

ITEM FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE

**HEAD 138 – GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT :
DEVELOPMENT BUREAU
(PLANNING AND LANDS BRANCH)**

Subhead 700 General non-recurrent

Item 803 “Funding Scheme to Support the Use of Vacant Government Sites by Non-government Organisations”

Members are invited to approve an increase in approved commitment by \$0.5 billion, from \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion, under Head 138 Government Secretariat: Development Bureau (Planning and Lands Branch) Subhead 700 General non-recurrent Item 803 “Funding Scheme to Support the Use of Vacant Government Sites by Non-government Organisations” and the implementation of enhancements.

PROBLEM

The Government has set up a funding scheme to support the use of vacant government sites by non-government organisations (NGOs) (the Funding Scheme). By taking into account the funding expected to be approved under the Funding Scheme, the original approved commitment of \$1 billion is expected to be reached. We need to increase the approved commitment under the Funding Scheme to continue providing financial support to new projects in this financial year (2024-25) and implement enhancements to facilitate NGOs in utilising vacant government sites more effectively.

PROPOSAL

2. The Secretary for Development proposes an increase in the approved commitment of the non-recurrent item by \$0.5 billion, from \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion, under the Funding Scheme and the implementation of the following enhancements –

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- (a) increase the funding ceiling by \$10 million to \$70 million for applications that fulfil either of the conditions below –
 - (i) applications involving vacant government sites with area larger than 2 000 m²; or
 - (ii) applications involving vacant government sites that lack vehicular access;

If an application meets both of the conditions above, the funding ceiling will be increased by \$20 million to \$80 million; and

- (b) expand the scope of funding to cover the costs for preparation of technical assessments and submissions for short-term tenancy (STT) applications for use of vacant government sites, to be capped at \$2 million.

JUSTIFICATION

Progress of Implementation of the Funding Scheme

3. It is the Government's policy to make gainful use of our scarce land resources. Generally speaking, the Lands Department (LandsD) puts vacant government sites, which are pending determination or implementation of a long-term use, under its management for temporary use by government bureaux/departments (B/Ds). If there are no takers within the Government, individual vacant sites may be made available for specific uses (such as STT carparks) supported by relevant B/Ds through open tender. For sites (including vacant school premises) with no temporary use identified by the Government under the above process, LandsD will publish the site details on the "GeoInfo Map" website¹ to invite tenancy applications by NGOs for community, institutional, or other non-profit-making use² on a short-term basis.

4. With the approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) for the creation of a commitment of \$1 billion, the Development Bureau (DEVB) launched the Funding Scheme in February 2019 to support NGOs

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¹ "GeoInfo Map" website: <http://www.map.gov.hk/gm/map/search/faci/> VGS

² If an application is approved, LandsD will charge nominal (or concessionary) rent for cases with policy support by relevant B/D, whereas full market rent will be charged for other cases. Under LandsD's current practice, STTs let by direct grant are normally granted for a fixed term ranging from one to five years (in some cases with policy justifications, a longer term of up to seven years may be granted), which will thereafter be renewed monthly or quarterly depending on the circumstances.

to take forward worthy projects for the community on vacant government sites³. The Funding Scheme provides successful NGO-applicants with subsidies to support one-off, basic, and essential restoration works required to make the sites/school premises fit for use. Such works may include, for example, slope upgrading, site formation, erection of structures, provision of sewerage/drainage or other basic facilities, provision of pedestrian/vehicular access, renovation of dilapidated premises, installation of fire safety equipment or barrier-free facilities, etc. The costs for engaging consultancy services to carry out detailed design, tendering and submission of building plans for the proposed works⁴, etc. may also be covered. Nevertheless, the Funding Scheme does not cover the costs for interior fitting-out, procurement of furniture and equipment, etc., for the renovated sites or school premises, or any other expenses to be incurred in future operation.

5. The funding to be allocated to each approved project varies and is currently capped at \$60 million, with the exact amount to be determined with regard to factors such as the size and existing conditions of the site, construction requirements and the proposed use(s). Generally speaking, depending on the scale of an individual project, DEVB may process and approve funding applications for the project in stages. We will firstly consider approving the costs for detailed design and site investigation in Stage 1 for NGO-applicants to start the preliminary work. When the detailed design and cost estimate of the proposed construction works are more readily available, DEVB will then consider approving and granting the funding for Stage 2 (i.e. the funding for the construction costs).

