

Batch II of Funding Scheme for Public Engagement Projects of Built Heritage Conservation Fund opens for applications

The Development Bureau announced today (July 3) that Batch II of the Funding Scheme for Public Engagement Projects of the Built Heritage Conservation Fund (BHCF) is open for applications from today, offering financial support for public education, community involvement and publicity activities related to built heritage conservation. The application deadline is noon on October 3.

The Government launched Batch I of the Funding Scheme as a pilot scheme in 2017 and invited professional institutes which were closely involved in the conservation of built heritage to submit applications. A series of public engagement activities, including exhibitions, thematic lectures, guided tours to historic buildings, workshops, site visits, a creative competition and an online forum, were organised under three approved projects and attracted more than 16 000 participants.

The eligibility for Batch II of the Funding Scheme has been extended to local non-profit making organisations with experience in built heritage conservation. Applicants may submit a project proposal on the priority project themes, namely "Looking After Our Heritage Buildings", "Engaging Young People in Heritage Conservation" and "Our Built Heritage and Our Community: Education, Religion and Heritage".

The eligible applications will be assessed by the Advisory Committee on Built Heritage Conservation. The Government will announce the results and notify the successful applicants upon completion of the assessment. The application form and Guide to Application can be downloaded from the website of the Commissioner for Heritage's Office (www.heritage.gov.hk/en/funding-schemes-for-public-engagement-projects/funding-scheme-for-public-engagement-projects/index.html).

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