

For discussion  
27 June 2023

## **Legislative Council Panel on Development**

### **Progress Report on Implementation of Funding Scheme to Support the Use of Vacant Government Sites by Non-government Organisations**

#### **PURPOSE**

This paper briefs Members on progress of implementation of the funding scheme to support the use of vacant government sites by non-government organisations (“NGOs”) in the Financial Year 2022-23.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. The Finance Committee approved the creation of a non-recurrent commitment of \$1 billion on 25 January 2019 for Development Bureau (“DEVB”) to implement this funding scheme<sup>1</sup> to subsidise NGOs to take forward worthy projects for the community on vacant government sites. Since the launch in February 2019, the scheme is being implemented along the following key directions –

- (a) an inclusive approach capitalising on “community wisdom” is adopted. The funding is open to all applications in relation to which

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<sup>1</sup> Details of the funding scheme (including application guidelines and procedures) are available on DEVB’s website ([https://www.devb.gov.hk/en/issues\\_in\\_focus/Funding\\_Scheme\\_to\\_Support\\_the\\_Use\\_of\\_Vacant\\_Government\\_Sites\\_by\\_Non\\_government\\_Organisations/index.html](https://www.devb.gov.hk/en/issues_in_focus/Funding_Scheme_to_Support_the_Use_of_Vacant_Government_Sites_by_Non_government_Organisations/index.html)).

in-principle approval of short-term tenancy (“STT”)<sup>2</sup> has been obtained under the existing Government mechanism for use of the available vacant government sites for community, institutional or other non-profit making purposes. In other words, the funding is not limited to any specific uses as pre-determined by Government;

- (b) the mechanism for submitting and approving funding applications is kept simple to facilitate the kick-starting of worthy projects as early as possible, with appropriate monitoring to ensure effective use of funds; and
- (c) apart from providing funding support, we encourage the contribution of expertise and experience by professionals in the development sector and NGO-applicants in taking forward their projects.

### Eligibility

3. After an NGO has received in-principle approval from a relevant authority for renting a vacant government site (including vacant school premises on government land) under the existing mechanism<sup>3</sup>, it may make an application for funding support under the scheme when it meets any of the following criteria

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<sup>2</sup> Generally speaking, pending determination or implementation of a long-term use, Lands Department (“LandsD”) puts vacant sites under its management to temporary uses by Government bureaux/departments (“B/Ds”). If there is no taker within Government, individual vacant sites may be made available for specific uses supported by relevant B/Ds through open tender (such as STT carparks). For sites with no temporary use identified by Government following the above process, LandsD will publish the relevant information onto its “GeoInfo Map” website (<https://www.map.gov.hk/gm/map/search/faci/VGS>) to invite tenancy applications by NGOs for community, institutional, or other non-profit-making uses on a short-term basis. If an application is approved, nominal (or concessionary) rent will be charged with policy support by a relevant bureau; in other cases full market rent will be charged. Under LandsD’s current practice, STTs let by direct grant are normally granted for a fixed term of a duration ranging from one to five years (in some cases with policy justifications a longer term of up to seven years may be granted), thereafter to be renewed monthly or quarterly depending on circumstances.

<sup>3</sup> At present, in relation to unleased and unallocated government sites under LandsD’s management that may be suitable for temporary uses by way of STTs, District Lands Offices of LandsD would, upon receipt of an application from an NGO, consult relevant B/Ds on the proposal. A prerequisite for the approval of a valid application is that policy support has been given by a relevant bureau whose portfolio oversees the provision of services related to the relevant community, institutional or other non-profit-making use being applied for.

- (a) it is a charitable institution or trust of a public character exempted from tax under the Inland Revenue Ordinance, or a company incorporated under the Companies Ordinance as a limited company by guarantee whose objects and powers do not include distribution of profits to members, or a non-profit-making society registered or body established under any legislation in Hong Kong; or
- (b) it takes the form of a social enterprise.

### Scope of Financial and Technical Support

4. The funding scheme provides successful NGO-applicants with subsidies to support one-off, basic, and essential restoration works required to make the sites/premises fit for use. Such works may include, for example, slope upgrading, site formation, erection of temporary structures, provision of sewerage/drainage or other basic facilities, provision of pedestrian/vehicular access, renovation of existing premises, installation of fire safety equipment or barrier-free facilities, etc. The costs in relation to consultancy services commissioned to determine the technical feasibility or parameters of the proposed works<sup>4</sup> may also be covered.

