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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 1.89 million cases and the CCF has disbursed around \$9.053 billion¹ to implementing agencies as at the end of September 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 15 programmes under the CCF into its regular assistance programmes, and plans to incorporate the “Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme” and 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 in February and March 2021 respectively. Besides, nine programmes were completed. The latest progress of the programmes is set out at the **Annex**.

6. Since June 2020 when this Panel was briefed on the work progress of the CCF, through continuous review of existing programmes, the CCF would identify individual programmes that need to be revised or extended in a timely manner so that the assistance being provided can be more appropriate and effective. In this regard, the CoP approved the extension of the following seven assistance programmes –

- (1) The “Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families” for 36 months until end-September 2023;
- (2) The “Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities” for 36 months until end-September 2023;
- (3) The “Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers” for 36 months until end-September 2023 under the current mode of operation;
- (4) The “Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled Programme” for 35 months until end-September 2023 under the current mode of operation;
- (5) The “Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment” for 25 months until December 2022;

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

- (6) The “Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme” for four months until January 2021 under the current mode of operation so as to tie in with the relevant regularisation arrangement and the extension of coverage to all eligible Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients; and
- (7) The “Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables” for six months until February 2021 under the current mode of operation so as to tie in with the relevant regularisation arrangement.

Financial Position

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

8. As at the end of September 2020, the balance of the CCF stood at around \$17.955 billion, consisting mainly of the placement of \$15.301 billion at the HKMA and bank deposits of around \$2.63 billion, with total investment return being \$5.186 billion.

Consultation and Monitoring

9. On consultation work, we conduct public consultation sessions regularly 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,

² CCF placed \$5 billion and \$10 billion with the HKMA in June 2011 and July 2013 respectively for an investment period of six years. The CCF extended the first placement of \$5 billion upon its maturity in June 2017. The second placement of \$10 billion 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 has implemented 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.

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.

10. 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

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

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(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	1,723.49 ² (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.	15 180 person-times ³	Around 1,410.07 ⁴	The Programme initially covered 6 specified self-financed cancer drugs and was subsequently expanded by phases. It covers 31 drugs as at September 2020. In addition, 7 drugs/indications which were previously covered by the Programme have been

¹ Since the establishment of the Community Care Fund (CCF) in 2011, 15 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) at the [Appendix](#).

³ This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 September 2020.

⁴ This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 30 September 2020.

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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>repositioned to the 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</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 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, extended for two years in November 2018 and extended for 35 months in November 2020 up to late September 2023 under the current mode of operation)</p>	620.12	<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 community and with household income not exceeding 150% of the relevant Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI). 	14 629 person-times	Around 408.49	<p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in May 2013.</p> <p>The CoP approved in September 2020 the extension of the Programme for 35 months and the revised estimate of the Programme.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Extended Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(3) Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private	The Programme was first launched in	33.671	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSSA households living in rented private 	22 605 households	Around 32.09	First launch of the Programme was completed in 2012.

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Housing and Paying a Rent Exceeding the Maximum Rent Allowance (MRA) under the CSSA Scheme	October 2011		housing paying 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	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. The CoP approved to launch the Programme for the third time.

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household) (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. The monthly-calculated subsidy will be provided yearly on a one-off basis)	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 1 July 2014.	14 991 households	Around 44.58	Third launch of the Programme was completed in September 2015. The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in July 2015. The CoP 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. The CoP approved to extend the Programme in 2016. Fourth launch and extension of

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						<p>implementation in September 2016 were completed in September 2017.</p> <p>The CoP approved in November 2017 the relaunch of the Programme for a period of two years by adjusting the approach in calculating and disbursing subsidy.</p> <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	197.1	● CSSA households living in rented private housing	15 084 Households (first year)	Around 178.37	The Programme was relaunched in November 2017,

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	2017 (a two-year programme, extended for 6 months in November 2019 and further extended for 6 months in May 2020 until end-October 2020)		<p>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 while the 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>16 212 Households (second year)</p> <p>16 333 (November 2019 to end-April 2020)</p> <p>16 333 Households (May to end-October 2020)</p>		<p>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 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 Relaunch Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in</p>

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						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 \$6,162 for one-person households, \$10,164 for two-to-three-person households; and \$13,950 for four-or-more-person households)</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 exceeding 75% of the MMDHI for two-or-more-person households. 	190 households (311 persons)	Around 0.68	<p>BD has inspected 196 target industrial buildings of which 62 have 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 44 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</p>

