

**The Sixth Meeting of the Third-term
Community Care Fund Task Force
17 October 2019**

Summary of Discussion

The third-term Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force (CCFTF) under the Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its sixth meeting on 17 October 2019. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the updated information on the “One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) programme (2020)” (the 2020 Programme). Such updates include allowing eligible sons and/or daughters not residing with their parents to include their father and/or mother who are living in private residential care homes for the elderly in the number of household members when submitting applications in order to receive the corresponding amount of subsidy; and allowing the same arrangement be made to household members residing in non-subsidised places in private residential care homes for persons with disabilities (RCHDs), i.e. eligible persons not residing with their household members who are persons with disabilities living in non-subsidised places in RCHDs may include them in the number of household members when submitting applications in order to receive the corresponding amount of subsidy. Members also noted the proposed subsidy amount under the 2020 Programme. Moreover, the Chief Executive in the 2019 Policy Address invited the CCF to grant an extra round of subsidy on top of the original relief measure of providing the “one-off living subsidy” to low income households (i.e. under the 2020 Programme). Members noted that the CCF Secretariat was formulating the detailed proposal and would submit it to the CCFTF and the CoP for consideration in due course.
2. After discussion, the CCFTF supported the extension of the “Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private Housing” programme for six months till end April 2020. The extension will continue to provide CSSA recipients living in rented private housing and paying a rent which exceeded the applicable maximum rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme with a one-off subsidy to relieve their financial burden caused by periodic increases in rent. To cope with the extra expenditure on disbursement of subsidy and the administrative fees as a result of the extension, the CCFTF supported an additional funding provision of \$36.85 million, making the revised total provision \$162.38 million.

The above proposals will be submitted to the CoP for consideration.

3. In addition, Members noted those measures relating to welfare cash assistance in the 2019 Policy Address. Under the measures, the Government proposed enhancing the CSSA Scheme and the Working Family Allowance (WFA) Scheme respectively which include improvement measures to “encourage employment” under the CSSA Scheme and an increase in the allowance provided under the WFA Scheme.