5. Nevertheless, the funding scheme does not cover the cost for interior fitting-out, furniture and equipment procured for the NGOs, or other operating or recurrent expenses to be incurred in the operation on the vacant sites.

6. The funding to be allocated to each approved project varies and is capped at \$60 million, with exact amount to be determined with regard to factors such as the size and existing conditions of the site, construction requirements, and the uses proposed. Generally speaking, depending on the scale of an individual project, DEVB may process and approve funding applications for the project in stages. We would consider approving the cost for detailed design and site investigation in the first stage, so that NGO-applicants can start preliminary work first. When the detailed design is completed and a more accurate cost estimate of the proposed construction works available, we would then consider approving and granting funding for the second project stage.

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<sup>4</sup> The consultancy services may cover —

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

7. The construction or restoration works on the vacant sites or school premises are executed by consultants, professionals, and contractors engaged by the relevant NGOs, upon approval of the funding applications. Considering that some NGO-applicants may not be well versed or experienced in project planning and works management, DEVB and government professional departments may provide technical advice to applicants and their hired professionals, and work with them to address site-specific challenges together, with a view to enabling smooth completion of projects.

### Assessment Mechanism

8. An inter-departmental Assessment Committee chaired by Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands) is responsible for assessing applications. The Assessment Committee comprises directorate officers of DEVB and relevant professional departments<sup>5</sup>. In general, the Assessment Committee takes around four months on average to complete an assessment of an application (which may be an application for the first stage of the project), counting from the time when the NGO-applicant submits sufficient information until the Secretariat completes verification thereof.

9. The Assessment Committee focuses on the technical aspects of the proposed works to ensure that they would be within the scope and financial ceiling mentioned above. In particular, the Assessment Committee would see to it that the amount of funding granted to each approved project should be in line with the principles of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the use of resources thereby achieving good value for money. The Assessment Committee would also look into the experience and capability of applicants, and the timeframe proposed by them in implementing the projects.

## **PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION**

10. Counting all projects approved during the last four Financial Years, as at 31 March 2023, a total sum of about \$512 million (accounting for around half of the \$1 billion fund) were approved for NGOs to take forward a variety of worthy projects on 25 vacant government sites. A list of these approved projects is at **Annex A**. Details of each item are set out at **Annex B**.

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<sup>5</sup> The Assessment Committee is chaired by 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.

11. Among the 25 approved applications, seven (including one transitional housing project<sup>6</sup>) have completed the restoration works for commencement of operation from 2021 to 2023; two transitional housing projects, with the first-stage funding approved under this Scheme, have completed detailed design and site investigation and their construction costs are subsidised under “Funding Scheme to Support Transitional Housing Projects by Non-government Organisations”; the other seven projects have begun constructions works and are expected to be completed within this year or in 2024; detailed design and site investigation for the rest of nine projects are to be completed within this or next year, before proceeding to the construction stage. DEVB would continue to work closely with these NGOs to overcome challenges and accelerate progress, especially those with works affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, such that the approved projects will be carried out smoothly as planned.

12. Specifically for the Financial Year 2022-23, DEVB received six fresh applications, of which three have been granted first-stage funding while the remaining three are being processed; five projects (for which the first-stage funding were approved in the previous Financial Years<sup>7</sup>) were granted second-stage funding to commence construction works.

## **MONITORING AND CONTROL**

13. Apart from executing the relevant STT, successful applicants are required to sign a funding agreement with DEVB. Each approved grant is disbursed by installments, normally on a reimbursement basis, subject to the fulfillment of project milestones in the funding agreement and the verification of certified invoices or bills. If an NGO has cashflow difficulty in using its own resources to settle bills before seeking reimbursement, DEVB would, in accordance with actual circumstances of individual cases, consider granting an advance payment on a limited basis for the NGO to settle any outstanding bill as soon as possible and proceed with the project.

14. Successful applicants must keep a proper set of books and records for their projects receiving funding support under the scheme. They are required to submit regular progress and financial reports against the milestones agreed in the funding agreements before project completion. They are also required to submit

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<sup>6</sup> As the 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 (“THB”) was approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council (LegCo’s FC) on 7 March 2020, funding applications in relation to transitional housing projects thereafter are processed and assessed under the said scheme.