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						<p>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>
<p>(5) Elderly Dental Assistance Programme</p> <p>(Based on the level of subsidy of CSSA dental grant, a maximum subsidy of \$18,680 for dental services for each beneficiary (including \$12,255 for dentures,</p>	<p>September 2012 (a three-year Expanded Programme was launched in September 2015, extended for half year in September 2018, and extended in March 2019 for</p>	<p>1,392.67⁵ (including the provision required for the Expanded Programme (i.e. from September 2015 to</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 SWD and</p>	<p>69 399 persons</p>	<p>Around 771.78</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</p>

⁵ 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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<p>\$6,355 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))</p>	<p>three years up to end-February 2022)</p>	<p>February 2022))</p>	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● have not benefited from this programme or the Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly under the Department of Health (DH). 			<p>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> <p>As at end-September 2020, around 78 200 applications from elders were received and around 69 400 elders have completed their required treatment (including around</p>

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 is required.

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						66 100 denture cases) and the remaining 8 800 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. The three-year third phase of the Scheme was launched in October 2018)	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. 	3 126 owners' corporations	Around 46.42	<p>The CoP noted the evaluation results of the Scheme and approved the implementation of the Enhanced Scheme for three years in September 2015.</p> <p>The interim evaluation results of the Enhanced Scheme were reported to the CoP in August 2017.</p> <p>The evaluation results were</p>

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						reported to the CoP in June 2018. The CoP 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 (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	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 Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for two	882.95	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 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	5 717 carers	Around 397.92	The application period of Phase III of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 October 2018. SWD has completed the vetting process. SWD has authorised 50 NGOs that operate District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and/or Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) as approved

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<p>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>years, extended for 6 months up to late-March 2021. Phase IV of the Pilot Scheme will be launched in April 2021 for 30 months up to late-September 2023)</p>		<p>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 undergoing long-term hospitalisation during the 			<p>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 evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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

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			<p>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 Hong Kong and has not engaged in any form of employment 			

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			relationship with the elderly person(s) under his/her care; <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. 			
(8) Providing Hostel Subsidy for Needy Undergraduate Students (The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to the movement of the Consumer Price Index (A) (CPI (A)). Each	2014/15 academic year (originally a three-year programme, extended for four academic years to the 2020/21 academic year)	263.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full-time undergraduates of publicly-funded or self-financing locally-accredited programmes at degree level; ● eligible applicants of the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme – 	32 469 person-times	Around 196.06	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.

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eligible student can receive up to \$9,740 in the 2020/21 academic year.)			<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● resided in student hostels provided by their institutions; and ● confirmed by their institutions to have resided in student hostels in the semesters of the implementation period. 			<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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<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"> ● 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>118 913 person-times</p>	<p>Around 204.3</p>	<p>The evaluation results for the first three years were reported to the CoP in April 2017. The CoP approved to extend the Programme for two more years to the 2018/19 academic year.</p> <p>The evaluation results for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 academic years were reported to the CoP in April 2019. The CoP approved to further extend the Programme for two more years to the 2020/21 academic year.</p>

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						The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
<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 the movement of CPI (A). Each eligible student can receive up to \$9,200 in the 2020/21 academic year.)</p>	2015/16 academic year (originally a three-year programme, extended for three academic years to the 2020/21 academic year)	12.46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students meeting the eligibility criteria of the TSFS or the FASP and passed the means test of the SFO; and ● must be identified with at least one type of SEN including specific learning difficulties, intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, physical disability, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech 	889 person-times	Around 6.86	<p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in June 2018. The CoP 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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			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 Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme; or ● female students aged nine or above 	29 032 persons	Around 74.44	Application for the Pilot Scheme was closed on 16 September 2019. As at end-September 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 teenage girls. In view of the outbreak of

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			who are receiving half grant under the STAS.			<p>COVID-19, some of the eligible teenage girls did not receive the second or third dose of vaccine as scheduled. The CoP approved on 30 June 2020 extension of the deadline for the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong to administer the last dose of vaccine under the Pilot Scheme to end-September 2020⁸.</p> <p>Starting from April 2019, the fixed vaccination service fee is adjusted from</p>

⁸ According to the vaccine manufacturer's instructions, the whole course of vaccination must be completed within one year, or immunity may not be achieved. It is therefore infeasible to further extend the vaccination service.

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						<p>\$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 Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	October 2016 (originally a three-year pilot scheme, extended for 12 months to end-September 2020, and further extended under the current mode of operation for 4 months up to end-January 2021)	56.58	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receiving CSSA and is medically certified to be disabled or in ill-health; ● engaging in paid employment and entitling to the disregarded earnings (DE) arrangement under the CSSA Scheme; and ● being medically certified to be disabled or in ill-health 	9 176 persons	Around 45.11	The CoP approved in September 2020 further extension of the Pilot Scheme under the current mode of operation for 4 months until end-January 2021.

