

Community Care Fund **After-school care pilot programme**

Aim

This programme aims to identify the most needy students, co-ordinate and integrate after-school learning and supplementing activities for them, so that apart from participating in existing after-school activities provided by schools or other organisations, the students can make a better use of their time before they return home for dinner and consolidate their classroom learning. This would also help alleviate the pressure of working parents in pushing their children to do homework, and reduce the chance of students picking up bad habits after school.

Amount of Assistance

Subsidy for each project ranges from \$200,000 to \$500,000. Upon successful application, not less than 70% of the subsidy should be used in organising after-school learning and supplementing activities such as hiring of tutors and teaching assistants, while not more than 30% should be used to cover miscellaneous costs such as transport service, counselling, air-conditioning and cleaning.

Target Beneficiaries

Beneficiaries are primary one to secondary three students from Public Sector schools (including Special schools) and Direct Subsidy Scheme schools, who should mainly come from families receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) or receive full fee reimbursement from the student financial assistance schemes of the Student Financial Assistance Agency. Participating schools or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) have discretion to include needy students not receiving CSSA or full fee reimbursement from the student financial assistance schemes, but the number of these students should not exceed 25% of the total number of students.

Budget

\$40 million

Mode of Implementation

To help the students make a better use of their after-school time, subsidised schools and NGOs will identify the most needy students, design and integrate their activities after school until the time they return home for dinner, including drawing up timetables.

Target Date of Implementation

From March to April 2012, the Education Bureau will invite proposals from 211 organisations which had earlier submitted expressions of interest. The pilot programme lasts for one academic year, running from September 2012 to July 2013.