<sup>7</sup> 1 project in 2019-20, 3 projects in 2020-21 and 1 project in 2021-22.

audited statements certified by independent auditors upon project completion. DEVB may suspend disbursement of funding or terminate a project in case of unsatisfactory project progress or contravention of the scheme guidelines.

## **FEEDBACK FROM STAKEHOLDERS**

15. The funding scheme represents the Government's efforts in promoting the gainful use of vacant government land in support of a variety of socially-beneficial initiatives (e.g. workshops promoting arts and culture, centres for youth development, social welfare and elderly facilities, support centres for ethnic minorities, support centres for animals, and community farms). Since its implementation in 2019, the funding scheme has been generally welcomed by NGOs, and there was increasing positive feedback from the community as more previously vacant government sites were opened up for public enjoyment after revitalization through the funding scheme. Enquiries and potential applications have been received steadily. Besides projects which have been approved and those being processed, around ten NGOs have also approached us and expressed interest in obtaining our funding to deliver their socially-beneficial initiatives in their STT projects.

## **WAY FORWARD**

16. DEVB will continue to increase the public's awareness of the funding scheme through publicity and promotional initiatives, and reach out to interested organisations to introduce the scheme and solicit potential applications. In the light of experience accumulated, we would review the scheme for any room for enhancements such that the scheme could provide better support to NGOs and enable revitalisation of more vacant government sites.

## **ADVICE SOUGHT**

17. Members are invited to note this paper.

**Development Bureau**  
**June 2023**

**Funding Scheme to Support the Use of Vacant Government Sites by Non-government Organisations  
Applications with Funding Approved as at 31 March 2023**

	Site Location	Name of Applicant	Short-term Uses Applied For	Ceiling of Funding Approved# (\$ million)	Time of Signing Funding Agreement
<i>(A) Construction works completed</i>					
1	Nam Sang Wai, Yuen Long (Ex-Small Trader New Village Public School)	Yuen Long Kam Kwong Church	Community service centre	Total: \$7.5	October 2019
2	Shing Sai Road, Kennedy Town	Rough C	Community garden	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 boarding establishment	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	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	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	Stage 1: \$2.8 Stage 2: \$20.8 Total: \$23.6	Stage 1: May 2020 Stage 2: September 2021
7	Quarry Bay Harbourfront	St. James' Settlement	Open recreation and sitting out area	Stage 1: \$1.3 Stage 2: \$58.7 Total: \$60.0	Stage 1: March 2021 Stage 2: September 2021


**Notes:**

# DEVB has discussed and clarified essential details of the proposed works and the cost estimates with NGO-applicants with reference to the information provided in their application forms. Upon verification, availability of the 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 Applicant	Short-term Uses Applied For	Ceiling of Funding Approved# (\$ million)	Time of Signing Funding Agreement
<b>(B) Transitional housing projects with detailed design and site investigation completed</b>					
<b>8</b>	Yip Shing Street, Kwai Chung	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service	Transitional housing	Preliminary work: \$2.9 &	November 2019
<b>9</b>	Junction at Hoi Hing Road/ Hoi Kok Street, Tsuen Wan	Yan Chai Hospital Board	Transitional housing	Preliminary work: \$3.3 &	April 2020
<b>(C) Construction works in progress</b>					
<b>10</b>	Cox's Road, Yau Tsim Mong (Ex-Portuguese Community School)	Hong Kong Repertory Theatre	Theatre education centre	Stage 1: \$8.3 Stage 2: <u>\$50.8</u> Total: \$59.1	Stage 1: June 2020 Stage 2: November 2021
<b>11</b>	Chuen Lung, Tsuen Wan (Ex-Koon Man School)	Hong Kong Photographic Culture Association	Photography resource centre	Stage 1: \$3.0 Stage 2: <u>\$12.0</u> Total: \$15.0	Stage 1: August 2020 Stage 2: April 2022
<b>12</b>	San Tin, Yuen Long (Ex-Chuk Hing Public School)	Fruit Garden Social Enterprise	Community service centre	Stage 1: \$2.1 Stage 2: <u>\$27.0</u> Total: \$29.1	Stage 1: November 2019 Stage 2: August 2022
<b>13</b>	Kam Tin, Yuen Long	HK Saving Cat and Dog Association	Animal boarding establishment	Stage 1: \$4.2 Stage 2: <u>\$39.3</u> Total: \$43.5	Stage 1: May 2020 Stage 2: August 2022

**Notes:**


& As the non-recurrent commitment of \$5 billion to implement the "Funding Scheme to Support Transitional Housing Projects by Non-government Organisations" by the then THB has been approved by LegCo's FC on 7 March 2020, funding applications in relation to transitional housing projects thereafter, that is the remaining construction cost for item no. 8 and 9, are processed and assessed under the said scheme.