6. Apart from financial support, DEVB's cross-professional team also provides technical support to NGOs, and coordinates various government departments to obtain the relevant approval(s) and complete local consultation(s) as soon as possible to enable early commencement of works. During project delivery, DEVB's cross-professional team, in addition to assisting NGOs in preparing tender documents for the construction contracts to engage consultants and contractors, will regularly have meetings with NGOs and their consultant project team to monitor the progress of the project. DEVB's cross-professional team will coordinate comments from government departments to expedite the approval process when NGOs submit the building plans or the associated proposals to the

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³ Apart from those under LandsD's management, a small number of vacant sites managed by the Government Property Agency or other departments are available for use by NGOs by way of STTs or other tenancy arrangements. The Funding Scheme is also applicable to these sites.

⁴ Consultancy services may cover —

- (a) detailed design of the proposed restoration works, and engagement of contractors to carry out preliminary work for site investigation and site surveys;
- (b) submission of building plans or associated proposals to satisfy the regulatory requirement;
- (c) tendering and management of works contracts; and
- (d) works supervision.

relevant departments (such as the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD), the Buildings Department (BD), the Drainage Services Department (DSD), the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the Fire Services Department (FSD)). The cross-professional team will also assist the contractors to obtain the relevant approval from government departments as soon as possible to meet the statutory requirements.

Types of Funded Projects

7. Since its implementation in 2019, the Funding Scheme has been generally welcomed by NGOs. There are 29 approved projects under the Funding Scheme, revitalising around 92 000 m² of vacant government sites (including vacant school premises) in total. Through newly-built or refurbished facilities, the Funding Scheme has supported a variety of socially beneficial services, including community centre for locals, activity centre for the ethnic minorities, kindergarten and school specialised for students with special educational needs, enhanced food rescue service for the benefit of more grassroots citizens, training venue for youth uniformed groups, guide dog training school and animal rehoming centre. Some projects aim at promoting arts and sports, such as theatre education, Chinese dance training, professional table tennis training and Hakka culture inheritance, etc. Others are themed with leisure and recreation, such as urban farming and playground for families, etc. NGOs receiving funding support are diversified, including traditional social welfare groups, local social services groups and professional bodies of relevant fields and services. In conclusion, we consider that the Funding Scheme has successfully promoted NGOs' creativity in utilising vacant government sites or school premises to support various worthy projects. Examples including the nature of services and number of beneficiaries (if applicable) are at

Encl. 1

Enclosure 1.

Proposed Increase in Commitment

8. As at the end of March 2024, DEVB has approved a total sum of \$647.1 million for the 29 projects. A list of these approved projects is at

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Enclosure 2. Among the 29 approved projects, 15 projects (including three transitional housing projects approved in the early stage⁵) have completed the restoration works and commenced operation; three projects have begun the

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⁵ In view of FC's approval on 6 March 2020 on creation of a non-recurrent commitment of \$5 billion to implement the "Funding Scheme to Support Transitional Housing Projects by Non-government Organisations" by the then Transport and Housing Bureau, except for the earlier transitional housing project at Victoria Road (project no. 4 at Enclosure 2), the Funding Scheme only provided Stage 1 funding to facilitate the detailed design and site investigation for two transitional housing projects (project nos. 14 and 15 at Enclosure 2), while their remaining construction works were funded by the "Funding Scheme to Support Transitional Housing Projects by Non-government Organisations".

construction works, which are expected to be completed progressively by 2025; and the remaining 11 projects are still at the detailed design and site investigation stage which are to be completed within this or next year before proceeding to application for construction costs under the Funding Scheme. Subject to the approval of the estimated construction costs for these 11 projects, the total sum of these approved projects is estimated to be \$987.8 million, which is fairly close to the original approved commitment of \$1 billion. We will not be able to provide financial support to new applications.

9. With a view to providing financial support to more projects with the Funding Scheme, we propose to increase the approved commitment of \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion, and implement the following enhancements based on past experience to support more projects that can better utilise vacant government sites (including vacant school premises on government sites) and also with worthy causes.

