiling per application: \$3 million

Maximum funding period: 3 years

Profit handling: Should not be profit-making or 100% reinvestment of profit into the project

Stages in business or project cycle: Start-up

Website:

www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_rehab/sub_listofserv/id_employment/id_enhance/

Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF)

Responsible B/D: Labour and Welfare Bureau

Main objectives: 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.

Eligibility: Organisations registered under the laws of the HKSAR which are charitable institutions being tax-exempt under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance; Organisations registered under the laws of the HKSAR which are non-profit-making organisations or social enterprises; Private companies or societies; Public sector primary or secondary schools; Social Welfare Department subvented non-governmental organisations; and Public bodies, professional bodies or trade associations. (Note: Except individuals and government agencies)

Nature of fund: Grants

Funding ceiling per application: Not pre-determined

Maximum funding period: 3 years

Profit handling: Should not be profit-making or 100% reinvestment of profit into the project

Stages in business or project cycle: Not Applicable

Website: www.ciif.gov.hk

Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged (PFD) (Note: Including Dedicated Portion for Implementing After-school Learning and Support Programmes)

Responsible B/D: Social Welfare Department

Main objectives: 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

Eligibility: Organisations registered under the laws of the HKSAR which are charitable institutions being tax-exempt under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Note: Only charitable institutions providing welfare services are eligible to apply); Public sector primary or secondary schools; and Social Welfare Department subvented non-governmental organisations

Nature of fund: Matching grants

Funding ceiling per application: \$3 million (Note: The funding ceilings per application for regular portion and dedicated portion are \$2 million and \$3 million respectively)

Maximum funding period: No pre-defined period

Profit handling: Should not be profit-making or 100% reinvestment of profit into the project

Stages in business or project cycle: Not applicable

Website:

www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_supportser/sub_partnership/

Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme (Revitalisation Scheme)

Responsible B/D: Development Bureau

Main objectives: 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

Eligibility: Organisations registered under the laws of the HKSAR which are charitable institutions being tax-exempt under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance

Nature of fund: Grants

Funding ceiling per application: \$5 million (Note: \$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)

Maximum funding period: No pre-defined period

Profit handling: Should not be profit-making or 100% reinvestment of profit into the project.

Stages in business or project cycle: Start-up

Website: www.heritage.gov.hk

Innovation and Technology Fund for Better Living (FBL)

Responsible B/D: Innovation and Technology Bureau

Main objectives: 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

Eligibility: 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; Social Welfare Department subvented non-governmental organisations; and Public bodies, professional bodies or trade associations.

Nature of fund: Grants

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

Maximum funding period: 3 years (1st year project development stage and subsequent 2-year project running stage)

Profit handling: Should not be profit-making or 100% reinvestment of profit into the project.

Stages in business or project cycle: Not applicable

Website: fbl.itb.gov.hk

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