 Applications with Stage 2 funding approved in 2022-23




	Site Location	Name of Applicant	Short-term Uses Applied For	Ceiling of Funding Approved# (\$ million)	Time of Signing Funding Agreement
14	Ping Shan, Tin Shui Wai	Tin Shui Wai Community Development Network	Farming and fishery education centre	Stage 1: \$2.0 Stage 2: \$13.2 Total: \$15.2	Stage 1: October 2020 Stage 2: January 2023
15	Mai Po, Yuen Long (Ex-Koon Ying Public School)	Anfield Hearts Foundation	Non-profit-making school for children with special needs	Stage 1: \$3.3 Stage 2: \$22.7 Total: \$26.0	Stage 1: November 2020 Stage 2: January 2023
16	Chap Wai Kon Village, Sha Tin	Food Angel by Bo Charity Foundation	Non-profit-making food production centre	Stage 1: \$1.3 Stage 2: \$58.7 Total: \$60.0	Stage 1: April 2022 Stage 2: March 2023
<b>(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress</b>					
17	Ting Kok Village, Tai Po (Ex-Ming Tak School)	Positive Life Association	Non-profit-making kindergarten for children with special needs	Stage 1: \$6.9	March 2022
18	Sha Tau Kok, North District (Ex-King Sau School)	Lin Ma Hang Village Charity Fund	Hakka cultural centre	Stage 1: \$6.6	June 2021
19	Shek Mun, Shatin	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong	Community service centre	Stage 1: \$3.8	August 2021
20	Lung Cheung Road, Wong Tai Sin	Chinese Dance Art Association	Dance centre	Stage 1: \$6.9	July 2021
21	Junction of Nullah Road/ Tung Choi Street, Kowloon	Concern for Grassroots' Livelihood Alliance	Community service centre	Stage 1: \$3.3	September 2021

**Notes:**

 Applications with Stage 2 funding approved in 2022-23

	<b>Site Location</b>	<b>Name of Applicant</b>	<b>Short-term Uses Applied For</b>	<b>Ceiling of Funding Approved# (\$ million)</b>	<b>Time of Signing Funding Agreement</b>
<b>22</b>	Junction of To Shek Street/ Sha Tin Wai Road, Sha Tin	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	Table tennis training centre	Stage 1: \$4.9	November 2021
<b>23</b>	San Ping Circuit, Tuen Mun (Ex- St. Simon's Primary School)	Paws United Charity	Animal boarding establishment	Stage 1: \$7.4	August 2022
<b>24</b>	Near Tai Tam Reservoir, Hong Kong	Scout Association of Hong Kong	Sea activity centre	Stage 1: \$3.7	January 2023
<b>25</b>	Wa Shun Street, Hung Hom Harbourfront	Playright Children's Play Association	Recreation and public open space	Stage 1: \$7.2	March 2023

**Notes:**

 Applications with Stage 1 funding approved in 2022-23

## Details of Applications Approved

### (A) Construction works completed

Item No.: 1

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Yuen Long Kam Kwong Church
Site Location:	Nam Sang Wai, Yuen Long (Ex-Small Trader New Village Public School)
Current Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) Zoning:	“Undetermined”
STT Term:	3 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 900 square metres (m <sup>2</sup> )
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Community service centre</u> The NGO revitalised the previous vacant school premises into a community service centre with function rooms and indoor space to provide a wide range of social services for local residents.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	\$7.5 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	October 2019
Scope of Funding:	The funding approved covered the detailed design, site investigation, and repair works.
Completion Time:	Works were completed in Q3/2020. The community service centre commenced operation in February 2021.

