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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 needs that are not covered. In addition, the CCF may also consider 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 been integrated into the work of the Commission on Poverty (“CoP”) since 2013. The CCF Task Force has been set up under the CoP 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 efforts on poverty alleviation.

### **Work Progress**

5. Since its establishment, 59 assistance programmes have been launched under the CCF, covering medical, education, welfare, home affairs and housing areas for different 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 \$20 billion. The CCF programmes have benefitted over 2.4 million cases and the CCF has disbursed around \$12.801 billion<sup>1</sup> to implementing agencies as at the end of April 2021. 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 17 CCF programmes into its regular assistance programmes and will incorporate three CCF assistance programmes for post-secondary students<sup>2</sup> into the Government's regular assistance programmes starting from 2021/22 academic year. Besides, 13 programmes were completed. The latest progress of the programmes is set out at the Annex.

6. Since November 2020 when this Panel was briefed on the work progress of the CCF, the CoP has endorsed the launch of the following two new assistance programmes –

- (1) One-off ex-gratia cash allowance of \$5,000 for locally confirmed 2019 Coronavirus disease patients: the funding provision of this programme amounts to \$26.25 million; and
- (2) Pilot Scheme to Subsidise Using Rooms in Hotels and Guesthouses as Transitional Housing: to rent about 800 suitable rooms in hotels and guesthouses with substantial vacancies for use as transitional housing through the non-governmental organisations, with a total funding provision of \$95 million. The tenancy periods of these rooms will not be shorter than two years and the subsidy per room is capped at \$133,500 per two years.

7. In addition, through ongoing review of existing programmes, the CCF would identify individual programmes that need to be revised or extended in a timely manner to better meet the needs of target beneficiaries. In this regard, the CoP approved, among others, the extension of the “Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment” until end-September 2023 to be implemented with a new mode of operation starting from 1 October 2021<sup>3</sup>.

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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 three programmes are “Providing Hostel Subsidy for Needy Undergraduate Students”, “Increasing the Academic Expenses Grant under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students” and “Enhancing the Academic Expenses Grant for Students with Special Educational Needs and Financial Needs Pursuing Post-secondary Programmes”.

<sup>3</sup> Under the new mode of operation, the Social Welfare Department will select three non-governmental organisations through invitation for proposals under which each of them will set up a Transitional Care Team to provide services to needy elderly persons referred by the respective Hospital Authority clusters (Kowloon East, New Territories East and New Territories West). Medical staff of the relevant hospitals will make assessment and formulate discharge plans for elderly patients in need so as to facilitate planning for appropriate nursing care, rehabilitation and care support services. Needy elderly persons will subsequently be referred to the Transitional Care Teams, who will provide / arrange transitional community care and support services

8. As for the CCF Medical Assistance Programmes, the CoP endorsed further refinements to the means test mechanism of drug subsidy, including (i) modifying the calculation of annual disposable financial resources (“ADFR”) for recurrent applications; (ii) including more allowable deduction items in calculation of the ADFR and adjusting the calculation of income for all applications; and (iii) extending the validity period of financial assessment of recurrent applicants. Such refinements have been implemented since end-April 2021.

9. The CoP also endorsed, with effect from the fourth quarter of 2020, the introduction of three new self-financed (“SFI”) cancer drugs, including Inotuzumab ozogamicin, Abemaciclib and Atezolizumab, for treating leukaemia, breast cancer and lung cancer to the coverage of the First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes (“First Phase Programme”), addition of new indications for Nivolumab and relaxation of the clinical indications of Ixazomib and Lenalidomide under existing coverage of the First Phase Programme. In accordance with the streamlined approval process for introducing new drugs / medical devices<sup>4</sup>, the CCF Task Force Chairperson had approved the introduction of a new specified SFI cancer drug, namely Olaparib; as well as relaxation or introduction of new clinical indication of two existing drugs, namely Osimertinib and Pembrolizumab, under the coverage of the First Phase Programme with effect from the second quarter of 2021. Besides, the CCF Task Force Chairperson had approved the inclusion of the drug, namely Tisagenlecleucel, to the coverage of the “Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders)” Programme and the expansion of indication for Percutaneous Pulmonary Valve Implantation under the coverage of the “Subsidy for Eligible Patients of the Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices for Interventional Procedures” Programme with effect from the second quarter of 2021.

