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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 57 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 about \$17 billion. The CCF programmes have benefitted over 1.77 million cases and the CCF has disbursed around \$8.096 billion<sup>1</sup> to implementing agencies as at the end of April 2020. 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 December 2019 when this Panel was briefed on the work progress of the CCF, the CoP has endorsed the launch of the following three new assistance programmes –

- (a) The launch of the “Subsidy for Refurbishment of Property of the MTR Corporation Limited for “T-Home” Transitional Housing Scheme – Trackside Villas” (“the Scheme”): To assist the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) to refurbish Trackside Villas, the property of the MTR Corporation Limited, for transitional housing<sup>2</sup>. The refurbishment works are expected to commence in the second quarter of 2020 in phases and the refurbished flats would be available for intake by eligible applicants in the third quarter of 2020 at the earliest. The Scheme, with a total funding provision of \$45.94 million, is expected to provide at most 252 transitional housing units and benefit around 1 120 persons.
- (b) The launch of the “Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance” Programme (2021) (“the 2021 Programme”): To provide an additional round of one-off living subsidy to those “N-have nots” on top of the living subsidy under the 2020 Programme<sup>3</sup>. The total funding for the 2021 Programme is \$1,447.73 million and it is

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<sup>1</sup> Including the disbursement to beneficiaries and the staffing and administrative expenses of implementing agencies.

<sup>2</sup> The MTR Corporation Limited let Trackside Villas to the HKHS at nominal rent for five years. HKHS is responsible for refurbishing Trackside Villas into “transitional housing” and its operation and management.

<sup>3</sup> The 2020 Programme was discussed at the meeting on 3 December 2019 (see LC Paper No. CB(2)147/19-20(03)).

expected to benefit about 137 150 households (about 353 600 persons). The 2021 Programme will be implemented in January 2021 following the 2020 Programme of which applications will be accepted in phases from 2 July to 30 November 2020. More than 200 service units operated by non-governmental organisations have been enlisted to assist the "N have-nots" in applying for the subsidy under the above-mentioned Programmes. The subsidy levels of the two Programmes, according to the household size, are the same: \$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.

- (c) The launch of the "One-off Allowance for New Arrivals from Low-income Families" Programme ("the Programme"): To provide a one-off allowance of \$10,000 to new arrivals from low-income families who are aged 18 or above and have entered Hong Kong for settlement for less than seven years as at 31 March 2021 to facilitate their integration into the community. The Programme, with a total funding provision of \$2,131.04 million, is expected to be launched and accept applications in around September 2020, and is expected to benefit about 203 000 persons.

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 approved the further extension of the "Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing" Programme for six months until end-October 2020. The CoP also endorsed the relief measure<sup>4</sup> under the "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" with an aim of sustaining the service provision of the approved service providers under the influence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

8. As for the CCF Medical Assistance Programmes, the CoP endorsed the introduction of the drug Dinutuximab Beta for the treatment of neuroblastoma to the "Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders) Programme". Besides, the CCF Task Force Chairperson approved the introduction of seven specified self-financed cancer drugs under the coverage of the First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes, including one lymphoma cancer drug (Brentuximab

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<sup>4</sup> The Social Welfare Department will provide a four-month subsidy to the approved service providers based on the utilisation of places subsidised by the CCF before the epidemic outbreak.

Vedotin), three lung cancer drugs (Brigatinib, Durvalumab, Pembrolizumab), one liver cancer drug (Lenvatinib) and two multiple myeloma drugs (Ixazomib and Lenalidomide), and the relaxation of indication of two existing breast cancer drugs (Palbociclib and Ribociclib), with effect from the second quarter of 2020, in accordance with the streamlined approval process for the introduction of new drugs/medical devices<sup>5</sup>.

## **Financial Position**

9. A total of \$12 billion has been placed with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority<sup>6</sup> (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.

10. As at the end of April 2020, the balance of the CCF stood at around \$18.869 billion, consisting mainly of the placement of \$15.301 billion at the HKMA and bank deposits of around \$3.553 billion, with total investment return being \$5.145 billion.

