

Sustainable Development Fund invites applications

The following is issued on behalf of the Council for Sustainable Development:

The Council for Sustainable Development (SDC) is now inviting applications for grants from groups and individuals to undertake projects that will raise public awareness of sustainable development and promote sustainable practices in Hong Kong.

An SDC spokesperson said today (October 25), "In this round of applications, projects that aim to actively promote a low-carbon lifestyle to the general public, with a view to instigating behavioural changes, will receive particular consideration. We support publicity and education programmes for households, small and medium enterprises and youth in the community for inducing behavioural changes in aspects of low-carbon living, particularly focusing on energy saving and waste reduction and recycling. The launching of the new round of applications can help set the scene for meeting the carbon neutrality goal as laid down in the recently announced Hong Kong's Climate Action Plan 2050. Other projects that are generally consistent with the overall objectives of the Sustainable Development Fund will also be welcome."

Details of the priority area, application forms and application guidelines are available online (www.enb.gov.hk/en/susdev/sdf). Application documents (including both original hard copy and soft copy) should reach the Sustainable Development Fund Secretariat (with the original hard copy to be sent to 5/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong; and soft copy to be emailed to sdf@epd.gov.hk) by 6pm on December 24, 2021.

An online briefing session will be held on November 16 to brief interested parties on details of the Sustainable Development Fund and points to note in preparing applications. Persons who would like to attend the briefing session are requested to register through the e-form (docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdyH2xwcSFH5X1TT2A605LDGuxC6uN0vKeuwpud7LJFmfDpLQ/viewform) by November 9.

Enquiries can be directed to the Secretariat at 2835 1026 or sdf@epd.gov.hk.

The Sustainable Development Fund was set up in 2003 to provide financial support for initiatives that will help enhance public awareness of sustainable development and encourage sustainable practices in Hong Kong. Since then, 13 rounds of applications have been processed with 74 projects approved involving a total grant of about \$76 million.