

For discussion
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**Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs
Community Care Fund**

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on the work progress of the Community Care Fund (“CCF”) and seeks Members’ views in this regard.

Background

2. The CCF is a trust fund established in early 2011 under the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporation Ordinance (Cap. 1044) with the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated as its trustee. Its main objective is to provide assistance to people with financial difficulties, in particular those who fall outside the social safety net or those within the safety net but still have some special circumstances that are not covered. In addition, the CCF may also consider introducing programmes on a pilot basis to help the Government identify those measures that can be considered for incorporation into its regular assistance and service programmes.

3. The CCF has since 2013 been integrated into the work of the Commission on Poverty (“CoP”). The CCF Task Force is set up under the CoP as chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration. The CCF Task Force, chaired by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, is responsible for advising the CoP on CCF’s various arrangements (including investment, finance and administrative operations, etc.), as well as formulating assistance programmes, coordinating and overseeing the implementation of assistance programmes and evaluating their effectiveness.

4. The Finance Committee (“FC”) of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) approved the injection of \$5 billion into the CCF in May 2011. The FC also approved in June 2013 an additional injection of \$15 billion into the CCF to strengthen the poverty alleviation efforts.

Work Progress

Assistance Programmes

5. Since its establishment, the CCF has launched 47 assistance programmes covering the medical, education, welfare, home affairs and housing areas for various target beneficiary groups including children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, patients, new arrivals and ethnic minorities, etc. Its

aim is to identify those who cannot benefit from the existing social safety net and to provide them with assistance. The total commitment is over \$9.5 billion. The CCF programmes have benefitted over 1.68 million cases and the CCF has disbursed around \$7.029 billion¹ to implementing agencies as at the end of April 2019. The CCF also implemented measures on a pilot basis to help the Government identify those initiatives that have been proven effective for incorporation into the regular assistance programmes. The Government so far has incorporated 13 programmes under the CCF into its regular assistance programmes. Besides, eight programmes were completed. The latest progress of the programmes is set out at the Annex.

6. Since January 2019 when this Panel was briefed on the work progress of the CCF, through continuous review of existing programmes, the CCF would identify individual programmes that need to be revised or extended in a timely manner so that the assistance being provided can be more appropriate and effective. In this regard, the CoP endorsed, starting from the third quarter of 2019, the introduction of one new specified self-financed breast cancer drug (Ribociclib) and a new indication of an existing drug (Enzalutamide) to the coverage of “The First Phase Programme of the Medical Assistance Programmes” and it is estimated that 141 patients will benefit for the first 12 months; the introduction of one new drug (Tafamidis) for treating Tansthyretin Familial Amyloid Polyneuropathy to the coverage of the “Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders)” programme and it is estimated that six patients will benefit for the first 12 months; the expansion of the coverage of the existing medical device Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) under the “Subsidy for Eligible Patients of Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices for Interventional Procedures” programme to cover “Valve-in-Valve TAVI” and it is estimated that 10 patients will benefit for the first 12 months.

7. In addition, the CoP endorsed the extension of the programmes “Providing Hostel Subsidy for Needy Undergraduate Students” and “Increasing the Academic Expenses Grant under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students” for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years. The numbers of students to benefit from the extension are estimated to be around 11 000 and 29 000 person-times respectively.

8. For the introduction of new programme, the CCF Task Force is now exploring the launch of a suitable assistance programme to provide assistance to the underprivileged including the consideration on how to assist those low-income households, for example, low-income households residing in sub-divided units (SDU), to improve their living environment. The proposed

¹ Including the disbursement to beneficiaries and the staffing and administrative expenses of implementing agencies.

programme will be implemented by the Social Welfare Department.

9. The proposed programme targets to provide one-off subsidy to low-income SDU households to improve their living environment through carrying out minor improvement/ repair works, purchasing furniture or equipment and pest control services, etc. Besides, the proposed programme would also help them connect with community resources and acquire appropriate support.

10. The Government proposes to entrust the Hong Kong Council of Social Service as a co-ordinator to partner with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as agents to assist in the implementation of the programme. NGOs will process the applications by vetting the applicants' eligibility, conducting home visits for assessing their living conditions and their needs for improvement items with reference to a prescribed checklist, and placing orders for the needed items for eligible households. The upper subsidy limits are \$8,500 for 1-person households and \$10,000 for 2-or-more-person households. Meanwhile, the NGOs would provide information about the various poverty alleviation measures and community resources available, as well as mobilise volunteers from the business sector and the neighbourhood to provide assistance and support for the needy SDU households.

11. The proposed programme would be implemented for two years, commencing tentatively from the second quarter of 2020. The estimated number of beneficiaries is 24 000 households. The total expenditure is estimated to be \$287.04 million.