## **Consultation and Monitoring**

11. On consultation work, we plan to conduct four public consultation sessions in late 2020<sup>7</sup> 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

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<sup>5</sup> The CoP agreed on 29 October 2019 to streamline the approval process for the three medical assistance programmes. Pursuant to the streamlined procedure, the CoP will, subject to its approval of an annual indicative budget for each programme, delegate the authority to the CCF Task Force Chairperson to grant final approval for introducing new drugs/medical devices. Subsequently, the CoP at its meeting on 21 January 2020 approved the 2020-21 indicative budgets for the three medical assistance programmes and granted approval-in-principle for new drugs/medical devices.

<sup>6</sup> 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. Since the CCF will progressively implement a number of new large-scale assistance programmes from the second half of 2020, it is anticipated that the current bank deposit of the CCF will be inadequate to meet the required cash flow of the assistance programmes. In this regard, the CoP agreed an early withdrawal of \$7 billion principal from the HKMA in late 2020.

<sup>7</sup> The four public consultation sessions were originally scheduled for early 2020 but were suspended due to COVID-19 epidemic.

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.

12. 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**

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

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**Assistance Programmes under the Community Care Fund in Progress/to be Rolled Out<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Assistance programme (Disbursement amount)</b>	<b>Implementation date</b>	<b>Funding provision (\$ million)</b>	<b>Major eligibility criteria</b>	<b>Beneficiary statistics (as at 30 April 2020)</b>	<b>Disbursements (\$ million) (as at 30 April 2020)</b>	<b>Progress and evaluation</b>
(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 Efficacy (First	August 2011	1,723.52 <sup>2</sup> (current funding provision for nine years of operation up to March 2021)	● The prevailing SF financial assessment mechanism and its sliding scale are adopted as the financial assessment criteria.	13 997 person-times <sup>3</sup>	Around 1,157.65 <sup>4</sup>	The Programme initially covered 6 specified self-financed cancer drugs and was subsequently expanded by phases. It covers 31 drugs as at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020. In addition, 7 drugs/indications which were previously covered by the Programme have been repositioned to the

<sup>1</sup> 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](#).

<sup>2</sup> Including the administrative and audit expenses of this programme and programme (A)(1) at the [Appendix](#).

<sup>3</sup> This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 April 2020.

<sup>4</sup> This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 30 April 2020.

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<p>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 SF 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 Poverty (CoP) approved in January</p>

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						<p>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 the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP granted approval in January 2020 for the indicative budgets for the Medical Assistance Programmes for the year 2020-21.</p>

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<p>(2) Subsidy for the Severely Disabled Persons Aged Below 60 who are Non-CSSA (Comprehensive Social Security Assistance) Recipients 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>	<p>September 2011 (extended for one year in November from 2012 to 2015, extended for two years in November 2016 and extended for two years in November 2018)</p>	<p>452.79</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Aged below 60 and receiving Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme as at 31 July 2018; and</li> <li>● living in the community and with household income not exceeding 150% of the relevant Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI).</li> </ul>	<p>14 629 person-times</p>	<p>Around 381.03</p>	<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 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</p>	<p>The Programme was first launched in October 2011</p>	<p>33.671</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying</li> </ul>	<p>22 605 households</p>	<p>Around 32.09</p>	<p>First launch of the Programme was completed in 2012.</p>

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Paying a Rent Exceeding the Maximum Rent Allowance (MRA) under the CSSA Scheme			actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at 1 July 2011.			
(First launch: a subsidy of \$1,000 for one-person household; and \$2,000 for two-or-more-person household)  (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)	The Programme was launched for the second time in September 2013	53.77	● 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	Second launch of the Programme was completed in September 2014.  The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in August 2014 which approved to launch the Programme for the third time.
(Relaunch in 2017: calculation of the amount of subsidy will base on the reported rental records, the	The Programme was launched for the third time in September 2014	46.83	● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at	14 991 households	Around 44.58	Third launch of the Programme was completed in September 2015.  The evaluation results were

