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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 54 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 \$10 billion. The CCF programmes have benefitted over 1.72 million cases and the CCF has disbursed around \$7.479 billion¹ to implementing agencies as at the end of September 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, and plans to incorporate the “Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables” into the Government’s regular assistance programme. Besides, nine programmes were completed. The latest progress of the programmes is set out at the Annex.

6. Since May 2019 when this Panel was briefed on the work progress of the CCF, the CoP has endorsed the launch of the following seven new assistance programmes –

- (1) The launch of the “Pilot Scheme on Subsidy for Conversion of School Premises for Transitional Housing - Lok Sin Tong Primary School” (“the Pilot Scheme”): To subsidise the Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society Kowloon (“LST”) to convert the premises of its primary school in Kowloon City to provide transitional social housing. The conversion works are expected to commence in late 2019 and take about six months. Intake of flats is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2020. The Pilot Scheme, with a total funding provision of \$13.04 million, is expected to provide about 50 units and benefit about 180 persons.
- (2) The launch of the “Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing Scheme - Yen Chow Street Project” (“the Pilot Scheme”): To subsidise the Hong Kong Council of Social Service to design, purchase and construct modular housing in order to provide transitional social housing. It is expected that the tender exercise for construction works will be carried out in the second half of 2019 and the relevant works will take about 12 months to complete. Intake of flats is expected to begin in the first half of 2021. The Pilot Scheme, with a total funding provision of \$99.92 million, is expected to provide about 210 units and

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

benefit about 420 persons.

- (3) The launch of the “Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing Scheme - the Junction of Sung Wong Toi Road and To Kwa Wan Road Project” (“the Scheme”): To subsidise LST to design, purchase and construct modular housing in order to provide modular social housing. It is expected that the tender exercise for construction works will be carried out in the first half of 2020 and the relevant works will take about nine months to complete. Intake of flats is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2021. The Scheme, with a total funding provision of \$60.56 million, is expected to provide about 110 units and benefit about 300 persons.
- (4) The launch of the “Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing Scheme - Ying Wa Street Project” (“the Scheme”): To subsidise the Society for Community Organisation to design, purchase and construct modular housing in order to provide modular social housing. It is expected that the tender exercise for construction works will be carried out in the second quarter of 2020 and the relevant works will take about 12 months to complete. Intake of flats is expected to begin in the third quarter of 2021. The Scheme, with a total funding provision of \$77.06 million, is expected to provide about 140 units and benefit about 400 persons.
- (5) The launch of the “Digital Terrestrial Television Assistance Programme” (“the Assistance Programme”): To subsidise eligible analogue television (“TV”) households to obtain digital TV receivers so that they can continue to access local free TV programmes after full digital TV broadcast on 1 December 2020. The Assistance Programme is expected to commence within 2019 and will last for 18 months. The Assistance Programme, with a total funding provision of \$456.45 million, is expected to benefit an estimated 160 000 households.
- (6) The launch of the “Assistance Programme to Improve the Living Environment of Low-income Subdivided Unit Households” (“the Assistance Programme”): To provide a one-off subsidy in kind for low-income households living in subdivided units to improve their living environment through carrying out minor improvement/repair works, purchasing

furniture and household goods as well as pest control services. The Assistance Programme is expected to be rolled out in the second quarter of 2020 the earliest and will last for two years. The Assistance Programme, with a total funding provision of \$287.04 million, is expected to benefit about 24 000 households.

- (7) The launch of the “Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance” Programme (2020) (“the 2020 Programme”) to provide a one-off living subsidy to those “N-have nots” who do not benefit from the short-term relief measures announced by the Government in August 2019. The proposed subsidy amount is \$4,500 for one-person households, \$9,000 for two-person households, \$12,500 for three-person households, \$14,500 for four-person households and \$15,500 for five-or-more-person households. The 2020 Programme is expected to be launched and start accepting applications in July 2020. The 2020 Programme, with a total funding provision of \$1,118.18 million, is expected to benefit about 105 500 households (about 272 000 persons).