Financial Position

12. A total of \$15 billion has been placed with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority² ("HKMA") to earn investment returns linked to the performance of the Hong Kong Exchange Fund. The remaining funds of the CCF have been placed with banks as Hong Kong dollar time deposit, so as to generate interest income and meet the cash flow requirements of the assistance programmes and other liquidity needs.

13. As at the end of April 2019, the balance of the CCF stood at around \$19.379 billion, consisting mainly of the placement of \$17.821 billion at the HKMA and bank deposits of around \$1.558 billion, total investment return being \$4.589 billion.

² CCF placed \$5 billion and \$10 billion with the HKMA in June 2011 and July 2013 respectively for an investment period of six years. The CCF extended the first placement of \$5 billion upon its maturity in June 2017. The second placement of \$10 billion will mature in July 2019. The CoP endorsed the withdrawal of an amount of \$3 billion to meet the cash flow requirements of the CCF for the period between August 2019 and June 2023, and the extension of the placement of the remaining \$7 billion with the HKMA in July 2019, while the cumulative investment return on the original placement of \$10 billion at maturity should be withdrawn from the HKMA in phases according to cash flow needs.

Consultation and Monitoring

14. On consultation work, we have conducted four public consultation sessions from February to April this year on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon, New Territories East and New Territories West to collect views on the formulation of new assistance programmes and the work of the CCF from the community and stakeholders, with a view to introducing more appropriate assistance programmes. The CCF always welcomes members of the public or stakeholders to provide ideas or suggestions through various channels, including the CCF webpage, letters, facsimiles, emails and telephone hotlines. The ideas and suggestions received will be circulated to the CCF Task Force for reference.

15. The CoP and its CCF Task Force will continue to monitor the implementation of various assistance programmes. Government departments and other organisations entrusted to implement the programmes will submit progress and financial reports regularly to the CCF Task Force for a review of the programmes. Before launching any brand-new pilot programmes with an estimated funding provision of over \$100 million, the Government will consult the relevant LegCo Panels. We will continue to report regularly on the financial position of the CCF and the implementation progress of its programmes to this Panel every 6 months. We will also provide this Panel with evaluation reports of the programmes. Relevant information will be uploaded to the CCF webpage for easy reference by the public.

Advice Sought

16. Members are invited to note this paper and give their views.

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Assistance Programmes under the Community Care Fund in Progress¹

Assistance programme (Disbursement amount)	Implementation date	Funding provision (\$ million)	Major eligibility criteria	Beneficiary statistics (as at 30 April 2019)	Disbursements (\$ million) (as at 30 April 2019)	Progress and evaluation
(1) Subsidy for Patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for Specified Self-financed Cancer Drugs Which Have Not Yet Been Brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) Safety Net But Have Been Rapidly Accumulating Medical Scientific Evidence and with Relatively Higher	August 2011 (current funding provision for eight years of operation up to March 2020)	1,099.08 ²	● The prevailing SF financial assessment mechanism and its sliding scale are adopted as the financial assessment criteria.	11 982 person-times ³	Around 877.66 ⁴	The Programme initially covered six specified self-financed cancer drugs and was subsequently expanded by phases to cover 21 drugs as at end-April 2019. In addition, 7 drugs/indications which were previously covered by the Programme have been repositioned to the

¹ Since the establishment of the Community Care Fund (CCF) in 2011, 13 programmes under the CCF have been incorporated into the government's regular assistance programmes, and eight programmes were completed. A list of the relevant programmes is at the [Appendix](#).

² Including the administrative and audit expenses of this programme and programme (A)(1) in the [Appendix](#).

³ This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 April 2019.

⁴ This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 30 April 2019.

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<p>Efficacy (First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes)</p> <p>(To subsidise the drug costs borne by patient beneficiaries for the relevant drug treatment)</p>						<p>coverage of Samariatan Fund or the Special Drugs of HA Drug Formulary. Furthermore, one self-financed cancer drug and one new indication of the existing drug will be included in the Programme with effect from the third quarter of 2019.</p> <p>The evaluation results were reported to the former Steering Committee on the Community Care Fund (CCF) in May 2012.</p> <p>All patients whose applications were approved in the first</p>

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						<p>sixth years of operation (i.e. from August 2011 to July 2017) have completed treatment.</p> <p>The Commission on Poverty (CoP) approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p>
(2) Subsidy for the Severely Disabled Persons Aged Below 60 who are Non-CSSA (Comprehensive Social Security Assistance) Recipients	September 2011 (extended for one year in November from 2012 to 2015, extended for two years in November 2016 and extended for	452.79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged below 60 and receiving Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme as at 31 July 2018; and ● living in the 	14 609 person-times	Around 318.66	<p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in May 2013.</p> <p>The CoP approved in October 2018 the extension of implementation of</p>

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<p>Requiring Constant Attendance and Living in the Community</p> <p>(The monthly subsidy is disbursed according to the monthly household income of the applicants in “full grant” (\$2,000); “three-quarters grant” (\$1,500), or “half grant” (\$1,000))</p>	two years in November 2018)		community and with household income not exceeding 150% of the relevant Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI).			<p>the Programme for 24 months and the revised estimate of the Programme.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Extended Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(3) Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing and Paying a Rent Exceeding the Maximum Rent Allowance (MRA) under the CSSA Scheme	The Programme was first launched in October 2011	33.671	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at 1 July 2011. 	22 605 households	Around 32.09	First launch of the Programme was completed in 2012.