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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. The monthly-calculated subsidy will be provided yearly on a one-off basis)			1 July 2014.			reported to the CoP in July 2015 which approved to launch the Programme for the fourth time.
	The Programme was launched for the fourth time in September 2015 (extended in September 2016)	96.52	● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at 1 July 2016.	14 938 households (fourth launch)  15 458 households (extension of implementation in 2016)	Around 91.89	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.  Fourth launch and extension of implementation in September 2016 were completed in September 2017.  The CoP approved in November 2017 the relaunch of the

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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>
	<p>The Programme was relaunched in November 2017 (a two-year programme, extended for 6 months in November 2019 and further extended for 6 months in May</p>	<p>197.1</p>	<p>● 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</p>	<p>15 084 Households (first year)</p> <p>16 212 Households (second year)</p> <p>16 333 (November 2019 to end-April 2020)</p>	<p>Around 147.64</p>	<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 CoP approved in October 2019 to</p>

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	2020 until October 2020)		<p>specified date for the second year is 31 July 2018).</p> <p>The specified date for the Extended Programme and the Further Extended Programme in 2019 is 31 July 2019.</p>			<p>extend the programme for 6 months until end-April 2020 and approved in April 2020 to further extend the programme for 6 months until end-October 2020.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Relunched 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	December 2011 (a three-year Enhanced Programme was launched in November 2017)	4.43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Persons who have passed the family/household-based means test establishing eligibility for CSSA Scheme, student financial assistance</li> </ul>	186 households (304 persons)	Around 0.65	BD has inspected 182 target industrial buildings of which 61 have so far been identified as premises of illegal domestic use. BD has taken



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<p>Buildings Department (BD)'s Enforcement Action</p> <p>(An allowance of \$6,162 for one-person households, \$10,164 for two-to-three-person households; and \$13,950 for four-or-more-person households)</p>			<p>schemes, HA Medical Fee Waiving Mechanism or Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (WITS); or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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.</li> </ul>			<p>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.</p> <p>The CoP noted the evaluation report on the Programme and approved recommendations of enhancement in November 2017.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Enhanced Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(5) Elderly Dental Assistance Programme</p> <p>(Based on the level of subsidy of CSSA dental grant, a maximum 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</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>1,392.67<sup>5</sup> (including the provision required for the Expanded Programme (i.e. from September 2015 to February 2022))</p>	<p>● 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 receiving CSSA; or aged 65 or above and receiving Normal or Higher Old Age Living Allowance (OALA)<sup>6</sup>; and</p>	<p>63 376 persons</p>	<p>Around 691.18</p>	<p>The interim evaluation results were reported to the CoP in September 2013.</p> <p>The Programme 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 were also introduced in February 2019.</p>

<sup>5</sup> Starting from 1 January 2015, the unspent balance of the original allocation has been pooled together with the allocation for the Expanded Programme.

<sup>6</sup> 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

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provided to applicants who are users of the home care / home help services under the Programme (if applicable))			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● have not benefited from this programme or the Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly under the Department of Health (DH).</li> </ul>			As at end-April 2020, around 72 400 applications from elders were received and around 63 400 elders have completed their required treatment (including around 60 300 denture cases) and the remaining 9 000 elders are receiving dental treatment at various stages.
(6) Subsidy for Owners' Corporations of Old Buildings  (From 1 October 2018 onwards, eligible owners' corporations	October 2012 (A three-year Enhanced Scheme was launched in October 2015. Third phase of the Scheme,	67.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Residential or composite buildings aged 30 years or above with owners' corporations; and</li> <li>● From 1 October 2018 onwards,</li> </ul>	3 069 owners' corporations	Around 43.63	The CoP noted the evaluation results of the Scheme and approved the implementation of the Enhanced Scheme for three years in September

additional funding be required.