Proposed Enhancements

(a) Increasing the funding ceiling for projects with site area larger than 2 000 m² and/or without vehicular access

10. Based on the experience of approved projects, projects involving sites with large areas or without vehicular accesses require substantially higher construction costs. Among the projects with Stage 2 funding approved (i.e. the funding for the construction costs), the construction costs for four out of the five projects with site area larger than 2 000 m² are fairly close to or exceed the funding ceiling of \$60 million⁶. As a result, the relevant NGOs need to secure other funding sources to fill the financial gap. With a view to providing better support to NGOs in taking forward worthy causes on vacant government sites with larger areas⁷, we propose to increase the funding ceiling of \$60 million per approved project by an additional \$10 million to \$70 million for projects implemented on vacant government sites with area larger than 2 000 m².

11. For sites at good locations but without vehicular access, NGOs tend not to opt for these sites as more resources are required for transporting large machineries or construction materials and thus these sites cannot be put to gainful

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⁶ The four projects are listed as project nos. 5, 7, 16 and 18 at Enclosure 2. (Another project (no. 10) has a site area larger than 2 000 m² but does not involve construction or restoration of building structures, hence the construction cost is relatively lower.)

⁷ As of end-March 2024, among the vacant government sites currently available for application by NGOs or social enterprises, around 45 of them are with an area over 2 000 m². Nevertheless, most of them are in village areas and lack vehicular access. It is expected that an increase in funding ceiling will be able to attract more NGOs to apply for the use of these sites.

use. Direct vehicular access will improve the fire safety provisions of individual site and will also be conducive to future operations, which will facilitate NGOs' transportation of large machineries or construction materials in the course of the building works. In order to cope with the associated additional costs, we propose to increase the funding ceiling of \$60 million per approved project by an additional \$10 million to \$70 million for projects implemented on vacant government sites that lack vehicular access.

12. Further to paragraphs 10 and 11 above, if individual project meets both of the conditions above, its funding ceiling will be increased by \$20 million, from \$60 million to \$80 million.

13. Given the implementation of the existing projects, and subject to FC's approval, the above enhancements will be applicable to new applications received and Stage 2 funding applications of approved projects on or after the date of FC's approval. Increasing the funding ceiling provides us more room to support NGOs in taking forward worthy causes. We have to stress that not all projects meeting the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 10 and 11 above will be automatically approved with the maximum funding capped at the respective ceilings. Funding to be approved for individual project will depend on its content, justifications and cost reasonableness. The Assessment Committee under DEVB will perform its gatekeeping role when vetting and assessing the applications.

(b) Expanding the scope of funding to cover the costs for preparation of technical assessments and submissions for STT applications for the use of vacant government sites

14. Currently, NGOs have to secure in-principle approval of LandsD or relevant departments for STTs of vacant government sites in order for their funding applications to be considered. However, certain NGOs and professional bodies relayed to us that submissions of engineering design drawings, technical assessments, feasibility study reports, etc. are usually required when applying for STTs for the use of vacant government sites. Individual small-scale or less resourceful NGOs may not be able to afford the associated costs. In this regard, we propose to expand the scope of funding. Under the proposed arrangement, upon securing policy support from the bureau(x) relevant to the service to be provided, NGOs can cover the costs for the technical submissions⁸ required for the

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⁸ These include the costs for submission of engineering design drawings; technical assessments, conduct of site investigation and site surveys; submission of feasibility study reports; and engagement of consultancy services in response to the requirements of government departments during the application period.

Encl. 3

application of STT for the use of vacant government sites (including the associated planning applications), with such funding to be capped at \$2 million per application. A flowchart illustrating the essential steps to go through in the application procedures is at Enclosure 3. If the funding application is approved, such costs will be counted in the total amount of funding for the project under the Funding Scheme. It is believed that the above enhancement could encourage NGOs in implementing projects on vacant government sites, in particular those related to social welfare, arts, culture and sports.

15. Further to paragraph 14 above, subject to FC's approval, the enhancement will be applicable to new STT applications for use of vacant government sites received on or after the date of FC's approval. When assessing applications, the Assessment Committee will look into the experience and capability of applicants, as well as the social benefits and technical feasibilities of the proposals to ensure proper use of funding. DEVB's cross-professional team will suitably provide technical support.

ASSESSMENT MECHANISM

16. An inter-departmental Assessment Committee chaired by the Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands) is responsible for assessing applications under the Funding Scheme. The Assessment Committee comprises directorate officers of DEVB and relevant professional departments⁹. The Assessment Committee focuses on technical aspects of the proposed works to ensure that they are within the scope and financial ceiling of the Funding Scheme. The Assessment Committee will also look into the experience and capability of applicants, the social benefits and technical feasibilities of the proposals, and the proposed implementation timeframe. In particular, the Assessment Committee will see to it that the amount of funding granted to each approved project will be in line with the principles of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the use of resources, thereby achieving good value for money.