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			continuously while enjoying the raised DE under the Pilot Scheme.			
(13) Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers (A monthly allowance of \$5,000 would be given to each eligible person)	October 2016 (originally a three-year pilot scheme, extended for 12 months to the end of September 2020, extended for 36 months up to late-September 2023 under the current mode of operation)	18.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receiving HDA (persons being medically certified as “unfit for making a statement” excluded); ● having secured paid employment (not applicable to persons engaged in self-employment or working at home) with a monthly income of not less than \$7,500 and not exceeding \$30,000; and ● being gainfully employed but his/her relatives or friends are unable to provide 	41 persons	Around 6.91	<p>The application period for the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 March 2018.</p> <p>The CoP approved in September 2020 the extension of implementation of the Pilot Scheme for 36 months until late-September 2023.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subsidy will only be provided to existing eligible beneficiaries during the extension period of the Pilot Scheme. <p>Application which was closed on 31 March 2018, will not be reopened.</p>			
(14) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities	October 2016 (Phase I of the Pilot Scheme lasted for two years. Phase II of the Pilot	498.62	An eligible carer of the person with disabilities under Phase II of the Pilot Scheme should meet all of the following	2 316 persons	Around 194.13	The application period of Phase II of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 October 2018. SWD has completed

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<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 care of more than one person with disabilities</p>	<p>Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for two years, extended for 6 months up to late-March 2021. Phase III of the Pilot Scheme will be launched in April 2021 for 30 months up to late-September 2023)</p>		<p>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 disabilities being taken care of must 			<p>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)⁹ of Phase II of the Pilot Scheme to assist in providing support services to the carers.</p> <p>SWD is now</p>

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

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at the same time)			<p>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 with disabilities who meets the 			<p>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>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	293.76 (current funding provision for three years of operation up to March 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HA patients who meet specific clinical criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social Workers; and ● permanent residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. 	66 person-times ¹⁰	Around 198.81 ¹¹	<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>

¹⁰ This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 September 2020.

¹¹ This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 30 September 2020.

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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-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 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.</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 Hong Kong.</p> <p>The CoP granted approval in January</p>

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						<p>2020 for the indicative budgets for the Medical Assistance Programmes for the year 2020-21.</p> <p>Drug for treating Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria has been repositioned to the coverage of SF in mid-July 2020.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(16) Subsidy for Eligible Patients of	August 2017	85.93 (current	● HA patients who meet specific clinical	230 person-times ¹²	Around 58.46 ¹³	The Programme initially covered

¹² This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 September 2020.

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Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices for Interventional Procedures		funding provision for three years of operation up to March 2021)	criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social Workers.			<p>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 Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP approved in October 2019</p>

¹³ This refers to the subsidy for specified implantable medical devices approved for beneficiaries as at 30 September 2020.

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						<p>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> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(17) Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma	September 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme, extended for 6 months up to	50.64	● Confirmed to have permanent stoma (excretory stoma) by Medical Officer/Nurse of a	649 persons	Around 15.23	The second batch application was closed on 2 April 2019.

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<p>from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables</p> <p>(The subsidy is disbursed according to the family asset and monthly household income of the eligible applicant “full grant” \$1,000; “three-quarters grant” \$750 or “half grant” \$500)</p>	<p>February 2021 and will be incorporated into the government’s regular subsidy)</p>		<p>public hospital/clinic/ Surgical Specialist on the Specialist Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (only applicable to applicant not receiving surgical treatment in public hospital/clinic);</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 (PRH) application under the Housing Authority; 			

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● without receiving any relevant subsidy for purchasing medical consumables for the stoma from other funding sources; and ● living in the community, residential care homes or boarding schools; or being hospitalized but with a concrete discharge plan. 			
(18) Pilot Scheme on Subsidised Cervical Cancer Screening and Preventive Education for Eligible Low-income	December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	78.61	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Women aged 25 to 64¹⁴ or women aged 65 or above who have not received routine screening in the past 10 years; and ● receiving CSSA/ 	716 persons	Around 0.41	The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 13 December 2017. Eligible women may apply to designated service providers for

