

Community Care Fund
Subsidy for low-income elderly tenants in private housing

Aim

To provide a one-off allowance for low-income elderly tenants in private housing to relieve their pressure in view of the rising inflation and cyclical rental increase.

Amount of Assistance

\$4,000 for elders living alone, \$8,000 for two-person elderly households, and a uniform \$12,000 for three-or-more-person elderly households.

Target beneficiaries

Should meet all the following criteria when making an application:

- (a) aged 65 or above (valid Hong Kong Identity Card holders);
- (b) elders living alone, two-person elderly households, or three-or-more-person elderly households
- (c) not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ;
- (d) pass a means test (applicants need to declare that their average monthly household income in the past three months does not exceed the specified household income limit applicable to the relevant household size):

<u>No. of persons in the household</u>	<u>Specified household income limit (\$)</u>
1	8,740
2	13,410
3 or above	15,260

- (e) not owning any property in Hong Kong; and
- (f) renting private housing with the rent not exceeding the specified limit (i.e. 50% of the specified household income limit above)

No. of Beneficiaries

About 9 700 households (11 900 persons)

Budget

About \$50 million

Mode of Implementation

In order to facilitate elders to make applications and enquiries, we will invite the 41 District Elderly Community Centres and the two Neighbourhood Elderly Centres at Cheung Chau and Peng Chau, which are operated by non-governmental organisations subvented by Social Welfare Department, to assist in implementing the programme. After initial checking, the relevant elderly centres will pass the applications to the Secretariat of the Community Care Fund for vetting and approval as well as arranging disbursement of allowance.

Target Date of Implementation

July 2012