

[EPD Launches Enhanced Stage One of Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme](#)

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (May 5) launched the Enhanced Stage One of the Countryside Conservation Funding Scheme (CCFS) to support non-profit making organisations to carry out remote countryside conservation and revitalisation projects on a wider spectrum.

To encourage more conservation and revitalisation proposals to be carried out in the countryside, the EPD is now expanding the scope of the existing Stage One of the CCFS. The EPD is inviting applications for three new types of projects in relation to the Formulation of Proposals on Restoration of Built Heritage, Cultural Rehabilitation/Revitalisation, and Research Activities on Countryside Conservation and Revitalisation in addition to the Nature Conservation Management Agreement projects.

The Enhanced Stage One of CCFS is now open for applications. The Application Form and Guide to Application of CCFS can be downloaded from the EPD website (www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environmentinhk/conservation/ccfs/ccfs_main.html). An online briefing session will be held on May 8 (Friday) to brief interested parties on details of the Enhanced Stage One of CCFS and points to note in preparing applications. Persons may register with the CCFS Secretariat by May 7 (Thursday) for joining the briefing session.

Launched in October 2019, Stage One of CCFS is dedicated to support sustainable and holistic conservation efforts in Hong Kong's remote countryside through an integrated funding source covering a wide spectrum of areas on different levels ranging from the natural environment/habitats, non-graded built heritage to cultural and historic assets, etc.

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