

Support Fund for HIV/AIDS Patients and their Families



In April 2003, the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund (Council) approved the set up of a trust fund - “Support Fund for HIV/AIDS Patients and their Families” (the Fund). The Social Welfare Department (SWD) helps administer this Fund within the provisions of the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated, Cap. 1096.

Beneficiaries

The objective of the Fund is to provide temporary financial assistance to needy HIV/AIDS patients and their families in Hong Kong.

Categories of assistance

- (a) temporary maintenance to meet basic needs at the rate of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme despite ineligibility for CSSA or while pending a decision on the eligibility for CSSA;
- (b) special expenses in connection with convalescence, such as purchase/use of equipment as recommended by medical officers, occupational therapists, etc.;
- (c) travelling expenses associated with patient's hospitalisation, attendance of out-patient medical consultations or activities organised for patients;
- (d) other expenses on essential items, such as supplement for rent, education fees;
- (e) burial grants for needy patients; and
- (f) small amount of cash grants as pocket money for needy in-patients.



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Application

HIV/AIDS patients and their families in Hong Kong can make self-application for grant under this Fund. Social workers of non-governmental organisations and other helping professionals, such as medical practitioners, nurses, etc. are also welcome to explain to HIV/AIDS patients in need to make direct application. All applications should be made to either of the following Medical Social Services Units of SWD:

- **Medical Social Services Unit of Kowloon Bay Integrated Treatment Centre**

Address : 8/F, Kowloon Bay Health Centre, 9 Kai Yan Street, Kowloon Bay,
Kowloon Tel. No. : 2435 4513 or 2117 0810

- **Medical Social Services Unit of Queen Elizabeth Hospital**

Address : Room G09, G/F, Block E, Queen Elizabeth Hospital,
30 Gascoigne Road, Kowloon
Tel. No. : 3506 7018

- **Medical Social Services Unit of Princess Margaret Hospital**

Address : Room G201-203, 2/F, Block G, 2-10 Princess
Margaret Hospital Road, Kwai Chung, N.T.
Tel. No. : 2990 3130

Confidentiality

Applicants should give consent for revealing their HIV/AIDS status to SWD and for SWD's checking of their HIV/AIDS status with the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority or the responsible medical institutes, if necessary, in relation to their applications. Staff of SWD will preserve confidentiality of any applicant's HIV/AIDS status.

Processing of the applications

No service charge will be imposed for processing the application. Payment of grant for successful applicants may be made in cash or by cheque with proper payment procedures. Original supporting documents may be required for checking and audit purposes. When an application is rejected, the applicant will be informed by way of a letter from SWD.

Enquiries

Enquiries about the Support Fund can be made at the above three Medical Social Services Units. Information on the Fund can be viewed at the website: https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/medical/cat_mfa_rf/supportfund/index.html , or at SWD website: <https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/> (please click "Public Services" and then click "Medical Social Services" and then click "Medical Fee Assistance / Related Funds" and then click "Support Fund for HIV / AIDS Patients and their Families").

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