

SWD disburses relief grants to first batch of eligible applicants for Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Organisations Subvented by the Social Welfare Department (Phase 4)

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) said today (January 31) that the SWD had disbursed relief grants to the first batch of eligible applicants for the Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Organisations Subvented by the Social Welfare Department (Phase 4) last Friday (January 28) and had informed these applicants of the application results through SMS messages.

The SWD appeals to interest class instructors who have not yet filed their applications to submit the forms to the SWD through the subvented welfare service units concerned as early as possible. The application will be closed on March 31. Application details have been uploaded to the SWD website (www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_whatsnew/).

As one of the measures under the fifth round of the Anti-epidemic Fund, Phase 4 of the scheme aims at providing a one-off relief grant of \$5,000 for each of the eligible interest class instructors engaged/planned to be engaged by subvented welfare service units of the SWD-subvented organisations for providing training in arts, dancing, handicraft work, sports and more for service users during the first quarter of 2022, where the units' services have been suspended and the instructors' income affected owing to the epidemic situation, so as to provide support and help lessen the impact of COVID-19 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.