**(A) Construction works completed**

Item No.: 2

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Rough C
Site Location:	Shing Sai Road, Kennedy Town
Current OZP Zoning:	“Other Specified Uses” annotated “Cargo Handling Area”
STT Term:	3 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 1,900 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Community garden</u> A community garden is built to bring diversity and vibrancy to the Belcher Bay Promenade, and its animal-friendly outdoor area (about 1500 m <sup>2</sup> ) is open all day for use by members of the public. In addition, the greenhouse would help promote community farming.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$2.6 million <u>Stage 2: \$35.6 million</u> Total: \$38.2 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: June 2019 Stage 2: October 2019
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging consultants to prepare a detailed design and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved for constructing a community garden comprising a greenhouse, farming facilities, open areas, rain shelters and other ancillary facilities.
Completion Time:	Works were completed in Q2/2021. The community garden commenced operation in June 2021.

**(A) Construction works completed**

Item No.: 3

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	House of Joy & Mercy
Site Location:	Kam Tin, Yuen Long
Current OZP Zoning:	“Agriculture”
STT Term:	From the date of possession up to 3 August 2021 and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 1,100 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Animal boarding establishment</u> The NGO constructed a one-storey structure, enclosed with soundproofing and heat insulation materials, to provide stray animals with a temporary place to live.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	\$13.9 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	October 2019 September 2020 (supplementary)
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and construction works</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the animal boarding establishment and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation, surveys and construction works.
Completion Time:	Works were completed in Q4/2021. The animal boarding establishment commenced operation in January 2022.

**(A) Construction works completed**

Item No.: 4

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Society for Community Organization
Site Location:	Victoria Road, Mount Davis (Ex-Mount Davis Caritas Centre & Ex-Mount Davis Caritas Jockey Club Hostel)
Current OZP Zoning:	“Government, Institution or Community”
STT Term:	5 years certain
Site Area:	About 200 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Transitional housing</u> The NGO retrofitted the existing structure into a three-storey transitional housing with 11 one-person units.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	\$7.4 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	October 2019
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design, site investigation and construction works</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and engaging contractors to carry out site investigation, surveys, and construction works.
Completion Time:	Works were completed in Q4/2021. Tenant intake commenced in January 2022.

**(A) Construction works completed**

Item No.: 5

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Hong Kong Seeing Eye Dog Services
Site Location:	Ta Kwu Ling, North District (Ex-Sam Wo Public School)
Current OZP Zoning:	“Government, Institution or Community”
STT Term:	5 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 2,400 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Guide dog training school</u> The NGO restored the previous vacant school premises and open area for a guide dog training school and some ancillary facilities to serve people with visual disability.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$3.0 million <u>Stage 2: \$53.4 million</u> Total: \$56.4 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: October 2019 Stage 2: December 2020
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved for the construction works in accordance with the detailed design.
Completion Time:	Works were completed in Q3/2022. The guide dog training school commenced operation in December 2022.

**(A) Construction works completed**

Item No.: 6

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Muhammadia Ghosia Islamic Association
Site Location:	Tan Kwai Tsuen, Yuen Long (Ex-Ying Yin Catholic Primary School)
Current OZP Zoning:	“Government, Institution or Community”
STT Term:	3 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 1,800 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Community service centre</u> The NGO restored the previous vacant school premises into a community service centre, particularly for members of ethnic minorities.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$2.8 million <u>Stage 2: \$20.8 million</u> Total: \$23.6 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: May 2020 Stage 2: September 2021
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved for renovation, demolition, installation and construction works.
Completion Time:	Works were completed in Q4/2022. The community service centre commenced operation in March 2023.



**(A) Construction works completed**

Item No.: 7

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	St. James' Settlement
Site Location:	Quarry Bay Harbourfront
Current OZP Zoning:	"Open Space"
STT Term:	From the date of possession up to 30 June 2024 and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 3,700 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Open recreation and sitting out area</u> The NGO is turning the vacant harbourfront site into open lawn space with ancillary facilities for local residents.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$1.3 million <u>Stage 2: \$58.7 million</u> Total: \$60.0 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: March 2021 Stage 2: September 2021
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Detailed design (landscape and lighting) and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design in respect of the landscape and lighting for the site, and for engaging a contractor to carry out site investigation. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved for the construction works in accordance with the detailed design.
Completion Time:	Works were completed in May 2023. The open recreation and sitting out area commenced operation in June 2023.