In addition, the Chief Executive has suggested in the “2019 Policy Address” offering relief for low-income households not living in public rental housing (“PRH”) and not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (including people on the PRH waiting list) by providing a cash allowance. As it takes time to devise a scheme to provide the cash allowance on a regular basis, the Government invites the CCF to launch two rounds of “one-off living subsidy” (i.e. the 2020 Programme) for the above-mentioned low-income households in the next financial year. This will allow time for the Government to complete the study to devise a scheme on providing a cash allowance on a regular basis towards the end of 2020. The CCF Task Force will formulate the detailed proposal on the second round of disbursement as soon as possible for consideration by the CoP.

7. In addition, 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 the extension of three existing assistance programmes, including the “Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme”, the “Pilot Scheme on

Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers” and the “Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing” Programme. Moreover, the CoP endorsed the introduction of new specified self-financed skin cancer drugs (Dabrafenib and Trametinib) under the “First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes”, which is expected to benefit 23 patients in the first 12 months; and also noted that the Hospital Authority would introduce new or relaxed indication for four existing drugs (Abiraterone, Palbociclib, Ribociclib and Osimertinib) under the “First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes”, expecting to benefit around 270 patients in the first 12 months. In addition, the CoP also endorsed streamlining the existing approval process of new drugs/medical devices under three medical assistance programmes² by delegating the authority to the chairperson of the CCF Task Force to grant final approval for new drugs/medical devices. It is expected that the streamlined approval process will shorten the total lead time for the introduction of new drugs/medical devices by at least two months, thereby providing more timely support for the needy patients.

Financial Position

8. A total of \$12 billion has been placed with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority³ (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.

9. As at the end of September 2019, the balance of the CCF stood at around \$18.946 billion, consisting mainly of the placement of \$14.821 billion at the HKMA and bank deposits of around \$4,125 billion, with total investment return being \$4.66 billion.

² They are the “First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes”, the “Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders)” and the “Subsidy for Eligible Patients of Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices for Interventional Procedures”.

³ 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 matured 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

10. On consultation work, we plan to conduct four public consultation sessions in early 2020 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.

11. 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 six 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

12. 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 September 2019)	Disbursements (\$ million) (as at 30 September 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.	12 707 person-times ³	Around 974.24 ⁴	The Programme initially covered 6 specified self-financed cancer drugs and was subsequently expanded by phases to cover 23 drugs as at the first quarter of 2020. 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 nine 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 September 2019.

⁴ This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 30 September 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.</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 six years of operation (i.e. from August 2011 to July 2017) have completed treatment.</p> <p>The Commission on</p>

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						<p>Poverty (CoP) approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP approved in October 2019 to streamline the approval process for 3 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 	14 627 person-times	Around 351.17	<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>
<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</p> <p>(First launch: a subsidy</p>	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>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, whichever is the less.</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</p>

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The monthly-calculated subsidy will be provided yearly on a one-off basis)						fourth time.
	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</p>

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						<p>Programme for a period of two years by adjusting the approach in calculating and disbursing subsidy.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the extension of implementation in 2016 were reported to the CoP in April 2018.</p>
	The Programme was relaunched in November 2017 (a two-year programme, extended for 6 months in November 2019)	162.38	<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 	<p>15 084 Households (first year)</p> <p>16 208 Households (second year)</p>	Around 116.92	<p>The Programme was relaunched in November 2017, with the subsidy for the first and the second year disbursed from late January 2018 and 2019 onwards.</p> <p>The evaluation</p>

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			July 2017, the specified date for the second year is 31 July 2018).			results of the Relaunch Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
<p>(4) Relocation Allowance for 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 \$5,790 for one-person household, \$9,696 for two-to-three-person household; and \$13,494 for four-or-more-person</p>	December 2011 (a three-year Enhanced Programme was launched in November 2017)	4.43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons who have passed the family/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 ● household income not exceeding 100% of the MMDHI for one-person households; and not 	182 households (295 persons)	Around 0.61	BD has inspected 177 target industrial buildings of which 59 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 39 buildings. BD will continue to follow up on the enforcement action for other target industrial buildings.

