

## **The First Meeting of the Fifth-term Community Care Fund Task Force**

**30 May 2023**

### **Summary of Discussion**

The fifth-term Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its first meeting on 30 May 2023. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the operational arrangements, the progress of existing assistance programmes and the latest financial position of the CCF.
2. Members also noted the completion report on the “One-off Ex-gratia Cash Allowance for Locally Confirmed 2019 Coronavirus Disease Patients” programme submitted by the Social Welfare Department and the report of initial review on the “Pilot Scheme to Subsidise Using Rooms in Hotels and Guestrooms as Transitional Housing” submitted by the Housing Bureau. The reports would be submitted to the CoP for reference.
3. After discussion, the CCF Task Force supported the following two proposals :
  - (a) the “Trial Scheme on Special Allowance for Households of Transitional Housing” : it provides a subsidy to households residing in the transitional housing projects under the Funding Scheme to Support Transitional Housing Projects by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in support of their removal and adaption to the new living environment and community. The total funding for the Scheme is \$85.2 million and is expected to benefit about 35 000 persons; and
  - (b) the “School-based After School Care Service Scheme” : with venues provided by schools, NGOs operate at venues to allow primary students in need to stay at school outside school hours for care and learning support. This will help their parents go to work and will also benefit single parent households. The Scheme will be implemented on a trial basis for one year. The total funding for the Scheme is \$99.02 million and is expected to benefit about 3 000 students.
4. The above proposals would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.