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<p>(First launch: a subsidy of \$1,000 for one-person household; and \$2,000 for two-or-more-person household)</p> <p>(Second to fourth launch and extension in 2016: a subsidy of \$2,000 for one-person household; and \$4,000 for two-or-more-person household)</p>	The Programme was launched for the second time in September 2013	53.77	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at 1 July 2013. 	17 767 households	Around 51.3	<p>Second launch of the Programme was completed in September 2014.</p> <p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in August 2014 which approved to launch the Programme for the third time.</p>
<p>(Relaunch in 2017: calculation of the amount of subsidy will base on the reported rental records, the monthly subsidy will be either 50% of the portion of the rental amount exceeding the applicable MRA or 15% of the applicable MRA,</p>	The Programme was launched for the third time in September 2014	46.83	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at 1 July 2014. 	14 991 households	Around 44.58	<p>Third launch of the Programme was completed in September 2015.</p> <p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in July 2015 which approved to launch the Programme for the fourth time.</p>

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whichever is the less. The monthly-calculated subsidy will be provided yearly on a one-off basis)	The Programme was launched for the fourth time in September 2015 (extended in September 2016)	96.52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at 1 July 2016. 	<p>14 938 households (fourth launch)</p> <p>15 458 households (extension of implementation in 2016)</p>	Around 91.89	<p>The evaluation results for the fourth launch of the Programme were reported to the CoP in September 2016 which approved to extend the Programme in 2016.</p> <p>Fourth launch and extension of implementation in September 2016 were completed in September 2017.</p> <p>The CoP approved in November 2017 the relaunch of the Programme for a period of two years by adjusting the approach in calculating and disbursing subsidy.</p>

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						The evaluation results of the extension of implementation in 2016 were reported to the CoP in April 2018.
	The Programme was relaunched in November 2017 (a two-year programme)	125.53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at the respective specified date (the specified date for the first year is 31 July 2017, the specified date for the second year is 31 July 2018). 	<p>15 084 Households (first year)</p> <p>16 184 Households (second year)</p>	Around 116.82	<p>The Programme was relaunched in November 2017, with the subsidy for the first year disbursed from late January 2018 onwards.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Relaunched Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(4) Relocation Allowance for	December 2011 (a three-year	4.43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons who have passed the family/ 	171 households	Around 0.54	BD has inspected 159 target industrial

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<p>Residents of Illegal Domestic Premises in Industrial Buildings who Have to Move out as a result of the Buildings Department (BD)'s Enforcement Action</p> <p>(An allowance of \$3,219 for one-person household, \$7,203 for two-to-three-person household; and \$9,454 for four-or-more-person household)</p>	<p>Enhanced Programme was launched in November 2017)</p>		<p>household-based means test establishing eligibility for CSSA Scheme, student financial assistance schemes, HA Medical Fee Waiving Mechanism or Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (WITS); or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● household income not exceeding 100% of the MMDHI for one-person households; and not exceeding 75% of the MMDHI for two-or-more-person households. 	<p>(270 persons)</p>		<p>buildings of which 55 has so far been identified as premises of illegal domestic use. BD has taken enforcement action against these cases and enforcement actions have been completed in 36 buildings. BD will continue to follow up on the enforcement action for other target industrial buildings.</p> <p>The CoP noted the evaluation report on the Programme and endorsed recommendations of enhancement in November 2017.</p> <p>The evaluation</p>

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						results of the Enhanced Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(5) Elderly Dental Assistance Programme (Based on the level of subsidy of CSSA dental grant, a maximum subsidy of \$15,350 for dental services for each beneficiary (including \$10,050 for dentures, \$5,240 for denture-related dental care and \$60 for registration and dental check-up), a referral fee of \$50 for each referral	September 2012 (a three-year Expanded Programme was launched in September 2015, extended for half year in September 2018, and extended for three years in March 2019)	817.13 ⁵ (including the provision required for the Expanded Programme (i.e. from September 2015 to February 2022))	● Aged 60 or above, being users of the “Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS)” or the “Enhanced Home and Community Care Services” or the “Home Help Service” subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and paying level 1 or level 2 fee charge of the said services, and not	45 410 persons	Around 472.64	The interim evaluation results were reported to the CoP in September 2013. The Programme was expanded by phases (Expanded Programme) in September 2015, October 2016, July 2017 and February 2019 to cover elders who are OALA recipients aged 80 or above, aged 75 or

⁵ The original allocation of the programme was \$100 million. Starting from 1 January 2015, the unspent balance of the original allocation has been pooled together with the allocation for the Expanded Programme.

