

Application period extended for Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Organisations Subvented by the Social Welfare Department

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) said today (July 16) that the application deadline for the Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Organisations Subvented by the Social Welfare Department has been extended to July 31 (Friday), so as to assist those eligible interest class instructors who for various reasons have not submitted applications before the original closing date. Application details have been uploaded to the SWD website. Completed application forms are to be submitted to the SWD through the subvented welfare service units concerned.

As one of the measures of the second round of the Anti-epidemic Fund, the Scheme aims at providing relief grants to eligible interest class instructors hired by subvented welfare service units of SWD-subvented organisations such as youth centres, elderly centres, community centres and rehabilitation centres where the units' services have been suspended and the instructors' income affected owing to the COVID-19 epidemic, so as to help lessen the impact of the pandemic on them.

A one-off relief grant of \$7,500 will be provided for each of the eligible interest class instructors engaged or planned to be engaged by subvented welfare service units of SWD-subvented organisations for providing training in arts, dancing, handicraft work, sports and more for service users during the period from February to August 2020. For those instructors who have submitted applications to the Education Bureau for relief grants for school instructors of learning/interest classes or to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for relief grants for registered sports coaches, further submission to the SWD is not required.