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

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Women			<p>holding Level 0 voucher of the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly; or receiving waiver of medical charges under the medical fee waiving mechanism of public hospitals and clinics; or receiving Normal/ Higher OALA; or be granted WFA (formerly known as LIFA) or WITS for any of the past 12 months; or having household member(s) granted subsidy/remission under the STAS or the KCFR Scheme.</p>			<p>joining the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(19) 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>	<p>December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme, extended for 25 months up to end-December 2022)</p>	<p>383.34</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged 60 or above and living in the community; ● assessed to be of mild impairment by the designated assessment tool of this Pilot Scheme; ● currently on the waiting list for the IHCS (Ordinary Cases); and ● the monthly household income must not be higher than a specified percentage of the MMDHI (i.e. not exceeding 175% for one-person households and not exceeding 150% for two-or-more-person households). 	<p>3 316 persons</p>	<p>Around 95.29</p>	<p>The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 28 December 2017. SWD has issued letters to invite applications from the elderly persons, who are on the waiting list for the IHCS (Ordinary Case), through the IHCS Teams/Home Help Teams participating in the Pilot Scheme. The IHCS Teams/Home Help Teams have conducted assessments and arranged support services for eligible elderly persons.</p> <p>The CoP approved in September 2020</p>

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						<p>the extension of the Pilot Scheme for 25 months up to end-December 2022.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
<p>(20) Pilot Scheme on Relocation Allowance for Beneficiaries of the “Community Housing Movement”</p> <p>(Eligible households will be granted a one-off relocation allowance: \$3,076 for one-person households, \$7,028 for</p>	<p>December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)</p>	<p>7.22</p>	<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 	<p>334 households</p>	<p>Around 2.19</p>	<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>

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two-to-three-person households, and \$9,263 for four-or-more-person households)			limit for PRH applications under the Hong Kong Housing Authority.			The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(21) Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (The Pilot Scheme adopts six co-payment categories on a sliding scale according to the monthly household income of the elderly persons)	February 2018 (a three-year pilot scheme)	225.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged 60 or above; and ● assessed by medical staff of HA to have temporary loss of self-care ability due to illness and in need of transitional care and support (i.e. in need of temporary residential care and/or community care and support services) and are not covered under the existing Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients. 	1 507 persons	Around 71.1	<p>The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 26 February 2018. Medical staff of the hospitals participating in the Pilot Scheme have referred eligible elderly persons to join the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The CCF Task Force and the CoP noted the changes regarding the referral mechanism of the Pilot Scheme at their meetings on</p>

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						<p>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 future.</p>

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<p>(22) 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>	<p>2018/19 school year (a three-school year programme)</p>	<p>415.54</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students studying in public sector primary or secondary schools and receiving CSSA or full/half grant under the STAS; and ● studying in schools and classes implementing e-learning and adopting “Bring Your Own Device”. 	<p>About 82 600 students¹⁵</p>	<p>Around 262¹⁵</p>	<p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

¹⁵ The beneficiary statistics and the amount of disbursement cover the actual figures for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years, and some applicant schools’ estimated number of student beneficiaries and the provisional funding disbursed for the 2020/21 school year.

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(23) 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"> ● proven to be in need of transitional housing (e.g. queued for PRH for at least 3 years); or ● living in inadequate housing conditions; or ● low-income and in urgent need for community support. 	84 households (156 persons)	Around 33.86	Applications were invited from 29 April to 5 June 2020. The construction works were completed and the Occupation Permit was obtained in July 2020. Tenants began to move in from end-August 2020. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(24) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy for Conversion of School Premises for Transitional Housing – Lok Sin Tong Primary	1 st 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 in urgent need for	19 households (55 persons)	Around 13.87	Applications were invited from 20 April to 31 May 2020. The construction works were completed and the Occupation

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School (Pilot Scheme)			housing & community support, and are required to meet the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Households receiving CSSA; or ● Households whose income is lower than 55% of the MMDHI will be given priority. 			Permit was obtained in August 2020. Tenants began to move in from end-August 2020. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(25) 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"> ● Those who have an obvious need for transitional housing and have been waiting for PRH allocation for more than 3 years; or ● Those who are living in poor 	Data are not yet available	Around 0.26	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) had appointed consultancy in 2019. District Land Conference had granted the Short Term Tenancy to the HKCSS in May 2020. HKCSS had appointed a contractor for the

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			environment and are in urgent need for housing.			works in October 2020. The contract period of construction works is about 14 months and in-take is expected to commence in late 2021 or early 2022. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(26) 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	14 January 2020	456.45	Households using analogue TV sets at home; and ● recipients of the following assistances: CSSA; OALA (only for all-elderly households); WFA	A total of 17 596 applications received, and installation for 14 389 households completed.	Around 14.24 (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

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home delivery, installation, collection of old TV set and maintenance services.)			<p>(valid within 18 months from issue date of notification); all means-tested 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. 			<p>timely.</p> <p>The effectiveness of the Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force at appropriate juncture.</p>

¹⁶ 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 Remission Scheme, Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme, and Grant for School-related Expenses for Kindergarten Students.