## Financial Position

10. The fund of the CCF is mainly placed with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority<sup>5</sup> (HKMA) to earn investment returns linked to the performance of the Hong Kong Exchange Fund. The remaining fund of the CCF has been placed with banks as

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and/or residential care services.

<sup>4</sup> The CoP endorsed on 29 October 2019 the initiative to streamline the approval process for the three CCF Medical Assistance Programmes. Pursuant to the streamlined process, 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.

<sup>5</sup> The 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. To cope with cash flow requirements for implementing a number of new large-scale assistance programmes in the second half of 2020, the CoP agreed an early withdrawal of \$7 billion principal from the HKMA in late 2020.

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.

11. As at the end of April 2021, the balance of the CCF stood at around \$14.76 billion, consisting mainly of the placement of \$9.806 billion at the HKMA and bank deposits of around \$4.928 billion, with total investment return and interest income being \$5.737 billion. The total commitment of CCF assistance programmes is about \$20 billion. After deducting the commitment not yet disbursed, the available fund under CCF amounts to around some \$7 billion.

### **Engagement and Monitoring**

12. The CCF welcomes members of the public or stakeholders to provide ideas or suggestions through different channels, including the CCF webpage, letters, facsimiles, emails and telephone hotlines. The ideas and suggestions received are circulated to the CCF Task Force for reference.

13. 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 submit progress and financial reports regularly to the CCF Task Force for reviewing 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 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**

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

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**Assistance Programmes under 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 2021)</b>	<b>Disbursements (\$ million) (as at 30 April 2021)</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	August 2011	2,777.66 <sup>2</sup> (current funding provision for 10 years of operation up to March 2022)	● The prevailing SF financial assessment mechanism and its sliding scale are adopted as the financial assessment criteria.	16 863 person-times <sup>3</sup>	Around 1,710.21 <sup>4</sup>	The Programme initially covered 6 specified self-financed cancer drugs and was subsequently expanded by phases. It covers 33 drugs as at the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020. In addition, 8 drugs/indications which were previously covered by the Programme have been

<sup>1</sup> Since the establishment of the Community Care Fund (CCF) in 2011, 17 programmes under the CCF have been incorporated into the Government's regular assistance programmes, and 13 programmes were completed. A list of the relevant programmes is at [Appendix](#).

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

<sup>3</sup> This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 April 2021.

<sup>4</sup> This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 30 April 2021.



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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 seven years of operation (i.e. from August 2011 to March 2019) 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 and in March 2021 further refinements to the means test mechanism.</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 December 2020 for the revision of the</p>

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						2020-21 indicative budgets of the First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes and the 2021-22 indicative budgets of the Medical Assistance Programmes.
(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  (The monthly subsidy is	September 2011 (extended for one year in November each year 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	620.12	<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</li> </ul>	16 822 person-times	Around 434.05	<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</p>

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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))	September 2023 under the current mode of operation)		Domestic Household Income (MMDHI).			Extended Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(3) 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  (An allowance of \$5,718 for one-person households, \$9,492 for two-to-three-person households; and	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 schemes, HA Medical Fee Waiving Mechanism or Work Incentive Transport Subsidy (WITS); or</li> <li>● household income not exceeding 100% of the MMDHI for one-person</li> </ul>	192 households (314 persons)	Around 0.7	BD has inspected 202 target industrial buildings of which 65 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

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\$13,224 for four-or-more-person households)			households; and not exceeding 75% of the MMDHI for two-or-more-person households.			industrial buildings.  The CoP noted the evaluation report on the Programme and approved recommendations of enhancement in November 2017.  The evaluation results of the Enhanced Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(4) Elderly Dental Assistance Programme  (Based on the level of	September 2012 (a three-year Expanded Programme was launched in	1,392.67 <sup>5</sup> (including the provision required for	● Aged 60 or above, being users of the “Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS)” or the	77 511 persons	Around 885.15	The interim evaluation results were reported to the CoP in September 2013.