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by NGOs, and an accompanying service fee of \$70 per hour based on the actual duration of accompanying service provided to applicants who are users of the home care / home help services under the Programme (if applicable))			receiving CSSA; or aged 65 or above and receiving Normal or Higher Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) ⁶ ; and ● have not benefited from this programme or the Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly under the Department of Health.			above, aged 70 or above and 65 or above respectively. Enhancement measures are also introduced in February 2019. As at end of April 2019, around 57 800 applications from elders were received and around 45 400 elders have completed their required treatment (including around 43 000 denture cases) and the remaining 12 400 elders are receiving dental treatment at various stages.

⁶ The CoP authorised at its meeting held on 31 August 2016 the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and the Hong Kong Dental Association to further expand the target beneficiaries if no additional funding be required.

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<p>(6) Subsidy for Owners' Corporations of Old Buildings</p> <p>(From 1 October 2018 onwards, eligible owners' corporations can be granted a subsidy with the total amount capped at \$24,000 for relevant expenditure items on an accountable basis)</p>	<p>October 2012 (A three-year Enhanced Scheme was launched in October 2015. Third phase of the Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for 3 years.)</p>	<p>67.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Residential or composite buildings aged 30 years or above with owners' corporations; and ● From 1 October 2018 onwards, average rateable value of the residential units does not exceed \$162,000 for urban area and \$124,000 for New Territories. 	<p>2 764 owners' corporations</p>	<p>Around 35.26</p>	<p>The CoP noted the evaluation results of the Scheme and approved the implementation of the Enhanced Scheme for three years in September 2015.</p> <p>The interim evaluation results of the Enhanced Scheme were reported to the CoP in August 2017.</p> <p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in June 2018 which approved the implementation of the third phase of the Scheme with effect from 1 October 2018.</p>

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(7) Incentive Scheme to Further Encourage CSSA Recipients of the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to Secure Employment	April 2014 (a three-year scheme)	226.62	● CSSA recipients of the IEAPS.	2 050 ⁷ persons	Around 23.19	The working group set up under the CCF Task Force held a meeting on 19 January 2017 to follow up on the progress of implementing the Incentive Scheme and the related evaluation study. The related evaluation study is underway. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(8) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance	June 2014 (Phase I of the	538.24	An eligible carer of the elderly person(s) under	5 689 carers	Around 276.37	The application period of Phase III

⁷ This is the number of CSSA recipients randomly selected from IEAPS cases who agree to participate in the incentive scheme, which is also the target number of beneficiaries of the incentive scheme. As at 30 April 2019, 24 participants accumulated the target amount of incentive payment, 16 participants accumulated 75% or above of the target amount of incentive payment at the end of the implementation period and 60 participants took up employment with income equal to/exceeding their CSSA recognized needs, subsequent to which they left the CSSA net. The accumulated incentive payment was disbursed to them by SWD.

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<p>for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families</p> <p>(Phases I and II of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly allowance of \$2,000 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one elderly person and a maximum of \$4,000 each for those who take care of more than one elderly person at the same time)</p> <p>(Phase III of the Pilot Scheme : a monthly allowance of \$2,400 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one elderly person and a maximum</p>	<p>Pilot Scheme lasted for two years and four months. Phase II of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2016, lasted for two years. Phase III of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for two years.)</p>		<p>Phase III of the Pilot Scheme should meet all of the following circumstances/criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the elderly person(s) being taken care of must be living in Hong Kong and has/have been assessed under SWD’s Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services to be of moderate or severe level of impairment, and has/have been on the Central Waiting List for subsidised long-term care services (i.e. residential care services (RCS) 			<p>of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 October 2018. SWD has completed the vetting process.</p> <p>SWD has authorised 50 NGOs that operate District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and/or Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) as approved service providers (ASPs)⁸ of Phase III of the Pilot Scheme to assist in providing support services to the carers.</p> <p>SWD is now analysing the</p>

⁸ The 50 ASPs operate 159 DECCs and NECs in total across the territory.

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of \$4,800 each for those who take care of more than one elderly person at the same time)			<p>and/or community care services) on or before 30 November 2017;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the elderly person(s) being taken care of must be living in the community without using any RCS or undergoing long-term hospitalisation during the application period and while receiving the allowance; ● the carer must be capable of taking up the care-giving role, and provide at least 80 hours of care-giving work per month (or not less than 120 hours per month for taking care of more 			evaluation report on Phase II of the Pilot Scheme and the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities submitted by the Study Centre. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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			<p>than one elderly person who meets the above-mentioned criteria at the same time);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the carer must be a Hong Kong resident living in Hong Kong and has not engaged in any form of employment relationship with the elderly person(s) under his/her care; ● the carer must not be a recipient of CSSA or OALA; and ● the monthly household income of the carer must not exceed 75% of the relevant MMDHI. 			