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can be granted a subsidy with the total amount capped at \$24,000 for relevant expenditure items on an accountable basis)	launched in October 2018, lasts for 3 years.)		average rateable value of the residential units does not exceed \$162,000 for urban area and \$124,000 for New Territories.			2015.  The interim evaluation results of the Enhanced Scheme were reported to the CoP in August 2017.  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.
(7) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families	June 2014 (Phase I of the Pilot Scheme lasted for two years and four months. Phase II of the Pilot	538.24	An eligible carer of the elderly person(s) under Phase III of the Pilot Scheme should meet all of the following circumstances/criteria: ● the elderly	5 710 carers	Around 366.82	The application period of Phase III of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 October 2018. SWD has completed the vetting process.

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<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 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 2016, lasted for two years. Phase III of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for two years.)</p>		<p>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) and/or community care services) on or before 30 November 2017;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the elderly</li> </ul>			<p>SWD has authorised 50 NGOs that operate District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and/or Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) as approved service providers (ASPs)<sup>7</sup> 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</p>

<sup>7</sup> The 50 ASPs operate 159 DECCs and NECs in total across the territory.

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			<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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</li> </ul>			<p>Carers of Persons with Disabilities submitted by the Study Centre. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			time); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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;</li> <li>● the carer must not be a recipient of CSSA or OALA; and</li> <li>● the monthly household income of the carer must not exceed 75% of the relevant MMDHI.</li> </ul>			
(8) Providing Hostel Subsidy for Needy Undergraduate Students	2014/15 academic year (originally a three-year	263.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Full-time undergraduates of publicly-funded or self-financing</li> </ul>	31 879 person-times	Around 185.36	In April 2017, the evaluation results for the first three years were reported

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<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 \$9,740 in the 2020/21 academic year.)</p>	<p>programme, extended for four academic years to the 2020/21 academic year)</p>		<p>locally-accredited programmes at degree level;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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;</li> <li>● resided in student hostels provided by their institutions; and</li> <li>● confirmed by their</li> </ul>			<p>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 Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>



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			institutions to have resided in student 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 \$2,420 in the 2020/21 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"> <li>● Full-time students pursuing locally-accredited self-financing programmes at sub-degree or degree level; and</li> <li>● eligible applicants of FASP who have passed the means test of SFO.</li> </ul>	<p>113 238 person-times</p>	<p>Around 197.93</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</p>

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						<p>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>
<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"> <li>● Students meeting the eligibility criteria of the TSFS or the FASP and passed the means test of the SFO; and</li> <li>● must be identified with at least one type of SEN including specific learning difficulties, intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders, attention</li> </ul>	<p>818 person-times</p>	<p>Around 6.25</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 \$9,200 in the 2020/21 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"> <li>● Girls aged nine to 18 who are receiving CSSA;</li> <li>● female students aged nine or above who are receiving full grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS);</li> <li>● girls aged nine to 18 who are from households benefiting from the Working Family</li> </ul>	29 032 persons	Around 74.291	Application for the Pilot Scheme was closed on 16 September 2019. As at end-April 2020, the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (i.e. the implementing agency of the Pilot Scheme) has provided cervical cancer vaccination service to 29 032

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			Allowance (WFA) Scheme; or ● female students aged nine or above who are receiving half grant under the STAS.			<p>teenage girls. Beneficiaries should receive all the necessary doses of vaccine before 31 March 2020 (normal case) or 30 June 2020 (exceptional case).</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	October 2016 (originally a three-year pilot scheme,	54.06	● Receiving CSSA and is medically certified to be disabled or in	8 563 persons	Around 40.09	The CoP approved in July 2019 to extend the Pilot Scheme for 12

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Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	extended for 12 months to the end of September 2020)		ill-health; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● engaging in paid employment and entitling to the disregarded earnings (DE) arrangement under the CSSA Scheme; and</li> <li>● being medically certified to be disabled or in ill-health continuously while enjoying the raised DE under the Pilot Scheme.</li> </ul>			months until the end of September 2020.  The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(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"> <li>● Receiving HDA (persons being medically certified as “unfit for making a statement” excluded);</li> <li>● having secured paid employment (not applicable to persons</li> </ul>	41 persons	Around 6.48	The application period for the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 March 2018.  The CoP approved in July 2019 to extend the Pilot Scheme for 12