MONITORING AND CONTROL

17. Apart from the STT governing the letting of vacant government sites or vacant school premises, successful applicants will be required to sign separate funding agreements with the Government in respect of the approved funding at

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⁹ The Assessment Committee is chaired by the Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands), and comprises officers from ten professional departments, namely, Architectural Services Department, Buildings Department, Civil Engineering and Development Department, Drainage Services Department, Environmental Protection Department, Fire Services Department, Government Property Agency, LandsD, Planning Department and Transport Department.

different stages (including the funding applications mentioned in paragraph 14 above). Each approved grant will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis. NGOs are required to submit progress reports and financial statements according to the funding agreements as well as audited financial statements upon completion of the construction works. All projects approved upon the implementation of the proposed enhancements will follow the established mechanism, including the existing monitoring and control measures, under the Funding Scheme. To ensure proper use of funding, DEVB will continue submitting annual reports to the Panel on Development of LegCo on the approved applications under the Funding Scheme and brief on the implementation progress of projects.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

18. We propose to increase the approved commitment of the non-recurrent item by \$0.5 billion under the Funding Scheme, from \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion, to continue providing financial support to NGOs for use of vacant government sites and implementing the enhancements. The annual cash flow is essentially demand-driven and depends on the actual number of applications received and approved, as well as the amount of funding to be disbursed each year. For planning purpose, the estimated annual cash flow requirement is as follows –

Year	\$ million
Actual expenses as at March 2024	383.1
2024-2025	210.0
2025-2026	300.0
2026-2027	340.0
2027-2028	160.0
2028-2029	106.9
Total	1,500.0

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

19. We consulted the Panel on Development of LegCo on 28 November 2023. Members generally supported the submission of the proposal mentioned in paragraph 2 above for FC's approval. Members noted the challenges faced by NGOs in the preparation of technical submissions and implementation of projects and urged the Government to provide technical support and coordinate among departments through the Funding Scheme, in order to assist NGOs in utilising vacant government sites. In response to Members' concern on the effectiveness of the Funding Scheme, relevant information has been given in paragraph 7 above and Enclosure 1.

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EXPECTED BENEFITS

20. Through implementation of the proposal mentioned in paragraph 2 above, the proposed increased commitment of \$0.5 billion will continue the Funding Scheme to support more projects in using vacant government sites. Moreover, the proposed enhancements will strengthen the financial support for NGOs on projects with larger site areas or lack of vehicular access. DEVB will, in line with the established practice, provide technical support to NGOs at different stages. The actual number of sites to be utilised through continuation and enhancement of the Funding Scheme, the sectors to be served and the number of beneficiaries will depend on the applications to be received and approved.

BACKGROUND

21. On 28 February 2018, the Financial Secretary announced in the 2018-19 Budget that \$1 billion would be set aside to subsidise the costs of basic works of eligible projects for user organisations to make better use of vacant government sites and school premises. FC approved the creation of a commitment of \$1 billion on 25 January 2019 to implement a funding scheme¹⁰. DEVB launched the Funding Scheme in February 2019.

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¹⁰ Please refer to [FC Paper No. FCR\(2018-19\)72](#).

Funding Scheme to Support the Use of Vacant Government Sites by Non-government Organisations
Projects with Construction Works Completed (as at 31 March 2024)