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<p>(9) Providing Hostel Subsidy for Needy Undergraduate Students</p> <p>(The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to the movement of the Consumer Price Index (A) (CPI (A)). Each eligible student can receive up to \$9,430 in the 2019/20 academic year)</p>	<p>2014/15 academic year (originally a three-year programme, extended for four academic years to the 2020/21 academic year)</p>	<p>263.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full-time undergraduates of publicly-funded or self-financing locally-accredited programmes at degree level; ● eligible applicants of the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme – Publicly-funded Programmes (TSFS) or the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (FASP) and passed the means test of the Student Finance Office (SFO) under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency; ● resided in student 	<p>27 256 person-times</p>	<p>Around 154.65</p>	<p>In April 2017, the evaluation results for the first three years were reported to the CoP which approved to extend the Programme for two more years to the 2018/19 academic year.</p> <p>In April 2019, the evaluation results for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 academic years were reported to the CoP which approved to further extend the Programme for two more years to the 2020/21 academic year.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Extended</p>

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			hostels provided by their institutions; and ● confirmed by their institutions to have resided in student hostels in the semesters of the implementation period.			Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(10) Increasing the Academic Expenses Grant under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to the movement of CPI (A). Each eligible student can receive up to \$2,340 in the 2019/20 academic year)	2014/15 academic year (originally a three-year programme, extended for four academic years to the 2020/21 academic year)	233.87	● Full-time students pursuing locally-accredited self-financing programmes at sub-degree or degree level; and ● eligible applicants of FASP who have passed the means test of SFO.	98 661 person-times	Around 169.85	In April 2017, the evaluation results for the first three years were reported to the CoP which approved to extend the Programme for two more years to the 2018/19 academic year. In April 2019, the evaluation results for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 academic years were reported

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						<p>to the CoP which approved to further extend the Programme for two more years to the 2020/21 academic year.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Extended Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(11) Enhancing the Academic Expenses Grant for Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Financial Needs Pursuing Post-secondary Programmes	2015/16 academic year (a three-year programme, extended for three academic years to the 2020/21 academic year)	12.46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students meeting the eligibility criteria of the TSFS or the FASP and passed the means test of the SFO; and ● must be identified with at least one type of SEN including specific learning difficulties, 	593 person-times	Around 4.45	<p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in June 2018 which approved to extend the Programme for three more years to the 2020/21 academic year.</p> <p>The evaluation</p>

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(The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to the movement of CPI (A). Each eligible student can receive up to \$8,910 in the 2019/20 academic year)			intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, physical disability, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech and language impairment, and mental illness starting from 2017/18 academic year.			results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(12) Cervical Cancer Vaccination Pilot Scheme	October 2016 (a three-year pilot scheme)	98.75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Girls aged nine to 18 who are receiving CSSA; ● female students aged nine or above who are receiving full grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS); ● girls aged nine to 	22 430 persons	Around 49.372	As at end-April 2019, the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (i.e. the implementing agency of the Pilot Scheme) has arranged appointments for around 22 800

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			<p>18 who are from households benefiting from the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● female students aged nine or above who are receiving half grant under the STAS. 			<p>teenage girls to attend first consultation, including 22 430 teenage girls who have received cervical cancer vaccination service.</p> <p>The deadline for accepting new cases and receiving the first dose of vaccine under the Pilot Scheme is extended by six months to the end of September 2019 in order to allow eligible applicants to complete the vaccination by receiving the second and/or third dose in the ensuing six months. Starting from April 2019,</p>

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						<p>the fixed vaccination service fee is adjusted from \$308 to \$320 per dose.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(13) Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	October 2016 (a three-year pilot scheme)	47.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receiving CSSA and is medically certified to be disabled or in ill-health; ● engaging in paid employment and entitling to the disregarded earnings (DE) arrangement under the CSSA Scheme; and ● being medically certified to be 	7 151 persons	Around 28.09	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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			disabled or in ill-health continuously while enjoying the raised DE under the Pilot Scheme.			
(14) Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers (A monthly allowance of \$5,000 would be given to each eligible person)	October 2016 (a three-year pilot scheme)	18.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receiving HDA (persons being medically certified as “unfit for making a statement” excluded); ● having secured paid employment (not applicable to persons engaged in self-employment or working at home) with a monthly income of not less than \$7,500 and not exceeding \$30,000; and ● being gainfully employed but his/her relatives or friends 	41 persons	Around 4.83	<p>The application period for the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 March 2018.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			are unable to provide care, and is hiring a full-time carer (mainly foreign domestic helper) to assist in travelling between home and office (not applicable to work-at-home jobs).			
<p>(15) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>(Phase I of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly allowance of \$2,000 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one person with disabilities and a maximum of \$4,000 each for those who take care of more than one</p>	<p>October 2016 (Phase I of the Pilot Scheme lasted for two years. Phase II of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for two years.)</p>	<p>224.22</p>	<p>An eligible carer of the person with disabilities under Phase II of the Pilot Scheme should meet all of the following circumstances/ criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the person(s) with disabilities being taken care of must be living in Hong Kong, and has/have been on the waiting list for any one of the specified 	<p>2 285 persons</p>	<p>Around 104.02</p>	<p>The application period of Phase II of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 October 2018. SWD has completed the vetting process.</p> <p>SWD has authorised 24 NGOs that operate District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities (DSCs), Parents/Relatives Resource Centres</p>