<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.

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subsidy of CSSA dental grant, a maximum subsidy of \$18,680 for dental services for each beneficiary (including \$12,255 for dentures, \$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 services under the Programme	September 2015, extended for half year in September 2018, and extended in March 2019 for three years up to end-February 2022)	the Expanded Programme (i.e. from September 2015 to February 2022))	<p>“Enhanced Home and Community Care Services” subvented by the 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> <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</li> </ul>			<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> <p>As at end-April 2021, around 88 700 applications from elders were</p>

<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 additional funding is required.

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(if applicable))			Health (DH).			<p>received and around 77 500 elders have completed their required treatments (including around 74 000 denture cases) and the remaining 11 200 elders are receiving dental treatments at various stages.</p> <p>The Chief Executive announced in the 2020 Policy Address that the Government plans to expand the scope of subsidy of the Programme so that eligible elderly persons in need of treatment can receive more targeted dental services.</p>

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						The proposed enhancement to and additional funding for the Programme have been submitted to the CoP for consideration.
(5) 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"> <li>● Residential or composite buildings aged 30 years or above with owners' corporations; and</li> <li>● 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.</li> </ul>	3 198 owners' corporations	Around 50.85	<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>



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						<p>The evaluation results were 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.</p> <p>The mid-term evaluation report of the third phase of the Scheme was reported to the CoP in December 2020.</p>
<p>(6) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families</p> <p>(Phases I and II of the</p>	<p>June 2014 (Phase I of the Pilot Scheme lasted for two years and four months. Phase II of the Pilot Scheme, launched</p>	<p>882.95</p>	<p>An eligible carer of the elderly person(s) under Phase IV of the Pilot Scheme should meet all of the following circumstances/criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the elderly person(s) being</li> </ul>	<p>5 728 carers</p>	<p>Around 434.49</p>	<p>The application period of Phase IV of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 26 February 2021. Vetting is underway.</p> <p>SWD has authorised</p>

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<p>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 and IV 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>in October 2016, lasted for two years. Phase III of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasted for two years and extended for 6 months up to late-March 2021. Phase IV of the Pilot Scheme has been launched in April 2021 for 30 months up to late-September 2023)</p>		<p>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 2018;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the elderly</li> </ul>			<p>57 NGOs that operate District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and/or Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) as approved service providers (ASPs)<sup>7</sup> of Phase IV 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 57 ASPs operate 170 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 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 time);</li> <li>● the carer must be a</li> </ul>			<p>Carers of Persons with Disabilities submitted by the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>			
(7) Providing Hostel Subsidy for Needy Undergraduate Students	2014/15 academic year (originally a three-year programme,	263.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Full-time undergraduates of publicly-funded or self-financing locally-accredited</li> </ul>	34 367 person-times	Around 203.36	In April 2017, the evaluation results for the first three years were reported to the CoP which

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(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.)	extended for four academic years to the 2020/21 academic year)		programmes at degree level; <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>			approved to extend the Programme for two more years to the 2018/19 academic year.  In April 2019, the evaluation results for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 academic years were reported to the CoP which approved to further extend the Programme for two more years to the 2020/21 academic year.  The evaluation results for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years have been submitted to the CoP for

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			institutions to have resided in student hostels in the semesters of the implementation period.			information. The Programme will be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance starting from the 2021/22 academic year.
<p>(8) 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>	2014/15 academic year (originally a three-year programme, extended for four academic years to the 2020/21 academic year)	236.87	<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>	128 266 person-times	Around 224.44	<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</p>