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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"> <li>● 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).</li> <li>● Subsidy will only be provided to existing eligible beneficiaries during the extension period of the Pilot Scheme. The</li> </ul>			<p>months until the end of September 2020.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			application closed on 31 March 2018 will not be reopened.			
<p>(14) 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 person with disabilities at the same time)</p> <p>(Phase II of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly</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"> <li>● 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</li> </ul>	<p>2 313 persons</p>	<p>Around 168.51</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 (PRCs) or Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) as</p>

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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>under the Education Bureau (EDB) or infirmary service of HA on or before 31 March 2018;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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 the allowance;</li> <li>● the carer must be capable of taking up the care-giving role, and is</li> </ul>			<p>approved service providers (ASPs)<sup>8</sup> 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. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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



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			<p>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);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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;</li> <li>● the carer must not be a recipient of CSSA or OALA;</li> </ul>			

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>and</li> <li>● the monthly household income of the carer must not exceed 75% of the relevant MMDHI.</li> </ul>			
(15) Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders)	August 2017	293.8 (current funding provision for three years of operation up to March 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HA patients who meet specific clinical criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social Workers; and</li> <li>● permanent residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.</li> </ul>	54 person-times <sup>9</sup>	Around 177.06 <sup>10</sup>	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

<sup>9</sup> This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 April 2020.

<sup>10</sup> This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 30 April 2020.

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						<p>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 also introduced to the Programme starting from mid-July 2019.</p> <p>The CoP approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance</p>

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						<p>Programmes.</p> <p>The HA agreed to relax the criteria on the blood transfusion amount received by patients under the clinical guidelines for the drug for treating PNH.</p> <p>The CoP approved in October 2019 to streamline the approval process for the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP approved in January 2020 the introduction of a new drug for treating Neuroblastoma after its registration in</p>

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						<p>Hong Kong.</p> <p>The CoP granted approval in January 2020 for the indicative budgets for the Medical Assistance Programmes for the year 2020-21.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(16) Subsidy for Eligible Patients of Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices	August 2017	85.96 (current funding provision for three years of operation up	● HA patients who meet specific clinical criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social Workers.	194 person-times <sup>11</sup>	Around 49.67 <sup>12</sup>	The Programme initially covered two specified implantable medical devices for interventional procedures and was

<sup>11</sup> This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 April 2020.

<sup>12</sup> This refers to the subsidy for specified implantable medical devices approved for beneficiaries as at 30 April 2020.

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for Interventional Procedures		to March 2021)				<p>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 Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP approved in October 2019 to streamline the approval process for the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP granted approval in January 2020 for the</p>

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						<p>indicative budgets for the Medical Assistance Programmes for the year 2020-21.</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 below and receiving financial assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CSSA Scheme; or</li> <li>● Low-income Working Family</li> </ul>	152 persons	Around 0.36 <sup>13</sup>	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

<sup>13</sup> 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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			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 Medical Consumables  (The subsidy is disbursed according to the family asset and	September 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	50.64	● 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	631 persons	Around 13.74	The second batch application was closed on 2 April 2019.  The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.