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household)			exceeding 75% of the MMDHI for two-or-more-person households.			The CoP noted the evaluation report on the Programme and approved recommendations of enhancement in November 2017. The evaluation 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	September 2012 (a three-year Expanded Programme was launched in September 2015, extended for	817.21 ⁵ (including the provision required for the Expanded	● Aged 60 or above, being users of the “Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS)” or the “Enhanced Home and Community	52 728 persons	Around 555.09	The interim evaluation results were reported to the CoP in September 2013. The Programme

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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subsidy of \$18,170 for dental services for each beneficiary (including \$11,910 for dentures, \$6,190 for denture-related dental care and \$70 for registration and dental check-up), a referral fee of \$50 for each referral by non-governmental organisations (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))	half year in September 2018, and extended for three years in March 2019)	Programme (i.e. from September 2015 to February 2022))	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 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			was expanded by phases in September 2015, October 2016, July 2017 and February 2019 to cover elders who are OALA recipients aged 80 or above, aged 75 or above, aged 70 or above and 65 or above respectively. Enhancement measures are also introduced in February 2019. As at end of September 2019, around 66 200 applications from elders were received and around 52 700

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

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			under the Department of Health.			elders have completed their required treatment (including around 50 000 denture cases) and the remaining 13 500 elders are receiving dental treatment at various stages.
(6) Subsidy for Owners' Corporations of Old Buildings (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)	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.)	67.2	<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. 	2 916 owners' corporations	Around 39.67	<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</p>

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						<p>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>
<p>(7) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance 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</p>	<p>June 2014 (Phase I of the 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</p>	<p>538.24</p>	<p>An eligible carer of the elderly person(s) under 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 	<p>5 706 carers</p>	<p>Around 319.01</p>	<p>The application period of Phase III 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)</p>

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<p>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 of \$4,800 each for those who take care of more than one elderly person at the same time)</p>	<p>Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for two years.)</p>		<p>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) 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 			<p>and/or Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) as approved service providers (ASPs)⁷ of Phase III of the Pilot Scheme to assist in providing support services to the carers.</p> <p>SWD is now analysing the 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</p>

⁷ The 50 ASPs operate 159 DECCs and NECs in total across the territory.

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			<p>undergoing long-term hospitalisation during the application period and while receiving the allowance;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 than one elderly person who meets the above-mentioned criteria at the same time); ● the carer must be a Hong Kong resident living in 			<p>evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>Hong Kong and has not engaged in any form of employment relationship with the elderly person(s) under his/her care;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. 			
<p>(8) Providing Hostel Subsidy for Needy Undergraduate Students</p> <p>(The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted</p>	<p>2014/15 academic year (originally a three-year programme, extended for four academic</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; 	<p>27 936 person-times</p>	<p>Around 171.49</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</p>

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<p>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>years to the 2020/21 academic year)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 hostels provided by their institutions; and ● confirmed by their institutions to have resided in student 			<p>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 Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			hostels in the semesters of the implementation period.			
<p>(9) Increasing the Academic Expenses Grant under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students</p> <p>(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.)</p>	<p>2014/15 academic year (originally a three-year programme, extended for four academic years to the 2020/21 academic year)</p>	<p>233.87</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. 	<p>105 170 person-times</p>	<p>Around 176.52</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</p>

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						<p>2020/21 academic year.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Extended Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
<p>(10) Enhancing the Academic Expenses Grant for Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Financial Needs Pursuing Post-secondary Programmes</p> <p>(The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to</p>	<p>2015/16 academic year (originally a three-year programme, extended for three academic years to the 2020/21 academic year)</p>	<p>12.46</p>	<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, intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders, attention 	<p>654 person-times</p>	<p>Around 4.94</p>	<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 results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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the movement of CPI (A). Each eligible student can receive up to \$8,910 in the 2019/20 academic year.)			deficit/hyperactivity disorders, physical disability, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech and language impairment, and mental illness starting from 2017/18 academic year.			
(11) 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 18 who are from households benefiting from the 	29 031 persons	Around 62.756	The Pilot Scheme has closed to applications on 16 September 2019. As at end-September 2019, the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (i.e. the implementing agency of the Pilot Scheme) has provided cervical cancer vaccination

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			<p>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>service to around 29 030 teenage girls. Beneficiaries must receive all the necessary doses of vaccine before the end of March 2020.</p> <p>Starting from April 2019, 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>
(12) Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for	October 2016 (originally a three-year pilot scheme, extended for 12	54.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receiving CSSA and is medically certified to be disabled or in ill-health; 	7 897 persons	Around 34.16	The CoP approved in July 2019 to extend the Pilot Scheme for 12 months until the end