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						<p>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> <p>The evaluation results for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 academic years have been submitted to the CoP for information. The Programme will be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance starting from the 2021/22 academic year.</p>

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<p>(9) 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>	<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 deficit/hyperactivity disorders, physical disability, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech and language impairment, and mental illness starting from 2017/18 academic year.</li> </ul>	<p>1 107 person-times</p>	<p>Around 8.65</p>	<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 from the 2018/19 to the 2020/21 academic years have been submitted to the CoP for information. The Programme will be incorporated into the Government's regular assistance starting from the 2021/22 academic year.</p>



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<p>(10) Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers</p> <p>(A monthly allowance of \$5,000 would be given to each eligible person)</p>	<p>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)</p>	<p>18.9</p>	<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 engaged in self-employment or working at home) with a monthly income of not less than \$7,500 and not exceeding \$30,000; and</li> <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</li> </ul>	<p>41 persons</p>	<p>Around 8.06</p>	<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>between home and office (not applicable to work-at-home jobs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Subsidy will only be provided to existing eligible beneficiaries during the extension period of the Pilot Scheme.</li> </ul> <p>Application was closed on 31 March 2018 and would not be reopened.</p>			
<p>(11) 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</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, extended for 6 months up</p>	<p>498.62</p>	<p>An eligible carer of the person with disabilities under Phase III 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</li> </ul>	<p>2 326 persons</p>	<p>Around 227.04</p>	<p>The application period of Phase III of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 26 February 2021. Vetting is underway.</p> <p>SWD has authorised 29 NGOs that operate District Support Centres for</p>

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<p>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 and III of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly allowance of \$2,400 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one person with disabilities and a maximum of \$4,800 each for those who take care of more than one person with disabilities at the same time)</p>	<p>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>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 2020;</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 during the</li> </ul>			<p>Persons with Disabilities (DSCs), Parents/Relatives Resource Centres (PRCs), Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs), Sheltered Workshops (SWs), Day Activity Centres (DACs) or Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centres (IVRSCs) as approved service providers (ASPs)<sup>8</sup> of Phase III of the Pilot Scheme to assist in providing support services to the carers.</p>

<sup>8</sup> The 29 ASPs operate 69 DSCs, PRCs, ICCMWs, SWs, DACs and IVRSCs in total across the territory.

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			<p>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 is required to provide at least 80 hours of care-giving work per month (or not less than 120 hours per month for taking care of more than one person with disabilities who meets the above-mentioned criteria at the same time);</li> <li>● the carer must be a Hong Kong resident living in Hong Kong and has not engaged in any form of</li> </ul>			<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 Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>employment relationship with the person(s) with disabilities under his/her care;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the carer must not be a recipient of CSSA or OALA;</li> <li>and</li> <li>● the monthly household income of the carer must not exceed 75% of the relevant MMDHI.</li> </ul>			
(12) Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders)	August 2017	506.13 (current funding provision for four years of operation up to March	<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</li> </ul>	83 person-times <sup>9</sup>	Around 225.30 <sup>10</sup>	The CoP approved in May 2017 the inclusion of the drug for treating “Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria (PNH)” into the

<sup>9</sup> This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 April 2021.

<sup>10</sup> This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 30 April 2021.

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		2022)	of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.			<p>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 drug for treating “Spinal Muscular Atrophy” in the Programme. The drug for treating “Transthyretin Familial Amyloid Polyneuropathy” was also introduced to the Programme</p>

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						<p>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 and in March 2021 further refinements to the means test mechanism.</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>

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						<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. The drug, after its registration, was introduced to the Programme starting from late-December 2020.</p> <p>The drug for treating PNH has been repositioned to</p>



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						<p>the coverage of SF in mid-July 2020.</p> <p>The drug for treating “Paediatric and young adult patients up to 25 years of age with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia that is refractory, in relapse post-transplant or in second or later relapse / Adult patients with relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma after two or more lines of systemic therapy” was introduced to the Programme starting from</p>