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(27) Assistance Programme to Improve the Living Environment of Low-income Subdivided Unit (SDU) Households (Each eligible household ¹⁷ will receive a subsidy in kind of up to \$8,500 (for one-person households), \$10,000	June 2020 (two-year programme)	287.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● living in SDUs; ● meeting the income requirement¹⁸; and ● having at least one household member being a Hong Kong resident. 	Data are not yet available	Around 80.85	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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.

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 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.

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(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 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.)						
(28) Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular	June 2020	60.56	● Those who are living in inadequate housing condition	Data are not yet available	Around 0.84	District Land Conference has granted Short Term Tenancy to LST in

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Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing Scheme – the Junction of Sung Wong Toi Road and To Kwa Wan Road Project”			<p>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 is less than 55% of the MMDHI; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those who have an obvious urgent need for housing and community support. 			<p>April 2020. LST has appointed consultants and the contractor in the first half of 2020. Site work has started from June 2020. The estimated construction period is about 9 months and in-take is expected to commence in the 1st quarter of 2021.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(29) Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to	4 th 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 	Data are not yet available	Around 0.83	District Land Conference has granted Short Term Tenancy to the Society for

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Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing Scheme – Ying Wa Street Project”			inadequate housing condition; or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those who have an obvious urgent need for housing and community support. 			<p>Community Organisation (SoCO) in April 2020. SoCO has appointed the consultants in the first half of 2020. Tender for works contract was issued in end-August 2020. The estimated construction period is about 12 months and in-take is expected to commence in end-2021 or early-2022.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(30) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA Programme (2020)</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>	July 2020	1,118.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons renting on a monthly basis in 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 hostel bedspaces provided by NGOs for rehabilitated offenders; persons residing in temporary housing; homeless persons; or persons residing in 	25 422 households (32 187 beneficiaries)	144.83	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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			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. 			
(31) 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"> ● Families of 3 to 6 persons which have queued for PRH under Hong Kong Housing Authority for not less than three years; and ● not owning any residential properties in Hong Kong; or ● Applicants who are eligible under the “Community 	195 households (710 persons)	Around 0.17	The refurbishment works were completed in batches in Q3 2020. Application was closed on 2 June 2020. The Hong Kong Housing Society has completed refurbishment of the first batch of units in August 2020. Tenants began to move in since

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			Housing Movement”.			August 2020. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(32) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA Programme (2021) (Each eligible household will receive a subsidy: \$4,500 for one-person households, \$9,000 for two-person households, \$12,500 for three-person	January 2021 (Planned)	1,447.73	● Persons renting on a monthly basis in private permanent housing, industrial buildings, commercial buildings or social housing ²⁰ ; persons renting bedspaces offered under the Home Affairs Department’s Singleton Hostel Programme; persons renting hostel bedspaces	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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

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households, \$14,500 for four-person households and \$15,500 for five-or-more-person households.)			<p>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"> ● household income and rent not exceeding the specified limits; ● not receiving CSSA; and ● not owning any property in Hong Kong. 			
(33) One-off Allowance for New Arrivals from Low-income Families (Each eligible person	September 2020	2,131.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons who have reached the age of 18 on or before 31 March 2021 as evidenced by their Hong Kong Identity Cards 	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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will receive a subsidy of \$10,000.)			<p>(HKIC);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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"> ● (i) have entered Hong Kong from the Mainland on One-way Permit; or ● (ii) have the right to land or on unconditional stay in Hong Kong; or ● (iii) staying in Hong Kong as dependants (and their sponsors are 			

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			<p>Hong Kong permanent residents, or non-permanent residents with the right to land or on unconditional stay in Hong Kong); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The applicant or his/her household member²¹ residing with the applicant has passed the family/household-based means-test establishing eligibility for assistance under specified 			

²¹ Household members refer to parents, children, spouse residing with the applicant in Hong Kong (including legally recognised adoptive parents/children and illegitimate children with proof of parentage). A couple lawfully married in a foreign jurisdiction is also included.

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			<p>assistance schemes²²; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the monthly income of the applicant and his/her household members²¹ not exceeding the specified monthly household income limit applicable to the number of household members (including permanent and non-permanent residents). 			

²² 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.

(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 ²³
(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

²³ The Programme has been incorporated into the regular mechanism of the SF.

Assistance programmes	Date of being incorporated into the government's regular assistance programmes
(14) Subsidy for Persons Holding Non-local Qualifications to Conduct Qualifications Assessment	September 2020
(15) 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 2020

(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