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monthly household income of the eligible applicant “full grant” \$1,000; “three-quarters grant” \$750 or “half grant” \$500)			receiving surgical treatment in public hospital/clinic); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● must not be a recipient of CSSA;</li> <li>● the monthly household income must not exceed 150% of the relevant MMDHI;</li> <li>● the family’s asset must not exceed the asset limit for public rental housing (PRH) application under the Housing Authority;</li> <li>● without receiving any relevant subsidy for purchasing medical consumables for the stoma from other funding sources; and</li> <li>● living in the community, residential care</li> </ul>			

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			homes or boarding schools; or being hospitalized but with a concrete discharge plan.			
<p>(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</p> <p>(According to the monthly household income of the families, eligible children will be granted full-fee waiving, half-fee</p>	October 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Children aged six to 12 receiving services under the After School Care Programme;</li> <li>● 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</li> <li>● their monthly household income must not exceed</li> </ul>	959 persons	Around 5.44	<p>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 Scheme.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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reduction or 1/3-fee reduction subsidy)			100% of the relevant MMDHI.			
(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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Women aged 25 to 64<sup>14</sup> or women aged 65 or above who have not received routine screening in the past 10 years; and</li> <li>● 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/</li> </ul>	663 persons	Around 0.38	<p>The Pilot Scheme has been 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>

<sup>14</sup> DH recommends women aged 25 to 64 who ever had sex to receive regular cervical cancer screening.

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			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.			
<p>(21) 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"> <li>● Aged 60 or above and living in the community;</li> <li>● assessed to be of mild impairment by the designated assessment tool of this Pilot Scheme;</li> <li>● currently on the waiting list for the IHCS (Ordinary Cases); and</li> <li>● the monthly household income must not be higher</li> </ul>	3 171 persons	Around 82.52	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

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			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>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>
<p>(22) Pilot Scheme on Relocation Allowance for Beneficiaries of the “Community Housing Movement”</p> <p>(Eligible households will be granted a one-off relocation</p>	December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	7.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applicant and household member(s) residing with him/her shall be a beneficiary household under the “Community Housing Movement” (CHM); and</li> <li>● the monthly</li> </ul>	288 households	Around 1.98	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

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allowance: \$3,076 for one-person households, \$7,028 for two-to-three-person households, and \$9,263 for four-or-more-person households)			personal/household income must not exceed the income limit for PRH applications under the Hong Kong Housing Authority.			allowance in the course of the Pilot Scheme.  The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(23) 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"> <li>● Aged 60 or above; and</li> <li>● 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</li> </ul>	1 182 persons	Around 53.92	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.  The CCF Task Force and the CoP noted the changes regarding the

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			Programme for Elderly Patients.			<p>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 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</p>

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						future.
<p>(24) 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 the 2020/21 school year, the subsidy is up to \$4,740 for students receiving CSSA/full grant and \$2,370 for students receiving half grant.)</p>	2018/19 school year (a three-school year programme)	415.54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students studying in public sector primary or secondary schools and receiving CSSA or full/half grant under the STAS; and</li> <li>● studying in schools and classes implementing e-learning and adopting “Bring Your Own Device”.</li> </ul>	About 30 000 students <sup>15</sup>	Around 114 <sup>15</sup>	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

<sup>15</sup> 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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(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 Project	April 2019	37.69	Beneficiaries of the Modular Social Housing Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● proven to be in need of transitional housing (e.g. queued for PRH for at least 3 years); or</li> <li>● living in inadequate housing conditions; or</li> <li>● low-income and in urgent need for community support.</li> </ul>	Data are not yet available	Around 18.18	The construction work commenced in April 2019 and was originally expected to complete in the first half of 2020. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the progress has been slightly affected. All Modular Integrated Construction (MiC) units have now been installed on site. Given the current progress, the construction work is targeted to complete in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020 and in-take is expected to commence in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020.  Applications are invited from 29

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						<p>April 2020 to 5 June 2020.</p> <p>It was expected to provide 90 flats originally. In order to optimise the flat mix, the updated number of transitional housing flats is 89. The total number of beneficiaries remains 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 Housing – Lok Sin	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020	15.45	Beneficiaries must be the households that are waiting for PRH allocation for more than three years, living in poor environment or	Data are not yet available	Around 2.39	The Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society Kowloon (LST) appointed their consultant in the second half of 2019