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						<p>early-April 2021.</p> <p>All patients whose applications were approved in the first year of operation (i.e. from August 2017 to March 2019) have completed treatment.</p> <p>The CoP granted approval in December 2020 for the 2021-22 indicative budgets of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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(13) Subsidy for Eligible Patients of Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable Medical Devices for Interventional Procedures	August 2017	117.75 (current funding provision for four years of operation up to March 2022)	● HA patients who meet specific clinical criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social Workers.	307 person-times <sup>11</sup>	Around 77.73 <sup>12</sup>	<p>The Programme initially covered two specified implantable medical devices for interventional procedures and was subsequently expanded by phases to cover six medical devices starting from mid-July 2019.</p> <p>The CoP approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p>

<sup>11</sup> This refers to the number of applications approved as at 30 April 2021.

<sup>12</sup> This refers to the subsidy for specified implantable medical devices approved for beneficiaries as at 30 April 2021.

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						<p>The CoP approved in October 2019 to streamline the approval process for the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The CoP granted approval in December 2020 for the 2021-22 indicative budgets of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(14) 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"> <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 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).</li> </ul>	<p>3 830 persons</p>	<p>Around 129.76</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>(15) Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment</p> <p>(The Pilot Scheme adopts six co-payment categories on a sliding scale according to the monthly household income of the elderly persons)</p>	<p>February 2018 (a three-year pilot scheme, extended for 32 months up to end-September 2023 with implementation of a new mode of operation starting from 1 October 2021)</p>	<p>234.18</p>	<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</li> </ul>	<p>2 047 persons</p>	<p>Around 99.68</p>	<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</p>

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			covered under the existing Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients.			Force and the CoP noted the changes regarding the referral mechanism of the Pilot Scheme at their meetings on 28 September and 18 October 2018 respectively. Apart from accepting referrals from the seven acute hospitals under the three HA clusters, the Pilot Scheme also accepts referrals from the three extended care hospitals of those three clusters, so as to ensure that needy elderly patients can be timely referred to join the Pilot Scheme.

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						<p>The CoP approved in December 2020 the extension of the Pilot Scheme for 32 months up to end-September 2023 with implementation of a new mode of operation starting from 1 October 2021.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(16) Provision of Subsidy to Needy Primary and Secondary Students	2018/19 school year (a three-school year)	415.54	● Students studying in public sector primary or secondary schools	About 110 500 students <sup>13</sup>	Around 377 <sup>13</sup>	Owing to the increased number of schools and students participating in the

<sup>13</sup> The beneficiary statistics and the amount of disbursement cover the actual figures for the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years, and disbursement to some applicant schools that have completed the procurement procedures and submitted reports for the 2020/21 school year.



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<p>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>	programme)		<p>and receiving CSSA or full/half grant under the STAS; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● studying in schools and classes implementing e-learning and adopting “Bring Your Own Device”.</li> </ul>			<p>Programme, additional funding is required. The relevant proposal has been submitted to the CoP for consideration. Besides, the evaluation results of the Programme have been submitted to the CoP for information.</p>
(17) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing (Pilot Scheme) to Facilitate the	April 2019	37.69	<p>Beneficiaries of the Modular Social Housing Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● proven to be in need of transitional housing (e.g. queued for PRH</li> </ul>	87 households (162 persons)	Around 35.15	<p>Applications were invited from 29 April to 5 June 2020. The construction works were completed and the Occupation</p>

