

Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Organisations Subvented by the Social Welfare Department (Phase 2) opens for application

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) said today (October 9) that the Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Organisations Subvented by the Social Welfare Department (Phase 2) (Scheme II) is open for application from today with December 16 as the closing date. Application details have been uploaded to the SWD website. Successful applicants of the Scheme (Phase 1) (Scheme I) will be notified of Scheme II through short message service. Eligible applicants may apply for Scheme II through completing and mailing application forms to the SWD direct for processing. For new applicants, completed application forms are to be submitted to the SWD through the subvented welfare service units concerned.

As one of the measures of the third round of the Anti-epidemic Fund, Scheme II aims at providing a one-off relief grant of \$5,000 for each of the eligible successful applicants of Scheme I and 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 September to December 2020, in which the units' services have been suspended and the instructors' income affected owing to the persistent epidemic situation, so as to provide further support and help lessen the impact of coronavirus disease 2019 on them. 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.