***Guidelines For***

***2026/27 The Community Chest Social Innovation Fund Application***

1. Social Innovation Fund

This funding is to support innovative projects costing HK$500,000 to HK$800,000 a year. The project period is ranged from two to three years. Capital or research projects will NOT be considered.

1. Application Procedures and Application Form
	1. Each member agency can only submit ONE application.
	2. Project Name - precise, self-explanatory and reflective of the intended purposes.
	3. Funding Request - Please specify clearly the duration of the proposed project and the amount sought for each year (Part I). Please be reminded that the provision of Chest support will be limited to a maximum of 3 years. Continuous funding of one to two more years (after the initial approved period) may be considered in the Funding Application of Time Limited Project.
	4. Member agency should provide the measurable output, outcome and measurement method (Part VI), detailed breakdown of the costs and the projected income (if any) of the project (Part VII), and other related information, including track record, sustainability plan and etc. (Part VIII).
2. Selection Criteria
	1. Innovation
* to use a **novel** approach to effectively handle social welfare problems / take care of social needs; or
* to address the **new** social welfare problems / community needs; or
* to address new or previously ignored target groups in Hong Kong.

***[“New Service” means service which has not yet been provided in Hong Kong, but not service which is new to the applicant only. Extension of existing services provided by the applicant in another district will not be considered as “New Service”.]***

* 1. Meeting Community Needs
* there is a demonstrated need for the service which can help prevent and/or settle social problems, and/or address a gap in existing services.
	1. Social Impact
* the output and outcome indicators are clearly identified to measure project’s social impact; and
* the project has potential to create transformational change for Hong Kong’s social sector beyond its immediate beneficiaries.
	1. Project Planning
* the overall planning and organisational structure of the project is comprehensive; and
* the Agency having experience, track record, and resources available for the project, and dedication to vision is an advantage; and
* the project is cost-effective; and
* how the project could be continued and financed after Chest funding is ceased.
1. Project Review and Funding Method
	1. The approved project funding will be reimbursed half-yearly based on the actual expenditure level with receipts and verification of supporting documents.
	2. Each approved project will be reviewed annually and funding will be continued in the remaining project period if the proposed output and outcome are achieved.
2. Deadline of the Application

Please send your application form to the following address and email a softcopy in word format to sif@commchest.org on or before 16 September 2025 :

 Unit 1805, 18/F, Harcourt House, 39 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong

 Attention: Allocations Department – Application for Social Innovation Fund

1. For any enquiries about the application, please contact Mr German Cheung on 2599-6150, Ms Yuki Wong on 2599-6165 or Mr Martin Yeung on 2599-6117.

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**THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG
Application for The Community Chest Social Innovation Fund**

*[Please submit BOTH hardcopy and softcopy (in word format) (sif@commchest.org) of the completed form to the Chest Office on or before 16 September 2025]*

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| Agency Name :  |  |

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| Project Name :  | (English) |  |
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**Contact Person :**

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| **I. Funding Request** |
| **Project Period** | Requested Amounts (HKD) |
| **2026/27** |  |
| **2027/28** |  |
| **2028/29** |  |
| Total: |  |

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| **II. Unmet Social Gap / Social Needs to be Addressed:***What are the gaps in the existing market, NGO services or government intervention related to the proposed innovation?**What are the social needs which will be tackled by the proposed innovation?* |
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| **III. Service Areas**: (Please tick as appropriate) |
|  | All Districts |  | YauTsimMong |  | Shatin |  | Tuen Mun |
|  | Central & Western |  | Shamshuipo |  | Taipo |  | Yuen Long |
|  | Southern |  | Kowloon City |  | Northern |  | Tseung Kwan O |
|  | Wanchai |  | Kwun Tong |  | Tsuen Wan |  | Islands |
|  | Eastern |  | Wong Tai Sin |  | Kwai Tsing |  |  |

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| **IV. Project Objectives and Vision:***What are the objectives of the proposed innovation?* |
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| **V. Overall Project Descriptions:** |
| **A. Uniqueness of the Project***How is the proposed innovation different from existing solutions or services?* |
| **B. Target Beneficiaries***Who are the target beneficiaries of the proposed innovation?* |
| **C. Ways / Approaches to Reach Target Beneficiaries***How the target beneficiaries be reached / know the proposed innovation?**What are the publicity channels of the proposed innovation?* |
| **D. Service Plan and Contents***What are the work plan, timetable, service items and delivery methods of the proposed innovation?* |
| **E. Project Evaluation Methods and Impact Measurement***Which methodology will be used to measure the effectiveness of the proposed innovation?* |

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| **VI. Proposed Output and Outcome  (Please prepare the proposed output and outcome including number of total users, number of total attendance and measurement methods. Example has been shown in Appendix)** |
|  | **2026/27** | **2027/28** | **2028/29** | **Total** |
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| ***No. of total users*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***No. of total attendance*** |  |  |  |  |

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| **VII. Proposed Budget (Please prepare the yearly and the total budget. Example has been shown in Appendix)** |
| The budget should include:* Projected income with detailed breakdown and calculations
* Projected expenditure with detailed breakdown and calculations
* Breakdown and calculations of staff costs by position held
* Amount requested from the Chest

