

Charitable/ Trust Fund

Introduction

Charitable/ Trust Funds are intended to provide relief in the form of direct and temporary grants for the need of individuals and families in special and emergency situations for which other financial assistance may not be applicable or readily available. These Funds are usually set up by donors with specified beneficiaries and categories of assistance. General enquiries and applications can be made at the family services centres/ integrated family service centres of the Social Welfare Department and Non-governmental Organizations.

The followings are the major charitable/ trust funds under the administration of the Social Welfare Department:

1. Tang Shiu Kin and Ho Tim Charitable Fund

Beneficiaries

The Fund is to provide direct, temporary assistance for needy individuals and families in special and emergency situation for which other sources may not be applicable or readily available.

Categories of assistance

- (a) to cope with hardships arising from unexpected circumstance, e.g. death of a breadwinner, an accident to a member of the family, sudden or prolonged serious illness, etc.
- (b) as a result of (a), to maintain a child through his education, to purchase equipment such as wheelchairs or artificial appliances, or any other items as may be recommended by medical practitioners and not obtainable from any other financial sources, and to meet abnormally high costs for medical treatment, special diets or other nutritious food on medical advice;
- (c) to meet special expenses in connection with convalescence;
- (d) to meet special need arising from physical or mental disability or chronic illness;
- (e) upon discharge from various types of institutions, as a capital grant, to establish themselves in employment or small business in order that they may live independently;
- (f) to meet basic needs at the rate of Comprehensive Social Security Allowance (CSSA) Scheme despite ineligibility for CSSA or while pending a decision on the eligibility for CSSA;
- (g) to meet setting up and other expenses in connection with removal to new accommodation in licensed areas or in public housing estates; including payment of rent arrears as a result of imprisonment, treatment or rehabilitation;
- (h) to purchase clothings or other essentials over festive seasons;
- (i) to meet urgent need arising from a natural disaster or from a mishap;
- (j) to meet expenses in the participation in organized recreational activities (for families and school children);
- (k) funeral expenses for inmates of aged home without relatives;
- (l) education expenses for children of needy families;
- (m) to meet any other expenses as may be authorized by the committee or the Director of Social Welfare.

2. Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund

Beneficiaries

- (a) Individuals and families in distress and whose net income is about one and one-third of the current basic scale rate of the Comprehensive Social Security Allowance (CSSA) after deduction of essential expenditure such as rent, travelling, school related expenses and medically recommended diet, etc. which is recognised under the CSSA Scheme can be considered for assistance from the Fund.
- (b) Individuals and families who are receiving CSSA should **not** become beneficiaries of the Fund

Categories of assistance

- (a) Grants for essential expenses resulting from moving to public housing units or temporary housing areas, or other accommodation in the private sector.
- (b) Grants to maintain payment of rent and other related requirements and to cover arrears of the same.
- (c) Grants essential for the welfare of the applicant in coping with special needs arising from crisis or unexpected circumstances.
- (d) Grants to patients to meet expenses for medical treatment or assessment when government clinic service is not available or a second diagnostic opinion is required in the management of a patient.
- (e) Burial grants for needy non-natural disaster victims.
- (f) Grants for purchase of spectacles, dentures and medical/rehabilitation appliances on medical recommendation and repair service of the same.
- (g) Grants for purchase of necessary items for needy cases under special circumstances.
- (h) Any special grants which the Director of Social Welfare considers appropriate such as grants to individuals in distress for repatriation, renting medical/rehabilitation appliances during period of convalescence.

3. Kwan Fong Trust Fund for the Needy

Beneficiaries

- (a) Individuals and families in distress, e.g. suicide/ murder cases, accident victims, people suffering from unemployment, imprisonment, illness or loss of breadwinner.
- (b) Women and children, e.g. unmarried mothers, battered wives, widows and their dependent children.
- (c) The aged, the sick and the disabled.

Categories of assistance

- (1) Grants for necessary educational expenses.
- (2) Temporary grants for maintenance or purchase/payment of essential items/expenses.
- (3) Temporary grants for hostel charges and maintenance during period of adjustment.

- (4) Burial grants for needy non-natural disaster victims.
- (5) Special grants and child care expenses for unmarried mothers.
- (6) Grants for traveling and related expenses for needy clients other than distressed British subjects for repatriation.
- (7) Any special grant which the Director of Social Welfare considers appropriate.

4. Brewin Trust Fund

Beneficiaries

- (a) Widows/Widowers
The widows/widowers must be residents in Hong Kong for not less than 1 month.
- (b) Orphans
The orphans must be under 21 years of age. They must be residents in Hong Kong for not less than 1 month and have lost either one or both parents through death.
- (c) Workmen
The workmen (including females) who, having been employed in Hong Kong, have become wholly or in part incapacitated for work by reason of age, sickness, disablement or otherwise, who appear to require such maintenance and benefit in the opinion of the Brewin Trust Fund Committee (Sect. 4(1) of the Ordinance).

Categories of assistance

- (a) Burial expenses
- (b) Medical expenses
- (c) Capital for starting small business
- (d) Cost of equipment or tools for improvement of living
- (e) Schooling expenses
- (f) Rental expenses
- (g) Maintenance during a crisis
- (h) Maintenance before income from employment being available
- (i) Incidental payments, such as for travelling, simple clothing, small household articles
- (j) Assistance for any other payment which appears to a casework supervisor to be essential for the welfare of the applicant.