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Tong Primary School (Pilot Scheme)			<p>in urgent need for housing &amp; community support, and are required to meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Households receiving CSSA; or</li> <li>● Households whose income is lower than 55% of the MMDHI will be given priority.</li> </ul>			<p>and the contract for construction work was approved in early 2020. Conversion and construction works are in full swing. The progress has been slightly affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 but the construction is still expected to complete by the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020. Applications were invited from 20 April to 31 May 2020. In-take is expected to commence in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2020.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF</p>

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						Task Force in future.
(27) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing (Pilot Scheme) to Facilitate the Implementation of the Modular Social Housing Scheme - Yen Chow Street Project	Mid-2020 (Planned commencement date of the works under the Pilot Scheme)	99.92	Beneficiaries are required to meet the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Those who have an obvious need for transitional housing and have been waiting for PRH allocation for more than 3 years; or</li> <li>● Those who are living in poor environment and are in urgent need for housing.</li> </ul>	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) has appointed consultancy in 2019. District Land Conference has granted the Short Term Tenancy to the HKCSS in May 2020 and HKCSS will appoint a contractor for the works in the second half of 2020. The estimated construction period is about 14 months and in-take is scheduled to commence in the second half of 2021 or the first half of 2022.

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						The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(28) Digital Terrestrial Television Assistance Programme  (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.)	14 January 2020	456.45	Households using analogue TV sets at home; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 student financial assistance schemes<sup>16</sup>; or</li> </ul>	A total of 8 988 applications received, and installation for 6 761 households completed.	Around 1.31 (Assistance is provided in kind and in the form of services)	The Programme has been implemented smoothly. We will continue with a diverse range of publicity activities with a view to reminding households to submit applications timely.  The effectiveness of the Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force at appropriate juncture.

<sup>16</sup> Including the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme - Publicly-funded Programmes, Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students, Tuition Fee Reimbursement for Diploma Yi Jin (100% or 50% reimbursement of tuition fees paid), Financial Assistance Scheme for Designated Evening Adult Education Courses (100% or 50% reimbursement of tuition fees paid), School Textbook Assistance Scheme, Student Travel Subsidy Scheme, Subsidy Scheme for Internet Access Charges, Examination Fee

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			<p>Medical Fee Waiver Mechanism of public hospitals and clinics; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● average monthly household income in the past three months not exceeding 75% of the MMDHI of economically active households.</li> </ul>			
(29) Assistance Programme to Improve the Living Environment of Low-income Subdivided Unit (SDU) Households	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020 (Planned)	287.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● living in SDUs;</li> <li>● meeting the income requirement<sup>18</sup>; and</li> <li>● having at least one household member being a</li> </ul>	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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Remission Scheme, Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme, and Grant for School-related Expenses for Kindergarten Students.

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(Each eligible household <sup>17</sup> 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 households). The subsidy in kind can be			Hong Kong resident.			

<sup>18</sup> 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 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 MMDHI of economically active households, and no asset test will be conducted.

<sup>17</sup> 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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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 Road and To Kwa Wan Road Project”	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 to be given to those who are receiving CSSA or whose household income	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	District Land Conference has granted Short Term Tenancy to LST in April 2020. LST has appointed consultants in the first half of 2020. The estimated construction period is about 9 months and in-take is scheduled to



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			<p>is less than 55% of the MMDHI; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Those who have an obvious urgent need for housing and community support.</li> </ul>			<p>commence in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(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”	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020 (Planned)	77.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Those who have been waiting for PRH allocation for three years or more and living in inadequate housing condition; or</li> <li>● Those who have an obvious urgent need for housing and community support.</li> </ul>	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	<p>District Land Conference has granted Short Term Tenancy to the Society for Community Organisation (SoCO) in April 2020.</p> <p>SoCO has appointed the consultants in the first half of 2020. Tender exercise for works contractor was scheduled to be carried out in the 3<sup>rd</sup></p>

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						<p>quarter of 2020.</p> <p>The estimated construction period is about 12 months and in-take is scheduled to commence in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(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"> <li>Persons renting on a monthly basis in private permanent housing, industrial buildings, commercial buildings or social housing<sup>19</sup>; persons renting bedspaces</li> </ul>	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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