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<p>person with disabilities at the same time)</p> <p>(Phase II of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly allowance of \$2,400 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one person with disabilities and a maximum of \$4,800 each for those who take care of more than one person with disabilities at the same time)</p>			<p>rehabilitation services subsidised by SWD or special school with boarding placement under the Education Bureau (EDB) or infirmary service of HA on or before 31 March 2018;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the person(s) with disabilities being taken care of must be living in the community without using any residential care services or undergoing long-term hospitalisation during the application period and while receiving 			<p>(PRCs) or Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) as approved service providers (ASPs)⁹ of Phase II of the Pilot Scheme to assist in providing support services to the carers.</p> <p>SWD is now analysing the evaluation report of the Pilot Scheme and Phase II of the Pilot Scheme on living allowance for carers of elderly persons from low-income families submitted by the Study Centre.</p>

⁹ The 24 ASPs operate 46 DSCs, PRCs and ICCMWs in total across the territory.

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			<p>the allowance;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the carer must be capable of taking up the care-giving role, and is required to provide at least 80 hours of care-giving work per month (or not less than 120 hours per month for taking care of more than one person with disabilities who meets the above-mentioned criteria at the same time); ● the carer must be a Hong Kong resident living in Hong Kong and has not engaged in any form of employment relationship with the person(s) with 			<p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			disabilities under his/her care; ● the carer must not be a recipient of CSSA or OALA; and ● the monthly household income of the carer must not exceed 75% of the relevant MMDHI.			
(16) Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders)	August 2017 (current funding provision for two years of operation up to March 2020)	203.44	● HA patients who meet specific clinical criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social Workers; and ● permanent resident of the Hong Kong Special Administrative	23 person-times ¹⁰	Around 76.24 ¹¹	The CoP approved in May 2017 the inclusion of the drug for treating “Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria” into the Programme. Relaxation of clinical indication for the drug was

¹⁰ This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 April 2019.

¹¹ This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 30 April 2019.

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			Region.			<p>subsequently approved by the CoP to cover the treatment of “atypical Haemolytic Uremic Syndrome”.</p> <p>The CoP further approved in June 2018 to include the drug for treating “Spinal Muscular Atrophy” in the Programme. The drug for treating “Transthyretin Familial Amyloid Polyneuropathy” was approved by the CoP in April 2019 for the inclusion into the Programme starting from the third quarter of 2019.</p>

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						<p>The CoP approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(17) Subsidy for Eligible Patients of Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices for Interventional	August 2017 (current funding provision for two years of operation up to March 2020)	48.53	● HA patients who meet specific clinical criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social Workers.	86 person-times ¹²	Around 22.18 ¹³	The Programme initially covered two specified implantable medical devices for interventional procedures and was subsequently

¹² This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 April 2019.

¹³ This refers to the subsidy for specified implantable medical devices approved for beneficiaries as at 30 April 2019.

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Procedures						<p>expanded by phases to cover five medical devices starting from mid-February 2019. The coverage of the existing medical device “Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation” (TAVI) will be expanded to cover “Valve-in-Valve TAVI” with effect from the third quarter of 2019.</p> <p>The CoP approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p>

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						The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(18) Subsidy for Persons Holding Non-local Qualifications to Conduct Qualifications Assessment	September 2017 (a three-year programme)	8.67	Persons and/or their spouses who have passed the means-test establishing eligibility for assistance under the specified assistance schemes provided below and receiving financial assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSSA Scheme; or ● Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA)/WFA Scheme; or ● WITS Scheme; or ● STAS (full grant only); or 	88 persons	Around 0.18 ¹⁴	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