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Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	months to the end of September 2020)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● engaging in paid employment and entitling to the disregarded earnings (DE) arrangement under the CSSA Scheme; and ● being medically certified to be disabled or in ill-health continuously while enjoying the raised DE under the Pilot Scheme. 			<p>of September 2020.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(13) Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers	October 2016 (originally a three-year pilot scheme, extended for 12 months to the end of September 2020)	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 	41 persons	Around 5.28	<p>The application period for the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 March 2018.</p> <p>The CoP approved in July 2019 to extend the Pilot Scheme for 12</p>

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(A monthly allowance of \$5,000 would be given to each eligible person)			<p>engaged in self-employment or working at home) with a monthly income of not less than \$7,500 and not exceeding \$30,000; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● being gainfully employed but his/her relatives or friends 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>months until the end of September 2020.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(14) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons	October 2016 (Phase I of the Pilot Scheme lasted for two	224.22	An eligible carer of the person with disabilities under Phase II of the Pilot	2 308 persons	Around 132.84	The application period of Phase II of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31

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<p>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 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</p>	<p>years. Phase II of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for two years.)</p>		<p>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 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; ● the person(s) with 			<p>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 (PRCs) or Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) as approved service providers (ASPs)⁸ of Phase II of the Pilot Scheme to assist in providing support services to the carers.</p>

⁸ The 24 ASPs operate 46 DSCs, PRCs and ICCMWs in total across the territory.

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care of more than one person with disabilities at the same time)			<p>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 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 			<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. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>with disabilities 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 person(s) with 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. 			

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(15) 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 Region. 	36 person-times ⁹	Around 111.17 ¹⁰	<p>The CoP approved in May 2017 the inclusion of the drug for treating “Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria (PNH)” into the Programme. Relaxation of clinical indication for the drug was 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</p>

⁹ This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 September 2019.

¹⁰ This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 30 September 2019.

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						<p>drug for treating “Spinal Muscular Atrophy” in the Programme. The drug for treating “Transthyretin Familial Amyloid Polyneuropathy” was also introduced to the Programme starting from mid-July2019.</p> <p>The CoP approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The HA agreed to relax the criteria on the blood</p>

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						<p>transfusion amount received by patients under the clinical guidelines for the drug for treating PNH. The additional expenditure arising from this relaxation could be contained within the budget approved for 2019-20 and no additional funding is required.</p> <p>The CoP approved in October 2019 to streamline the approval process for 3 medical assistance programmes.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF</p>

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						Task Force in future.
(16) Subsidy for Eligible Patients of Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices for Interventional Procedures	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.	126 person-times ¹¹	Around 32.34 ¹²	<p>The Programme initially covered two specified implantable medical devices for interventional procedures and was subsequently expanded by phases to cover six medical devices starting from mid-July 2019.</p> <p>The CoP approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the</p>

¹¹ This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 September 2019.

¹² This refers to the subsidy for specified implantable medical devices approved for beneficiaries as at 30 September 2019.

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						<p>Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP approved in October 2019 to streamline the approval process for 3 medical assistance programmes.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(17) 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	112 persons	Around 0.24 ¹³	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

¹³ 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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			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 ● Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission (KCFR) Scheme (full and 3/4 fee remission only). 			
(18) Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing	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 	587 persons	Around 8.83	The second batch application was closed on 2 April 2019. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF

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<p>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>			<p>on the Specialist Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (only applicable to applicant not receiving surgical treatment in public hospital/clinic);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● must not be a recipient of CSSA; ● the monthly household income must not exceed 150% of the relevant MMDHI; ● 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 			<p>Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>consumables for the stoma from other funding sources; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● living in the community, residential care homes or boarding schools; or being hospitalized but with a concrete discharge plan. 			
(19) Pilot Scheme on 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	October 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children aged six to 12 receiving services under the After School Care Programme; ● their parents are unable to take care of them after school for reasons of attending work, seeking open employment or participating in employment 	739 persons	Around 4.12	The Pilot Scheme 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

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(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)			retraining courses /job attachment or due to other reasons; and ● their monthly household income must not exceed 100% of the relevant MMDHI.			Scheme. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(20) Pilot Scheme on Subsidised Cervical Cancer Screening and Preventive Education for Eligible Low-income Women	December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	78.61	● Women aged 25 to 64 ¹⁴ or women aged 65 or above who have not received routine screening in the past 10 years; and ● receiving CSSA/ holding Level 0 voucher of the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly; or	571 persons	Around 0.33	The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 13 December 2017. Eligible women may apply to designated service providers for joining the Pilot Scheme. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF

¹⁴ Department of Health recommends women aged 25 to 64 who ever had sex to receive regular cervical cancer screening.