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Implementation of the Modular Social Housing Scheme - Nam Cheong Street Project			<p>for at least 3 years); or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● living in inadequate housing conditions; or</li> <li>● low-income and in urgent need for community support.</li> </ul>			<p>Permit was obtained in July 2020. Tenants began to move in from end-August 2020.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(18) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy for Conversion of School Premises for Transitional Housing – Lok Sin Tong Primary School (Pilot Scheme)	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020	15.45	<p>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 housing and community support, and are required to meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Households receiving CSSA;</li> </ul>	47 households (168 persons)	Around 15.41	<p>Applications were invited from 20 April to 31 May 2020. The construction works were completed and the Occupation Permit was obtained in August 2020. Tenants began to move in from end-August 2020.</p> <p>The evaluation</p>

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			<p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Households whose income is lower than 55% of the MMDHI will be given priority.</li> </ul>			<p>results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
<p>(19) 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</p>	<p>18 Nov 2020 (Commencement date of the works under the Pilot Scheme)</p>	<p>99.92</p>	<p>Beneficiaries of the Modular Social Housing Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Those who have an obvious need for transitional housing (e.g. 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>	<p>Data is not yet available</p>	<p>Around 5.095</p>	<p>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 works in October 2020. The contract period of construction works is about 14 months and in-take is</p>

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						<p>expected to commence in late 2021 or early 2022.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
<p>(20) Digital Terrestrial Television Assistance Programme</p> <p>(Each eligible household can receive a digital set-top box, or a 24-inch or 32-inch digital TV set, with home delivery, installation, collection of old TV set and maintenance services.)</p>	14 January 2020	456.45	<p>Households using analogue TV sets at home; and</p> <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</li> </ul>	<p>A total of 30 051 applications received, and installation for 27 409 households completed.</p>	<p>Around 28.9 (Assistance is provided in kind and in the form of services)</p>	<p>The Programme has been implemented smoothly.</p> <p>The effectiveness of the Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force at appropriate juncture.</p>

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			assistance schemes <sup>14</sup> ; or Medical Fee Waiver Mechanism of public hospitals and clinics; or <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>			
(21) Assistance Programme to Improve the Living Environment of Low-income Subdivided Unit	June 2020 (two-year programme)	287.04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● living in SDUs;</li> <li>● meeting the income requirement<sup>16</sup>; and</li> <li>● having at least</li> </ul>	1 696 households	Around 169.05	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

<sup>14</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 Remission Scheme, Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme, and Grant for School-related Expenses for Kindergarten Students.

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(SDU) Households  (Each eligible household <sup>15</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			one household member being a Hong Kong resident.			

<sup>16</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:

- CSSA 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>15</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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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.)						
(22) Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing	June 2020	60.56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those who are living in inadequate housing condition and have been waiting for PRH allocation for three years or more, with priority to be</li> </ul>	Data is not yet available	Around 47.15	District Land Conference has granted Short Term Tenancy to LST in April 2020. The Government has to take over the site for public rental housing in

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Scheme – Junction of Sung Wong Toi Road and To Kwa Wan Road Project”			<p>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"> <li>● Those who have an obvious urgent need for housing and community support.</li> </ul>			<p>September 2023.</p> <p>Practically completed with Occupation Permit obtained from BD on 14 April 2021. Tenants will be arranged to move in gradually.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(23) Scheme on Subsidy to Design, Purchase and Construct Modular Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the “Modular Social Housing	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020	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</li> </ul>	Data is not yet available	Around 4.284	Construction work was commenced in February 2021. The estimated construction period is about 12 months and in-take is expected to commence in Q2



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Scheme – Ying Wa Street Project”			an obvious urgent need for housing and community support.			2022.  The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(24) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA Programme (2020)  (Each eligible household will receive a subsidy: \$4,500 for one-person households, \$9,000 for two-person	July 2020	1,324.585 <sup>17</sup>	● Persons renting on a monthly basis in private permanent housings, industrial buildings, commercial buildings or social housings <sup>18</sup> ; persons renting bedspaces offered under the Home Affairs Department’s	115 170 households (265 332 beneficiaries)	Around 1,074.449	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

<sup>17</sup> The Commission on Poverty approved at its meeting on 9 March 2021 to increase the funding provision for the 2020 Programme and the 2021 Programme, including the revision on the combined administrative fees of the two Programmes to \$206.27 million. It is assumed that the administrative fees of each Programme account to 50%.

