

“Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Property Management Sector” under “Anti-epidemic Fund” continues to disburse subsidies

The "Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Property Management Sector" (ASPM) under the "Anti-epidemic Fund" is opening for applications and continues to disburse subsidies.

The ASPM is implemented by the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA). As of today (May 2), the PMSA has received over 8 160 applications for the ASPM, of which around 2 850 applications have been approved. The approved applications involve subsidies of over \$100 million and benefit over 17 500 building blocks and around 25 500 frontline property management (PM) workers. Please refer to the website of the PMSA (www.pmsahk.org.hk/en/index.html) for the name of the properties for which applications have been approved.

The Home Affairs Department reminds the PM companies and owners' organisations (OOs) which has successfully applied for the ASPM to disburse the "Anti-epidemic Hardship Allowance" to the frontline PM workers as soon as practicable upon receiving the subsidies. The workers concerned shall acknowledge receipt of the allowance using the prescribed forms; and the PM companies or OOs shall submit a report on the overall payment of the allowance to the PMSA within three months after receiving the subsidies. The Home Affairs Department and/or PMSA will conduct random review and checking to ensure that the frontline PM workers have received relevant allowance.

The Government has launched the ASPM under the "Anti-epidemic Fund" to subsidise the OOs or PM companies of eligible buildings to provide the "Anti-epidemic Hardship Allowance" to the frontline PM workers, with a view to assisting the frontline PM workers in improving their personal protection and environmental hygiene, and giving recognition to their services. The ASPM will also provide "Anti-epidemic Cleansing Subsidy" to OOs or PM companies, so as to alleviate the additional costs arising from heightened cleansing efforts and the burden on the owners and tenants. The ASPM (Phase I) covers private residential and composite (i.e. commercial cum residential) buildings; whereas the ASPM (Phase II) covers industrial and commercial buildings (including shopping malls). The applications for the ASPM shall be made by PM companies or OOs. Individual frontline PM workers are not required to make applications on their own so as to save them from additional burden in preparing the relevant documents.

For details on the ASPM, please contact the PMSA at 3696 1156 or 3696 1166, or visit the website of the PMSA.