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			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 member(s) granted subsidy/remission under the STAS or the KCFR Scheme.			Task Force in future.
(21) Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment	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 	2 531 persons	Around 51.75	The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 28 December 2017. SWD has issued letters to invite

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(The Pilot Scheme adopts five co-payment categories on a sliding scale according to the monthly household income of the elderly persons)			<p>assessment tool of this Pilot Scheme;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 two-or-more-person households). 			<p>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 services for eligible elderly persons.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(22) 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 Housing Authority. 	259 households	Around 1.8	<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 Task Force in future.</p>
(23) Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after	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 	772 persons	Around 34.68	The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 26 February 2018. Medical staff of the

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<p>Treatment</p> <p>(The Pilot Scheme adopts six co-payment categories on a sliding scale according to the monthly household income of the elderly persons)</p>			<p>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.</p>			<p>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 accepting referrals from the seven acute hospitals under the three HA clusters, the Pilot Scheme also accepts referrals from the</p>

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						<p>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>
(24) Provision of Subsidy to Needy Primary and Secondary Students for Purchasing Mobile Computer Devices to Facilitate the	2018/19 school year (a three-school year programme)	415.54	<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 	About 30 000 students ¹⁵	Around 111 ¹⁵	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

¹⁵ The beneficiary statistics and the amount of disbursement cover the actual figures for the 2018/19 school year, and schools' estimated number of student beneficiaries and the provisional funding disbursed for the 2019/20 school year.

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<p>Practice of e-Learning</p> <p>(The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to the movement of the Composite CPI. In the 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>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● studying in schools and classes implementing e-learning and adopting “Bring Your Own Device”. 			
<p>(25) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing (Pilot Scheme) to Facilitate the Implementation of the Modular Social Housing Scheme - Nam Cheong Street</p>	<p>April 2019 (The expected construction period under the Pilot Scheme is about one year)</p>	<p>35.74</p>	<p>Beneficiaries of the Modular Social Housing Scheme:</p> <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 3 years); or ● living in 	<p>Data are not yet available</p>	<p>Around 2.49</p>	<p>The Buildings Department has issued the General Building Plan and drainage approval in August 2019.</p> <p>The construction work of the Pilot Scheme commenced in April</p>

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Project			<p>inadequate housing conditions; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● low-income and in urgent need for community support. 			<p>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.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(26) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy for Conversion of School Premises for Transitional	4 th Quarter of 2019 (The expected construction period under the	13.04	Beneficiaries must be the households that are waiting for PRH allocation for more than three years, living	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	BD approved the building plan in October 2019, and the construction work is expected to

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Housing – Lok Sin Tong Primary School	Pilot Scheme is about six months)		<p>in poor environment or in urgent need for housing & community support, and are required to meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Households receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance; or ● Households whose income is lower than 55% of the median monthly domestic household income will be given priority. 			<p>commence in late 2019.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(27) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing (Pilot Scheme) to	Mid-2020 (Planned commencement date of the works project under the Pilot	99.92	<p>Beneficiaries are required to meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those who have an obvious need for transitional 	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Transport Department, District Office and Lands Department are