<sup>18</sup> Social housings refer to transitional social housing projects supported by the relevant bureaux and operated by NGOs.

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households, \$12,500 for three-person households, \$14,500 for four-person households and \$15,500 for five-or-more-person households.)			Singleton Hostel Programme; persons renting hostel bedspaces provided by NGOs for rehabilitated offenders; persons residing in temporary housings; homeless persons; or persons residing in vessels; <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>			
(25) Subsidy for Refurbishment of Property of the	May 2020	45.94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Families of 3 to 6 persons which have queued for</li> </ul>	199 households (735 persons)	Around 8.95	Refurbishment work for a total of 186 units was

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Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited for “T-Home” Transitional Housing Scheme – Trackside Villas			PRH under Hong Kong Housing Authority for not less than three years; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● not owning any residential properties in Hong Kong; or</li> <li>● Applicants who are eligible under the “Community Housing Movement”.</li> </ul>			completed. All households have moved in by batches since late-2020.  The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(26) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA	January 2021	1,813.155 <sup>17</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Persons renting on a monthly basis in private permanent housings, industrial buildings, commercial</li> </ul>	25 150 households (30 747 persons)	Around 138.34	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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<p>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>			<p>buildings or social housings<sup>18</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 housings;  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> </ul>			

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● not receiving CSSA; and</li> <li>● not owning any property in Hong Kong.</li> </ul>			
<p>(27) 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	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 entered Hong Kong from the Mainland on</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	159 182 persons	1,591.82	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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			<p>One-way Permit; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>19</sup> residing with the applicant has passed the family/household-based means-test establishing eligibility for assistance under specified assistance schemes<sup>20</sup>; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the monthly income of the applicant and his/her household members<sup>19</sup> not exceeding the specified monthly household income</li> </ul>			

<sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> Including 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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			limit applicable to the number of household members (including permanent and non-permanent residents).			
(28) One-off Ex-gratia Cash Allowance for Locally Confirmed 2019 Coronavirus Disease Patients	27 November 2020	26.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applicants must be Hong Kong residents who are confirmed by the Department of Health to have contracted COVID-19 locally on or after 22 November 2020; and</li> <li>● they are currently employed but not entitled to paid sick leave or are self-employed and face financial</li> </ul>	1 141 persons (number of approved applications)	Around 5.60	Not applicable



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			hardship whilst being hospitalised in public hospitals for COVID-19 treatment.			
(29) Pilot Scheme to Subsidise Using Rooms in Hotels and Guesthouses as Transitional Housing	First half of 2021 (planned)	95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To rent about 800 suitable rooms in hotels and guesthouses with substantial vacancies for use as transitional housing through NGOs. The tenancy period of these rooms would not be shorter than two years and the subsidy per room shall be capped at \$133,500 per two years.</li> </ul>	Data is not yet available	Data is not yet available	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

**(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>21</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

<sup>21</sup> The Programme has been incorporated into the regular mechanism of the SF.

<b>Assistance programmes</b>	<b>Date of being incorporated into the government's regular assistance programmes</b>
(13) Dementia Community Support Scheme	February 2019
(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
(16) Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	February 2021
(17) Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables	March 2021

**(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	Completed in December 2014, December 2015 and

Assistance programmes	Date of completion
CSSA ( launched for three times )	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
(10) Cervical Cancer Vaccination Pilot Scheme	October 2020
(11) Pilot Scheme on Subsidised Cervical Cancer Screening and Preventive Education for Eligible Low-income Women	December 2020
(12) Pilot Scheme on Relocation Allowance for Beneficiaries of the “Community Housing Movement”	December 2020
(13) Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing and Paying a Rent Exceeding the Maximum Rent Allowance (MRA) under the CSSA Scheme	April 2021