	Site Location	Name of Organisation	Short-term Uses Applied For	Commencement of Operation in	Number of Events Organised/Services Provided	Number of Beneficiaries
<i>Projects with Construction works completed and operation commenced</i>						
1	Nam Sang Wai, Yuen Long (Ex-Small Traders New Village Public School)	Yuen Long Kam Kwong Church	Community service centre	February 2021	The centre is normally open Mondays to Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Around 500 people use the facilities monthly. Since the operation of the centre, over 780 events have been organised.	Over 70 000 visits
2	Shing Sai Road, Kennedy Town	Rough C	Community garden	June 2021	The garden is normally open Mondays to Sundays (except Wednesdays) from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Several thousand people use the facilities monthly. Since the operation of the garden, over 350 events have been organised.	Over 170 000 visits
3	Kam Tin, Yuen Long	House of Joy & Mercy	Animal rehoming centre	December 2021	The centre offers 56 kennels and has received over 50 stray dogs since its operation. 80% of the dogs are from the northeastern New Territories, among them, three dogs have been adopted. The occupancy rate of kennels reaches 90%.	Not applicable
4	Victoria Road, Mount Davis (Ex-Mount Davis Caritas Centre and Ex-Mount Davis Caritas Jockey Club Hostel)	Society for Community Organization	Transitional housing	January 2022	The venue has provided transitional housing units to 14 households (18 individuals) in need since its operation (the rental contracts are for two years, during which three households moved out and three new tenant households moved in).	18 persons Average occupancy rate over 90%
5	Ta Kwu Ling, North District (Ex-Sam Wo Public School)	Hong Kong Seeing Eye Dog Services	Guide dog training school	December 2022	25 guide dogs have been trained since the operation of the school. Over 1 000 training courses related to guide dogs have been conducted, benefitting 63 visually impaired individuals.	Over 84 000 visits

	Site Location	Name of Organisation	Short-term Uses Applied For	Commencement of Operation in	Number of Events Organised/Services Provided	Number of Beneficiaries
6	Tan Kwai Tsuen, Yuen Long (Ex-Ying Yin Catholic Primary School)	Muhammadia Ghosia Islamic Association	Community service centre	March 2023	The centre is normally open Mondays to Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Around 1 500 people use the facilities monthly. Since the operation of the centre, around ten events have been organised.	Over 18 000 visits
7	Quarry Bay Harbourfront	St. James' Settlement	Recreation and sitting-out area	June 2023	The public space is open 24 hours a day, while other areas are normally open Mondays to Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Around 3 000 visitors use the facilities monthly. Since the operation of the venue, over 65 sessions of activities and events have been organised.	Over 33 800 visits
8	San Tin, Yuen Long (Ex-Chuk Hing Public School)	Fruit Garden Social Enterprise	Community service centre	November 2023	The centre is normally open Mondays to Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Besides providing various types of services to users, around six special events have been organised since its operation.	Over 440 visits
9	Mai Po, Yuen Long (Ex-Koon Ying Public School)	Anfield Hearts Foundation	Non-profit-making school for children with special educational needs	January 2024	The school has two classes for children with special educational needs, with 20 students and 19 staff members. The school will add one more class of about ten students (subject to admission status) in the new school year (i.e. September 2024).	20 students
10	Ping Shan, Tin Shui Wai	Tin Shui Wai Community Development Network	Farming and fishery education centre	January 2024	The centre is normally open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays to Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Around 500 people use the facilities monthly. Since the operation of the centre, around 85 events have been organised.	Over 2 300 visits

	Site Location	Name of Organisation	Short-term Uses Applied For	Commencement of Operation in	Number of Events Organised/Services Provided	Number of Beneficiaries
11	Kam Tin, Yuen Long	HK Saving Cat and Dog Association	Animal rehoming centre	January 2024	The centre offers 150 kennels and has received over 80 stray dogs and cats since its operation. 80% of the dogs and cats are from the northeastern New Territories, among them, 27 have been adopted. The occupancy rate of catteries and kennels is around 60%.	Not applicable
12	Cox's Road, Yau Tsim Mong (Ex-Portuguese Community School)	Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	Theatre education centre	January 2024	The centre is normally open Tuesdays to Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Around 870 people use the facilities monthly. Since the operation of the centre, around 40 events have been organised.	Over 2 400 visits
13	Chuen Lung, Tsuen Wan (Ex-Koon Man School)	Hong Kong Photographic Culture Association	Photography resource centre	February 2024	The centre is normally open Thursdays to Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Besides opening to the public with exhibitions, around eight events have been organised since its operation.	Over 350 visits
14	Yip Shing Street, Kwai Chung	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service	Transitional housing	December 2022	The venue has provided transitional housing units to 120 households (144 individuals) in need since its operation (the rental contracts are for two years, during which 11 households moved out).	144 persons Average occupancy rate near 90%
15	Junction of Hoi Hing Road and Hoi Kok Street, Tsuen Wan	Yan Chai Hospital Board	Transitional housing	September 2023	The venue has provided transitional housing units to 216 households (527 individuals) in need since its operation (the rental contracts are for two years, during which nine households moved out and nine new tenant households moved in).	527 persons Average occupancy rate over 90%