¹⁴ Eligible beneficiaries are not required to pay the assessment fees when submitting applications for qualifications assessment. Payment to the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications is made on a quarterly basis and the amount of disbursement is possibly not commensurate with the number of beneficiaries.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission (KCFR) Scheme (full and 3/4 fee remission only). 			
<p>(19) Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables</p> <p>(The subsidy is disbursed according to the family asset and monthly household income of the eligible applicant “full grant” \$1,000; “three-quarters grant” \$750 or “half grant” \$500)</p>	September 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	50.64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirmed to have permanent stoma (excretory stoma) by Medical Officer/Nurse of a public hospital/clinic/ Surgical Specialist on the Specialist Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (only applicable to applicant not receiving surgical treatment in public hospital/clinic); ● must not be a recipient of CSSA; ● the monthly 	544 persons	Around 7.12	SWD has delivered the second batch of invitation letters through Hong Kong Stoma Association and self-help groups of stoma patient again in April 2018 to those who may fulfil the eligibility criteria to participate in the Pilot Scheme; eligible persons may also obtain application forms from the CCF Team of SWD, Medical Social Services Units of public

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			<p>household income must not exceed 150% of the relevant MMDHI;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the family's asset must not exceed the asset limit for public rental housing application under the Housing Authority; ● without receiving any relevant subsidy for purchasing medical consumables for the stoma from other funding sources; and ● living in the community, residential care homes or boarding schools; or being hospitalized but with a concrete discharge plan. 			<p>hospitals with Specialist Out-patient Clinics (Surgery), Stoma and Wound Care Clinics under the HA, etc. The second batch application was closed on 2 April 2019.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(20) Pilot Scheme on	October 2017	52	● Children aged six to	620	Around	The Pilot Scheme

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<p>Relaxing the Household Income Limit of the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme for Low-income Families and Increasing Fee-waiving Subsidy Places</p> <p>(According to the monthly household income of the families, eligible children will be granted full-fee waiving, half-fee reduction or 1/3-fee reduction subsidy)</p>	(a three-year pilot scheme)		<p>12 receiving services under the After School Care Programme;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● their parents are unable to take care of them after school for reasons of attending work, seeking open employment or participating in employment retraining courses /job attachment or due to other reasons; and ● their monthly household income must not exceed 100% of the relevant MMDHI. 	persons	2.56	<p>has been implemented since 3 October 2017. The parent/guardian of an eligible child may approach an After School Care Programme Centre of an approved service provider for application during the implementation period of the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(21) Pilot Scheme on Subsidised	December 2017 (a three-year	78.61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Women aged 25 to 64¹⁵ or women aged 	430 persons	Around 0.25	The Pilot Scheme has been

¹⁵ Department of Health recommends women aged 25 to 64 who ever had sex to receive regular cervical cancer screening.

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Cervical Cancer Screening and Preventive Education for Eligible Low-income Women	pilot scheme)		<p>65 or above who have not received routine screening in the past 10 years; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● receiving CSSA/ holding Level 0 voucher of the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly; or receiving waiver of medical charges under the medical fee waiving mechanism of public hospitals and clinics; or receiving Normal/ Higher OALA; or be granted WFA (formerly known as LIFA) or WITS for any of the past 12 months; or having household 			<p>implemented since 13 December 2017. Eligible women may apply to designated service providers for joining the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			member(s) granted subsidy/remission under the STAS or the KCFR Scheme.			
<p>(22) Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment</p> <p>(The Pilot Scheme adopts five co-payment categories on a sliding scale according to the monthly household income of the elderly persons)</p>	December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	383.34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged 60 or above and living in the community; ● assessed to be of mild impairment by the designated assessment tool of this Pilot Scheme; ● currently on the waiting list for the IHCS (Ordinary Cases); and ● the monthly household income must not be higher than a specified percentage of the MMDHI (i.e. not exceeding 175% for one-person households and not exceeding 150% for 	2 184 persons	Around 39.05	The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 28 December 2017. SWD has issued letters to invite applications from the elderly persons, who are on the waiting list for the IHCS (Ordinary Case), through the IHCS Teams/Home Help Teams participating in the Pilot Scheme. The IHCS Teams/Home Help Teams have also started to conduct assessments and arrange support

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			two-or-more-person households).			<p>services for eligible elderly persons.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
<p>(23) Pilot Scheme on Relocation Allowance for Beneficiaries of the “Community Housing Movement”</p> <p>(Eligible households will be granted an one-off relocation allowance: \$3,076 for one-person households, \$7,028 for two-to-three-person households, and \$9,263 for four-or-more-person households)</p>	December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	7.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applicant and household member(s) residing with him/her shall be a beneficiary household under the “Community Housing Movement” (CHM); and ● the monthly personal/household income must not exceed the income limit for public rental housing applications under the Hong Kong 	215 households	Around 1.5	<p>The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 28 December 2017. Eligible households may obtain the brief and application form through the service operators of the CHM to apply for the relocation allowance in the course of the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF</p>

