

Lotteries Fund Circular No. 4

Amendments to the Lotteries Fund Manual (Paragraphs 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.1 and 7.4)

Introduction

The Social Welfare Department issued letters to subvented NGOs on 6 May 2009 and 28 July 2009 revising the scope and streamlining the application procedure of Block Grant, and in May, July and December 2009 on special arrangements to provide financial support from Lotteries Fund (LF) to NGO. The purpose of this circular is to update the relevant paragraphs of LF Manual (paragraphs 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.1 and 7.4 refer).

Amendments

2. In gist, paragraphs 4.2.1 and 4.2.4 of the LF Manual have been revised to lower the threshold for individual F&E item for Block Grant and repairs and overhauling of vehicles of subvented service units from \$100,000 to \$50,000. An additional paragraph 4.2.3 on the ambit of Block Grant relating to replacing/upgrading of IT equipment is inserted. Paragraph 4.3.1 is amended to reflect the streamlined procedure for applying Block Grant each year.
3. Paragraph 4.4.3 has been revised with regard to the deadline for NGOs to submit their audited annual financial statements. Paragraph 4.4.4 has been amended in respect of the certification requirement of the schedule providing information on the spending of the Block Grant.
4. Paragraph 5.1.1 has been revised to lower the threshold for individual F&E item for Major Grant and Other Grants from \$100,000 to \$50,000.
5. A new paragraph 7.4.4 on special arrangements to provide financial support from LF to NGO is added.

Enquiry

6. Enquiries to the content of this circular could be addressed to Ms Eve LO (Tel no. 2832 4328) or Ms Margaret LO (Tel No. 2832 4340) of the LF Projects Section, Social Welfare Department.

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