**(B) Transitional housing projects with detailed design and site investigation completed**

Item No.: 8

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Site Location:	Yip Shing Street, Kwai Chung
Current OZP Zoning:	“Road and Industrial”
STT Term:	4 years and 9 months certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 1,400 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Transitional housing</u> The NGO constructed around 116 modular housing units, each accommodating one to two residents.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Preliminary work: \$2.9 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	November 2019
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Completion Time:	Detailed design and site investigation was completed in Q2/2021 <sup>&amp;</sup> . The construction works were completed in Q4/2022.

<sup>&</sup> This application is a transitional housing project on vacant government land received in August 2019. A funding capped at \$2.9 million was granted to the NGO-applicant for commencement of the preliminary work. As the non-recurrent commitment of \$5 billion to implement the “Funding Scheme to Support Transitional Housing Projects by Non-government Organisations” by the then THB has been approved by LegCo’s FC on 7 March 2020, funding applications in relation to transitional housing projects thereafter, including the remaining construction cost for this project, are processed and assessed under the said scheme.

**(B) Transitional housing projects with detailed design and site investigation completed**

Item No.: 9

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Yan Chai Hospital Board
Site Location:	Junction at Hoi Hing Road/ Hoi Kok Street, Tsuen Wan
Current OZP Zoning:	“Open Space”
Proposed STT Term:	From the date of possession up to 1 July 2025 and thereafter monthly
Site Area:	About 3,300 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Transitional housing</u> The NGO is constructing around 212 transitional housing units, each accommodating one to four residents.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Preliminary work: \$3.3 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	April 2020
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Progress:	Construction works commenced in Q3/2022. (Funded by “Funding Scheme to Support Transitional Housing Projects by Non-government Organisations”)
Expected Completion Time:	Detailed design and site investigation was completed in Q2/2022 <sup>&amp;</sup> . The construction works are expected to be completed in Q3/2023.

<sup>&</sup> This application is a transitional housing project on vacant government land received in May 2019. A funding capped at \$3.3 million was granted to the NGO-applicant for commencement of the preliminary work. As the non-recurrent commitment of \$5 billion to implement the “Funding Scheme to Support Transitional Housing Projects by Non-government Organisations” by the then THB has been approved by LegCo’s FC on 7 March 2020, funding applications in relation to transitional housing projects thereafter, including the remaining construction cost for this project, are processed and assessed under the said scheme.

**(C) Construction works in progress**

Item No.: 10

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Hong Kong Repertory Theatre
Site Location:	Cox's Road, Yau Tsim Mong (Ex-Portuguese Community School)
Current OZP Zoning:	"Government, Institution or Community"
STT Term:	6 years and 9 months certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 1,700 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Theatre education centre</u> The NGO is restoring the previous three-storey school premises, which is a Grade 2 historic building, for a theatre education centre.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$8.3 million <u>Stage 2: \$50.8 million</u> Total: \$59.1 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: June 2020 Stage 2: November 2021
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging consultants for preparing a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation, surveys, and heritage impact assessment. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved for renovation, installation and construction works.
Progress:	Construction works commenced in Q1/2022.
Expected Completion Time:	Q3/2023

### (C) Construction works in progress

Item No.: 11

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Hong Kong Photographic Culture Association
Site Location:	Chuen Lung, Tsuen Wan (Ex-Koon Man School)
Current OZP Zoning:	“Government, Institution or Community”
STT Term:	4 years and 9 months certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 800 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Photography resource centre</u> The NGO is retrofitting the previous one-storey school premises into a photography resource centre for promoting photography and visual arts.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$3.0 million <u>Stage 2: \$12.0 million</u> Total: \$15.0 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: August 2020 Stage 2: April 2022
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved for renovation, installation and construction works.
Progress:	Construction works commenced in Q2/2022.
Expected Completion Time:	Q3/2023

**(C) Construction works in progress**

Item No.: 12

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Fruit Garden Social Enterprise
Site Location:	San Tin, Yuen Long (Ex-Chuk Hing Public School)
Current OZP Zoning:	“Village Type Development”
STT Term:	From the date of possession up to 2 August 2022 and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 1,600 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Community service centre</u> The NGO is planning to restore the previous vacant school premises into a community service centre, with facilities catered for farming and animal training.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$2.1 million <u>Stage 2: \$27.0 million</u> Total: \$29.1 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: November 2019 Stage 2: August 2022
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved for renovation, installation and construction works.
Progress:	Construction works commenced in Q3/2022.
Expected Completion Time:	Q3/2023