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			Housing Authority.			Task Force in future.
(24) Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (The Pilot Scheme adopts six co-payment categories on a sliding scale according to the monthly household income of the elderly persons)	February 2018 (a three-year pilot scheme)	225.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged 60 or above; and ● assessed by medical staff of HA to have temporary loss of self-care ability due to illness and in need of transitional care and support (i.e. in need of temporary residential care and/or community care and support services) and are not covered under the existing Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients. 	470 persons	Around 19.93	<p>The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 26 February 2018. Medical staff of the hospitals participating in the Pilot Scheme have started referring eligible elderly persons to join the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The CCF Task Force and CoP noted the changes regarding the referral mechanism of the Pilot Scheme at their meetings on 28 September and 18 October 2018 respectively. Apart from</p>

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						<p>accepting referrals from the seven acute hospitals under the three HA clusters, the Pilot Scheme also accepts referrals from the three extended care hospitals of those three clusters, so as to ensure that needy elderly patients could be timely referred to join the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(25) Provision of Subsidy to Needy Primary and Secondary Students for Purchasing Mobile Computer Devices to Facilitate the Practice of e-Learning</p> <p>(The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to the movement of the Composite CPI. In 2019/20 school year, the subsidy is up to \$4,610 for students receiving CSSA/full grant and \$2,305 for students receiving half grant.)</p>	<p>2018/19 school year (a three-school year programme)</p>	<p>415.54</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students studying in public sector primary or secondary schools and receiving CSSA or full/half grant under the STAS; and ● studying in schools and classes implementing e-learning and adopting “Bring Your Own Device”. 	<p>About 17 000 students</p>	<p>Around 75¹⁶</p>	<p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

¹⁶ EDB’s disbursement is based on schools’ estimated number of student beneficiaries for the 2018/19 school year, actual figures will be confirmed after the submission of reports by schools to EDB in due course.

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(26) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Purchase and Construct Modular Social Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the Modular Social Housing Scheme – Nam Cheong Street	April 2019 (The expected construction period under the Pilot Scheme is about one year)	35.74	Beneficiaries of the Modular Social Housing Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● proven to be in need of transitional housing (e.g. queued for Public Rental Housing (PRH) for at least three years); or ● living in inadequate housing conditions; or ● low-income and in urgent need for community support. 	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The construction work of the Pilot Scheme commenced in April 2019 and is expected to be completed in April 2020. It was expected to provide 90 flats originally. In order to optimise the flat mix, the updated number of transitional housing flats will be 88. The total number of beneficiaries will remain the same. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

(A) Assistance programmes incorporated into the government's regular assistance programmes

Assistance programmes	Date of being incorporated into the government's regular assistance programmes
(1) Subsidy for Needy Patients of Hospital Authority (HA) who Marginally Fall Outside the Samaritan Fund (SF) Safety Net for the Use of SF Subsidised Drugs	September 2012 ¹⁷
(2) Financial Assistance for Non-school-attending Ethnic Minorities and New Arrivals from the Mainland for Taking Language-related International Public Examinations	September 2013
(3) Subsidy for Non-school-attending Ethnic Minorities and New Arrivals from the Mainland Participating in Language Courses	September 2013
(4) Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Recipients who are Owners of Tenants Purchase Scheme flats for Five Years or Above and Not Eligible for Rent Allowance under the CSSA Scheme	April 2014
(5) Subsidy to Meet Lunch Expenses at Whole-day Primary Schools for Students from Low-income Families	September 2014
(6) Enhancement of the Flat Rate Grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme	September 2014
(7) Enhancement of the Financial Assistance for Needy Students Pursuing Programmes Below Sub-degree Level	September 2014
(8) Training Subsidy for Children from Low-income Families who are on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services	October 2014
(9) Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment	November 2014
(10) Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Purchasing Medical Consumables Related to Respiratory Support Medical Equipment	November 2014
(11) Extra Travel Subsidy for Needy Special School Students	September 2015
(12) Provision of Funding for Ordinary Schools to Arrange Special Educational Needs Coordinators Pilot Scheme	September 2017
(13) Dementia Community Support Scheme	February 2019

¹⁷ The Programme has been incorporated into the regular mechanism of the SF.

(B) Assistance programmes completed

Assistance programmes	Date of completion
(1) Subsidy for Low-income Elderly Tenants in Private Housing	April 2013
(2) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to Subsidise Primary and Secondary School Students from Low-income Families to Participate in Cross Boundary Learning Activities and Competitions	June 2014
(3) Subsidy for Low-income Persons who are Inadequately Housed	July 2014
(4) Subsidy for Elders Aged 65 or Above from Low-income Families who are on the Waiting List for Integrated Home Care Service (Ordinary Cases) for Household Cleaning Service and Escorting Services for Medical Consultations	December 2014
(5) After-school Care Pilot Scheme	July 2016
(6) Provision of a One-off Special Subsidy for Students on Full Grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme before the Launch of the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme	July 2016
(7) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA (launched for three times)	Completed in December 2014, December 2015 and December 2016 respectively
(8) Provision of a One-off Grant for School-related Expenses to Kindergarten Students	August 2017