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<p>(Each eligible household will receive a subsidy: \$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.)</p>			<p>offered under the Home Affairs Department's Singleton Hostel Programme; persons renting hostel bedspaces provided by NGOs for rehabilitated offenders; persons residing in temporary housing; homeless persons; or persons residing in vessels;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● household income and rent not exceeding the specified limits;</li> <li>● not receiving CSSA; and</li> <li>● not owning any property in Hong Kong.</li> </ul>			

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(33) Subsidy for Refurbishment of Property of the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited for “T-Home” Transitional Housing Scheme – Trackside Villas	May 2020	45.94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Families of 3 to 6 persons which have queued for PRH under Hong Kong Housing Authority for not less than three years; and</li> <li>● not owning any residential properties in Hong Kong; or</li> <li>● Applicants who are eligible under the “Community Housing Movement”.</li> </ul>	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	<p>The Hong Kong Housing Society has appointed the contractor of the refurbishment works which was commenced in May 2020. The refurbishment works of the first batch of units are expected to be completed in August 2020.</p> <p>The Hong Kong Housing Society has invited applications from 20 May to 2 June 2020.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(34) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA Programme (2021)</p> <p>(Each eligible household will receive a subsidy: \$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.)</p>	January 2021 (Planned)	1,447.73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons renting on a monthly basis in private permanent housing, industrial buildings, commercial buildings or social housing<sup>20</sup>; persons renting bedspaces offered under the Home Affairs Department's Singleton Hostel Programme; persons renting hostel bedspaces provided by NGOs for rehabilitated offenders; persons residing in temporary housing; homeless persons; or persons residing in vessels;</li> </ul>	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

<sup>20</sup> Social housing refers to transitional social housing projects supported by the relevant bureaux and operated by NGOs.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● household income and rent not exceeding the specified limits;</li> <li>● not receiving CSSA; and</li> <li>● not owning any property in Hong Kong.</li> </ul>			
<p>(35) One-off Allowance for New Arrivals from Low-income Families</p> <p>(Each eligible person will receive a subsidy of \$10,000.)</p>	September 2020 (Planned)	2,131.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Persons who have reached the age of 18 on or before 31 March 2021 as evidenced by their Hong Kong Identity Cards (HKIC);</li> <li>● The following new arrivals who have entered Hong Kong for settlement for less than seven years as at 31 March 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● (i) have</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	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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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>entered Hong Kong from the Mainland on One-way Permit; or</li> <li>● (ii) have the right to land or on unconditional stay in Hong Kong; or</li> <li>● (iii) staying in Hong Kong as dependants (and their sponsors are Hong Kong permanent residents, or non-permanent residents with the right to land or on unconditional stay in Hong Kong ); and</li> <li>● The applicant or</li> </ul>			

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			<p>his/her household member<sup>21</sup> residing with the applicant has passed the family/household-based means-test establishing eligibility for assistance under specified assistance schemes<sup>22</sup>; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the monthly income of the applicant and his/her household members<sup>21</sup> not exceeding the specified monthly household income limit applicable to the number of</li> </ul>			

<sup>21</sup> Household members refer to father, mother, son, daughter, husband or wife residing with the applicant (including legally recognised adoptive parents/children and illegitimate children with proof of parentage).

<sup>22</sup> Including Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, Old Age Living Allowance (only applicable to the household member of the applicant), Working Family Allowance Scheme, student financial assistance schemes or Hospital Authority Medical Fee Waiving Mechanism.



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			household members (including permanent and non-permanent residents).			

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

<b>Assistance programmes</b>	<b>Date of being incorporated into the government’s regular assistance programmes</b>
(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 <sup>23</sup>
(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

<sup>23</sup> The Programme has been incorporated into the regular mechanism of the SF.

**(B) Assistance programmes completed**

<b>Assistance programmes</b>	<b>Date of completion</b>
(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