Funding Scheme to Support the Use of Vacant Government Sites by Non-government Organisations
Applications with Funding Approved as at 31 March 2024

	Site Location	Name of Organisation	Short-term Uses Applied For	Site Area (m ²)	Ceiling of Funding Approved [#] (\$ million)	Funding Agreement Signed on
(A) Construction works completed						
1	Nam Sang Wai, Yuen Long (Ex-Small Traders New Village Public School)	Yuen Long Kam Kwong Church	Community service centre	About 900	Total: \$7.5	October 2019
2	Shing Sai Road, Kennedy Town	Rough C	Community garden	About 1 900	Stage 1: \$2.6 Stage 2: \$35.6 Total: \$38.2	Stage 1: June 2019 Stage 2: October 2019
3	Kam Tin, Yuen Long	House of Joy & Mercy	Animal rehoming centre	About 1 100	Total: \$13.9	October 2019; September 2020 (supplementary)
4	Victoria Road, Mount Davis (Ex-Mount Davis Caritas Centre & Ex-Mount Davis Caritas Jockey Club Hostel)	Society for Community Organization	Transitional housing	About 200	Total: \$7.4	October 2019
5	Ta Kwu Ling, North District (Ex-Sam Wo Public School)	Hong Kong Seeing Eye Dog Services	Guide dog training school	About 2 400	Stage 1: \$3.0 Stage 2: \$53.4 Total: \$56.4	Stage 1: October 2019 Stage 2: December 2020
6	Tan Kwai Tsuen, Yuen Long (Ex-Ying Yin Catholic Primary School)	Muhammadia Ghosia Islamic Association	Community service centre	About 1 800	Stage 1: \$2.8 Stage 2: \$20.8 Total: \$23.6	Stage 1: May 2020 Stage 2: September 2021

Notes:

The Development Bureau has discussed and clarified the basic and essential details of the proposed works and the cost estimates with the non-government organisation-applicants with reference to the estimated expenditure on restoration works provided in their application forms. Upon verification of relevant information, availability of detailed design and quantity surveying assessment, the Assessment Committee would consider and decide on the funding ceiling approved for individual projects. The actual funding to be disbursed by installments (on a reimbursement basis) would depend on the actual costs incurred.

	Site Location	Name of Organisation	Short-term Uses Applied For	Site Area (m ²)	Ceiling of Funding Approved# (\$ million)	Funding Agreement Signed on
7	Quarry Bay Harbourfront	St. James' Settlement	Recreation and sitting-out area	About 3 700	Stage 1: \$1.3 <u>Stage 2: \$58.7</u> Total: \$60.0	Stage 1: March 2021 Stage 2: September 2021
8	San Tin, Yuen Long (Ex-Chuk Hing Public School)	Fruit Garden Social Enterprise	Community service centre	About 1 600	Stage 1: \$2.1 <u>Stage 2: \$27.0</u> Total: \$29.1	Stage 1: November 2019 Stage 2: August 2022
9	Mai Po, Yuen Long (Ex-Koon Ying Public School)	Anfield Hearts Foundation	Non-profit-making school for children with special educational needs	About 1 100	Stage 1: \$3.3 <u>Stage 2: \$22.7</u> Total: \$26.0	Stage 1: November 2020 Stage 2: January 2023
10	Ping Shan, Tin Shui Wai	Tin Shui Wai Community Development Network	Farming and fishery education centre	About 20 000	Stage 1: \$2.0 <u>Stage 2: \$13.2</u> Total: \$15.2	Stage 1: October 2020 Stage 2: January 2023
11	Kam Tin, Yuen Long	HK Saving Cat and Dog Association	Animal rehoming centre	About 1 400	Stage 1: \$4.2 <u>Stage 2: \$39.3</u> Total: \$43.5	Stage 1: May 2020 Stage 2: August 2022
12	Cox's Road, Yau Tsim Mong (Ex-Portuguese Community School)	Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	Theatre education centre	About 1 700	Stage 1: \$8.3 <u>Stage 2: \$50.8</u> Total: \$59.1	Stage 1: June 2020 Stage 2: November 2021
13	Chuen Lung, Tsuen Wan (Ex-Koon Man School)	Hong Kong Photographic Culture Association	Photography resource centre	About 800	Stage 1: \$3.0 <u>Stage 2: \$12.0</u> Total: \$15.0	Stage 1: August 2020 Stage 2: April 2022

