

Additional grant to registered sports coaches after injection into Anti-epidemic Fund

A spokesman for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) said today (January 4) that the One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches scheme, relaunched after the fourth round of injection into the Anti-epidemic Fund, is now open for application. The scheme will provide a one-off grant of \$7,500 for each eligible registered sports coach.

Due to the deteriorating COVID-19 epidemic situation in late-November, the Government further tightened up the social distancing measures. LCSD facilities were temporarily closed in phases again starting from December 2 until further notice. As a result, many sports training activities which relied on the provision of LCSD facilities were suspended again. The one-off grant scheme aims to further provide timely financial relief to eligible registered sports coaches.

Sports coaches registered under National Sports Associations or recognised sports organisations who had provided coaching services from April 1, 2019, to December 31, 2020, are eligible to apply. They can submit applications to the Sports Funding Office of the LCSD by February 28, 2021. The grant will be disbursed in batches around two months after receipt of the completed application form and relevant documents.

The application form and guidelines of the scheme are available from the website (www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/programmes/programmeslist/sss/subsidyscheme.html) or the 18 District Leisure Services Offices of the LCSD. Please contact the Sports Funding Office at 2601 7411 for enquiries.