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Facilitate the Implementation of the Modular Social Housing Scheme - Yen Chow Street Project	Scheme)		<p>housing and have been waiting for PRH allocation for more than 3 years; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those who are living in poor environment and are in urgent need for housing.. 			<p>negotiating on the boundary line of the Short Term Tenancy.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
<p>(28) Digital Terrestrial Television Assistance Programme</p> <p>(Each eligible household can receive a digital set-top box, or a 24-inch or 32-inch digital TV set, with home delivery, installation, collection of old TV set and maintenance services.)</p>	<p>Within December 2019 (Towards end-2019) (Planned)</p>	456.45	<p>Households using analogue TV sets at home; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● recipients of the following assistances: CSSA; OALA (only for all-elderly households); WFA (valid within 18 months from issue date of notification); all means-tested 	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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			<p>student financial assistance schemes¹⁶; or Medical Fee Waiver Mechanism of public hospitals and clinics; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● average monthly household income in the past three months not exceeding 75% of the MMDHI of economically active households. 			
(29) Assistance Programme to Improve the Living Environment of	2 nd Quarter of 2020 (Planned)	287.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● living in SDUs; ● meeting the income requirement¹⁸; and 	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in

¹⁶ Including the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme - Publicly-funded Programmes, Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students, Tuition Fee Reimbursement for Diploma Yi Jin, Financial Assistance Scheme for Designated Evening Adult Education Courses, School Textbook Assistance Scheme, Student Travel Subsidy Scheme, Subsidy Scheme for Internet Access Charges, Examination Fee Remission Scheme, Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme, and Grant for School-related Expenses for Kindergarten Students.

¹⁸ Households are deemed to have met the income requirement of the Programme for having passed the specific means tests if they are receiving assistance under any one of the

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<p>Low-income Subdivided Unit (SDU) Households</p> <p>(Each eligible household ¹⁷ will receive a subsidy in kind of up to \$8,500 (for one-person households), \$10,000 (for two-person households), \$11,500 (for three-person households) or \$13,000 (for four-or-more-person</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● having at least one household member being a Hong Kong resident. 			future.

following schemes:

- Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme;
- Ordinary Old Age Living Allowance and Higher Old Age Living Allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme;
- Working Family Allowance Scheme;
- Individual-based Work Incentive Transport Subsidy Scheme;
- School Textbook Assistance Scheme; or
- Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme.

The Programme also covers low-income SDU households currently not receiving assistance from the Government under the six schemes as aforementioned. The income limit is set at 75% of the median monthly domestic household income of economically active households, and no asset test will be conducted.

¹⁷ The beneficiaries include those households living in subdivided units formed by splitting a unit of quarters into 2 or more 'internally connected' and 'externally accessible' units (SDU), cubicles, bedspaces/cocklofts, roof-top structures, squatters, licensed structures for residential use, huts, industrial buildings and commercial buildings. The above-mentioned units are collectively referred as SDU under this Programme.

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households). The subsidy in kind can be used to cover the three groups of items for carrying out minor improvement /repair works, purchasing furniture and household goods and/or pest control services. The household may, based on their practical situations and needs, choose one or more of the above groups.)						
(30) Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing Scheme – the Junction of Sung Wong Toi	1 st half of 2020 (Planned)	60.56	● Those who are living in inadequate housing condition and have been waiting for PRH allocation for three years or more, with priority will be given to those	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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Road and To Kwa Wan Road Project”			<p>who are receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance or the household income is less than 55% of the median monthly domestic household income;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those who have an obvious urgent need for housing and community support. 			
(31) Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing Scheme – Ying Wa Street Project”	2nd quarter of 2020 (Planned)	77.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those who have been waiting for PRH allocation for three years or more and living in inadequate housing condition; or ● Those who have an obvious urgent 	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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			need for housing and community support.			
(32) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA Programme (2020)	July 2020 (Planned)	1,118.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons renting on a monthly basis private permanent housing, industrial buildings, commercial buildings or social housing¹⁹; persons renting bedspaces offered under the Home Affairs Department's Singleton Hostel Programme; persons renting bedspaces offered for ex-offenders and discharged prisoners operated by NGOs; persons 	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

¹⁹ Social housing refers to transitional social housing projects supported by the relevant bureaux and operated by NGOs.

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			residing in temporary housing; homeless persons; or persons residing in vessels; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● household income and rent not exceeding the specified limits; ● not receiving CSSA; and ● not owning any property in Hong Kong. 			

(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 ²⁰
(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

²⁰ 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) Incentive Scheme to Further Encourage CSSA Recipients of the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to Secure Employment	March 2017
(9) Provision of a One-off Grant for School-related Expenses to Kindergarten Students	August 2017