**(C) Construction works in progress**

Item No.: 13

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	HK Saving Cat and Dog Association
Site Location:	Kam Tin, Yuen Long
Current OZP Zoning:	“Agriculture”
STT Term:	From the date of possession up to 3 August 2023 and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 1,400 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Animal boarding establishment</u> The NGO is planning to construct one-storey structures, enclosed with soundproofing and heat insulation materials, to provide stray animals with a temporary place to live.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$4.2 million <u>Stage 2: \$39.3 million</u> Total: \$43.5 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: May 2020 Stage 2: August 2022
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved for the construction works in accordance with the detailed design.
Progress:	Construction works commenced in Q3/2022.
Expected Completion Time:	Q3/2023

### (C) Construction works in progress

Item No.: 14

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Tin Shui Wai Community Development Network
Site Location:	Ping Shan, Tin Shui Wai
Current OZP Zoning:	“Open Space”
STT Term:	3 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 20,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Farming and fishery education centre</u> The NGO is planning to turn the vacant site into a farming and fishery education centre for local residents.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$2.0 million <u>Stage 2: \$13.2 million</u> Total: \$15.2 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: October 2020 Stage 2: January 2023
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved for the construction works in accordance with the detailed design.
Progress:	Construction works commenced in Q1/2023.
Expected Completion Time:	Q3/2023



**(C) Construction works in progress**

Item No.: 15

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Anfield Hearts Foundation
Site Location:	Mai Po, Yuen Long (Ex-Koon Ying Public School)
Current OZP Zoning:	“Village Type Development”
STT Term:	5 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 1,100 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Non-profit-making school for children with special needs</u> The NGO is planning to construct a non-profit-making school for children with special educational needs.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$3.3 million <u>Stage 2: \$22.7 million</u> Total: \$26.0 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: November 2020 Stage 2: January 2023
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved for renovation, installation and construction works.
Progress:	Construction works commenced in Q1/2023.
Expected Completion Time:	Q4/2023

### (C) Construction works in progress

Item No.: 16

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Food Angel by Bo Charity Foundation
Site Location:	Chap Wai Kon Village, Sha Tin
Current OZP Zoning:	“Village Type Development ”
STT Term:	4 years and 9 months certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 3,500 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Non-profit-making food production centre</u> The NGO is planning to construct a non-profit-making food production centre to implement its food rescue and food assistance programmes.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$1.3 million <u>Stage 2: \$58.7 million</u> Total: \$60.0 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	Stage 1: April 2022 Stage 2: March 2023
Scope of Funding:	<u>Stage 1: Site Investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys. <u>Stage 2: Construction works</u> The funding is approved to fund part of the construction cost for construction works in accordance with the detailed design. The remaining construction cost will be subsidised by Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust and other financial supports of the NGO.
Progress:	Construction works commenced in May 2023.
Expected Completion Time:	Q4/2024

**(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress**

Item No.: 17

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Positive Life Association
Site Location:	Ting Kok Village, Tai Po (Ex-Ming Tak School) ^
Current OZP Zoning:	“Government, Institution or Community”
STT Term:	6 years and 9 months certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 3,100 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Non-profit-making kindergarten for children with special needs</u> The NGO is planning to construct a non-profit-making kindergarten for children with special educational needs.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$6.9 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	March 2022
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Progress:	The detailed design and site investigation are in progress.
Expected Completion Time (For Detailed Design and Site Investigation Stage):	Q2/2024

^ A funding not exceeding \$6.9 million was granted for the Wai Tau Village, Tai Po (Former Wai Tau Public School) project in the Financial Year 2020-21. The project site then moved to Ting Kok Village, Tai Po (Ex-Ming Tak School), while the approved funding amount remain unchanged.

**(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress**

Item No.: 18

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Lin Ma Hang Village Charity Fund
Site Location:	Sha Tau Kok, North District (Ex-King Sau School)
Current OZP Zoning:	“Government, Institution or Community”
STT Term:	5 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 6,900 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Hakka cultural centre</u> The NGO is planning to revitalise the previous vacant school premises into a non-profit-making cultural centre for promotion of Hakka culture.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$6.6 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	June 2021
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Progress:	The detailed design and site investigation are in progress.
Expected Completion Time (For Detailed Design and Site Investigation Stage):	Q1/2024