(*should equal to the amount stated in Part I and match with the proposed output*) |
| **Remarks:*** **The factor of provident fund (PF) should be 5% of the monthly salary.**
* **The ceiling amount of PF should be HK$1,500 / month / post (i.e. $1,500 / month for 1 Assistant Social Work Officer (ASWO), $750 / month for 0.5 ASWO).**
* **Annual salary increment is capped at 5%.**
* **Staff training expenses, audit fee and research expenses would NOT be supported.**
* **The percentage of spending on indirect administration of the project should NOT be more than 5% of the total expenses after the deduction of income.**
* **Income and expense of each item should be rounded up to the nearest dollar.**
* **Please provide the qualifications of the professional staff in the budget table.**
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|  | **2026/27** | **2027/28** | **2028/29** | **Total** |
|  | **HKD** | **HKD** | **HKD** | **HKD** |
| **Projected income** |
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| **Total Income (A)** |  |  |  |  |
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| **Projected Expenditure** |
| Staff Cost (monthly salary x manpower x 12 + MPF) |
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| Programme Expenses |
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| Miscellaneous |
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| **Total Expenditure(B)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Amount requested from the Chest (B-A)** |  |  |  |  |

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| **VIII. Other Information** |
| **A. Relevant Track Records***What suitable skills and experiences does your agency have to facilitate the execution of the proposed innovation?**Does your agency have existing / past projects which are relevant to the proposed innovation? If yes, what are the funding source and amount, project period, service output or number of beneficiaries?* |
| **B. Sustainability Plan***How will the proposed innovation be after the Chest’s funding ceases?* |
| **C. Other Supplementary Information** |

#### Confirmation

On behalf of the Executive Board of our Agency, I confirm that all information given in this application form and the attached documents are, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete.

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| (Name: )(Position: )(Date: ) |
| Signature | Agency Stamp |

*(Please submit* ***original signed copy*** *to the Chest)*

*Appendix*

Example of Proposed Output and Outcome

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| **VI. Proposed Output and Outcome** |
| *Example (for illustration of the format only)* | **2026/27** | **2027/28** | **2028/29** | **Total** |
| ***(A) Training Groups*** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *No. of groups*
 | *10* | *12* | *12* | *34* |
| 1. *No. of sessions (1 hour per session, 4 sessions per group)*
 | *40* | *48* | *48* | *136* |
| 1. *No. of participants (8 participants per group)*

**SAMPLE** | *80* | *96* | *96* | *272* |
| 1. *No. of attendance*
 | *320* | *384* | *384* | *1,088* |
| 1. *Attendance rate*
 | *80%* | *80%* | *80%* | *80%* |
| 1. *% of participants who have enhanced their communication skills (measured by questionnaire)*
 | *80%* | *80%* | *80%* | *80%* |
| ***(B) Casework*** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *No. of cases served in a year*
 | *10* | *16* | *16* | *42* |
| 1. *No. of new cases*
 | *10* | *10* | *10* | *30* |
| 1. *No. of b/f cases (cases brought forward from previous year)*
 | */* | *6* | *6* | */* |
| 1. *No. of counselling sessions (1 hour per session, 6 sessions per case)*
 | *60* | *96* | *96* | *252* |
| 1. *No. of cases closed*
 | *4* | *10* | *16* | *30* |
| 1. *% of users who have reduced stress level (measured by questionnaire)*
 | *75%* | *75%* | *75%* | *75%* |
|  ***(C) Family Programme*** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *No. of family programme (6 hours per programme)*
 | *2* | *2* | *2* | *6* |
| 1. *No. of attendance (50 participants per programme)*
 | *100* | *100* | *100* | *300* |
| 1. *% of participants who have enhanced parent-child relationships (measured by questionnaire)*
 | *80%* | *80%* | *80%* | *80%* |
| ***No. of total users (=A3+B2+C2…)*** | *190* | *206* | *206* | *602* |
| ***No. of total attendance (=A4x80%+B4+C2…)*** | *416* | *503* | *503* | *1,422* |

Example of Proposed Budget

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| **VII. Proposed Budget *(Budget requested should be matched with the output)*** |
| Example *(for illustration of the format only)* |
|  | **2026/27** | **2027/28** | **2028/29** | **Total** |
| **Projected income** | **HKD** | **HKD** | **HKD** | **HKD** |
| Group (80/96/96 participants x $100)Family Programme (100 participants x $50) | 8,0005,000 | 9,6005,000 | 9,6005,000 | **27,200****15,000** |
| **Total Income (A)** | **13,000** | **14,600** | **14,600** | **42,200** |
| **Projected Expenditure** |  |  |  |  |
| **Staff Cost** (monthly salary x manpower x 12 + MPF)**SAMPLE** 1 Social Work Assistant\* ($25,000 x 12 + $15,000) 1 Clerical Assistant\*\* ($12,000 x 12 + $7,200)\*SWA – Diploma holder or above, with 5 years social work experience\*\*CA – HKDSE or HKCEE graduate, with 2 years relevant experience  | 315,000151,200 | 315,000151,200 | 315,000151,200 | **945,000****453,600** |
| **Sub-Total (B1)** | **466,200** | **466,200** | **466,200** | **1,398,600** |
| **Programme Expenses** Promotion & Publicity- Banners (2 banners per year, @$1,500)- Newsletters (4 issues per year, @$5,000) Training Group (10/12/12 groups per year, @$2,000) Family Programme (2 programmes per year, @$8,000) | 3,00020,00020,00016,000 |  3,00020,00024,00016,000 | 3,00020,00024,00016,000 | **9,000****60,000****68,000****48,000** |
| **Sub-Total (B2)** | **59,000** | **63,000** | **63,000** | **185,000** |
| **Miscellaneous**Office StationerySundries | 3,0002,000 | 3,0002,000 | 3,0002,000 | **9,000****6,000** |
| **Sub-Total (B3)** | **5,000** | **5,000** | **5,000** | **15,000** |
| **Total Expenditure(B=B1+B2+B3)** | **530,200** | **534,200** | **534,200** | **1,598,600** |
| **Amount requested from the Chest (B-A)** | **517,200** | **519,600** | **519,600** | **1,556,400** |