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	Site Location	Name of Organisation	Short-term Uses Applied For	Site Area (m ²)	Ceiling of Funding Approved [#] (\$ million)	Funding Agreement Signed on
(B) Transitional housing projects completed						
14	Yip Shing Street, Kwai Chung	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service	Transitional housing	About 1 400	Stage 1: \$2.9 ^{&}	November 2019
15	Junction of Hoi Hing Road and Hoi Kok Street, Tsuen Wan	Yan Chai Hospital Board	Transitional housing	About 3 300	Stage 1: \$3.3 ^{&}	April 2020
(C) Construction works in progress						
16	Chap Wai Kon Village, Sha Tin	Food Angel by Bo Charity Foundation	Non-profit-making food production centre	About 3 500	Stage 1: \$1.3 Stage 2: <u>\$58.7</u> Total: \$60.0	Stage 1: April 2022 Stage 2: March 2023
17	Junction of To Shek Street and Sha Tin Wai Road, Sha Tin	Hong Kong, China Table Tennis Association	Table tennis training centre	About 920	Stage 1: \$4.9 Stage 2: <u>\$52.0</u> Total: \$56.9	Stage 1: November 2021 Stage 2: October 2023
18	Wa Shun Street, Hung Hom Harbourfront	Playright Children's Play Association	Public recreation and open space	About 2 200	Stage 1: \$7.2 Stage 2: <u>\$52.8</u> Total: \$60.0	Stage 1: March 2023 Stage 2: March 2024

Notes:

& As a non-recurrent commitment of \$5 billion to implement the "Funding Scheme to Support Transitional Housing Projects by Non-government Organisations" by the then Transport and Housing Bureau has been approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on 6 March 2020, funding applications in relation to transitional housing projects thereafter, that is the remaining construction costs for item nos. 14 and 15, are processed and assessed under the said scheme.

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	Site Location	Name of Organisation	Short-term Uses Applied For	Site Area (m ²)	Ceiling of Funding Approved# (\$ million)	Funding Agreement Signed on
(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress						
19	Ting Kok Village, Tai Po (Ex-Ming Tak School)	Positive Life Association Ltd.	Non-profit-making kindergarten for children with special educational needs	About 3 100	Stage 1: \$6.9	March 2022
20	Sha Tau Kok, North District (Ex-King Sau School)	Lin Ma Hang Village Charity Fund	Hakka cultural centre	About 6 900	Stage 1: \$6.6	June 2021
21	Shek Mun, Shatin	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong	Community service centre	About 530	Stage 1: \$3.8	August 2021
22	Lung Cheung Road, Wong Tai Sin	Chinese Dance Art Association	Dance centre	About 1 600	Stage 1: \$6.9	July 2021
23	Junction of Nullah Road and Tung Choi Street, Kowloon	Concern for Grassroots' Livelihood Alliance	Community service centre	About 450	Stage 1: \$3.3	September 2021
24	San Ping Circuit, Tuen Mun (Ex-St. Simon's Primary School)	Paws United Charity	Animal rehoming centre	About 4 200	Stage 1: \$7.4	August 2022
25	Near Tai Tam Reservoir	Scout Association of Hong Kong	Sea activity centre	About 760	Stage 1: \$3.7	January 2023
26	Leung Choi Lane, Tuen Mun	Hong Kong Institute of Utility Specialists	Non-profit-making utility training centre	About 630	Stage 1: \$4.0	August 2023

	Site Location	Name of Applicant	Short-term Uses Applied For	Site Area (m ²)	Ceiling of Funding Approved# (\$ million)	Funding Agreement Signed on
27	Shiu Fai Terrace, Wan Chai (Ex-Pun U Association Wah Yan Primary School)	Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps	Youth training centre	About 1 600	Stage 1: \$5.0	October 2023
28	Ta Kwu Ling, North District (Ex-Ping Yeung Public School)	Hung Hei Lun Charity Organization	Youth centre	About 11 100	Stage 1: \$9.5	February 2024
29	Shek Pik, Lantau Island (Ex-Tung Wan Mok Law Shui Wah School)	Christian New Life Association	Drug treatment and rehabilitation centre	About 11 000	Stage 1: \$12.0	February 2024

**Funding Scheme to Support the Use of Vacant Government Sites
Application Procedures**