**(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress**

Item No.: 19

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union Hong Kong
Site Location:	Shek Mun, Shatin
Current OZP Zoning:	“Other Specified Uses” annotated “Business”
STT Term:	4 years and 9 months certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 530 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Community service centre</u> The NGO is planning to construct a community service centre to serve the underprivileged and elderly in the district.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$3.8 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	August 2021
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Progress:	The detailed design and site investigation are in progress.
Expected Completion Time (For Detailed Design and Site Investigation Stage):	Q4/2023

**(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress**

Item No.: 20

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Chinese Dance Art Association
Site Location:	Lung Cheung Road, Wong Tai Sin
Current OZP Zoning:	“Open Space”
STT Term:	4 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 1,600 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Dance centre</u> The NGO is planning to construct a one-storey dance centre to promote performing arts.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$6.9 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	July 2021
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Progress:	The consultancy firm engaged by the NGO has substantially completed the detailed design. The NGO is preparing to engage a contractor through an open tendering exercise to carry out construction works.
Completion Time (For Detailed Design and Site Investigation Stage):	Q2/2023

**(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress**

Item No.: 21

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Concern For Grassroots' Livelihood Alliance
Site Location:	Junction of Nullah Road/ Tung Choi Street, Kowloon
Current OZP Zoning:	"Open Space"
STT Term:	4 years and 9 months certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 450 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Community service centre</u> The NGO is planning to construct a community service centre to serve the underprivileged in the district.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$3.3 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	September 2021
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Progress:	The detailed design and site investigation are in progress.
Expected Completion Time (For Detailed Design and Ground Investigation Stage):	Q3/2023

**(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress**

Item No.: 22

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association
Site Location:	Junction of To Shek Street/ Sha Tin Wai Road, Sha Tin
Current OZP Zoning:	“Road”
STT Term:	4 years and 9 months certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 920 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Table tennis training centre</u> The NGO is planning to construct a table tennis training centre to promote table tennis.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$4.9 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	November 2021
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Progress:	The consultancy firm engaged by the NGO has substantially completed the detailed design. The NGO is preparing to engage a contractor through an open tendering exercise to carry out construction works.
Completion Time (For Detailed Design and Site Investigation Stage):	Q2/2023



**(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress**

Item No.: 23

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Paws United Charity
Site Location:	San Ping Circuit, Tuen Mun (Ex- St. Simon's Primary School)
Current OZP Zoning:	"Government, Institution or Community"
STT Term:	5 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 4,200 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Animal boarding establishment</u> The NGO is planning to retrofit and revitalise the entire site into a temporary animal boarding establishment with five structures of one to two storeys.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$7.4 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	August 2022
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Progress:	The detailed design and site investigation are in progress.
Expected Completion Time (For Detailed Design and Site Investigation Stage):	Q4/2023

**(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress**

Item No.: 24

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Scout Association of Hong Kong
Site Location:	Near Tai Tam Reservoir, Hong Kong
Current OZP Zoning:	“Government, Institution or Community (1)”
STT Term:	5 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 760 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Sea Activity Centre</u> The NGO is planning to construct a sea activity centre comprising a one-storey structure for promoting sea activities.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$3.7 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	January 2023
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Progress:	Tendering of detailed design and site investigation is in progress.
Expected Completion Time (For Detailed Design and Site Investigation Stage):	Q4/2023

**(D) Detailed design and site investigation in progress**

Item No.: 25

<b>A. Basic Information</b>	
Name of Applicant:	Playright Children’s Play Association
Site Location:	Wa Shun Street, Hung Hom Harbourfront
Current OZP Zoning:	“Open Space”
STT Term:	4 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Site Area:	About 2,200 m <sup>2</sup>
Short-term Uses Applied For:	<u>Recreation and public open space</u> The NGO is planning to construct a non-profit-making recreation and open space, comprising indoor and outdoor play space where a wide variety of free play materials and accessories are provided.
<b>B. Details of Funding Approved</b>	
Ceiling of Funding Approved:	Stage 1: \$7.2 million
Time of Signing Funding Agreement:	March 2023
Scope of Funding:	<u>Detailed design and site investigation</u> The funding is approved for engaging a consultant to prepare a detailed design of the facilities and statutory submissions, and for engaging contractors to carry out site investigation and surveys.
Progress:	Tendering of detailed design and site investigation is in progress.
Expected Completion Time (For Detailed Design and Site Investigation Stage):	Q4/2023