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Dear Officer in-Charge,

**Beat Drugs Fund Invites Applications
for 2020 Funding Exercise of the Regular Funding Scheme and
Enrolment in Online Briefing cum Experience Sharing Sessions**

The Beat Drugs Fund (BDF) is inviting applications for the 2020 Funding Exercise of the BDF Regular Funding Scheme (RFS) from **5 August to 23 September 2020**. Interested applicants may submit applications to the Secretariat of BDF Association (BDFA) during this period.

The BDF was established in 1996 to support various types of projects organised by different sectors of the community against the problem of drug abuse. Under the RFS, organisations may apply for funding to **organise preventive education and publicity programmes targeting the general public and/or specific groups, provide treatment and rehabilitation services to people with drug problems, conduct researches on drug abuse problem, or a combination of the above themes**. We encourage different organisations in society to propose more anti-drug projects which meet the objectives and assessment criteria of BDF, in order to combat drug abuse problem through supporting more worthwhile anti-drug programmes.

To ensure that projects funded by the BDF could respond to the latest drug situation, a set of priority areas have been set by the BDFA (details on the priority areas are at Annex A) for the 2020 Funding Exercise of RFS. The Guide to the 2020 Funding Exercise and application form are available on the website of Narcotics Division, Security Bureau (<https://www.nd.gov.hk/en/beat drug fund 2020.htm>).

Please note that as the local COVID-19 situation remains severe, to reduce the flow of people and social contacts, **the BDFA will only accept applications submitted by email for 2020 Funding Exercise of RFS. The deadline for application is 6 pm of 23 September 2020**. Submission of application through other means will not be accepted. For details of guidelines on application submission, please refer to Paragraph 6 of the Guide to the 2020 Funding Exercise of RFS or Pages 2 and 3 of the application form.

To allow interested parties to understand more about the details of 2020 Funding Exercise and the priority areas, as well as the application procedures and

assessment criteria, four sessions of online briefing will be organised in August. At the same time, four grantees will be invited to share their experience in project implementation with the participants after each briefing session. Due to the latest situation of COVID-19, this year BDFA will deliver four briefing cum experience sharing sessions online using Zoom Meeting **on 10 August (Monday), 12 August (Wednesday), 14 August (Friday) and 18 August (Tuesday), between 2:30pm and 6pm.** Details can be found at Annex B. The four briefing sessions will be conducted mainly in Cantonese. Organisations which require information in English may approach the Secretariat of BDFA direct.

Representatives of interested organisations may complete the online enrolment form (link: <https://forms.gle/WGfeRmCz91BwscML8>). The participants will be provided with the link and password of the online briefing via email nearer the time.

Details about the application for 2020 Funding Exercise of RFS have also been announced via the following means –

- Webpage of the Narcotics Division (<http://www.nd.gov.hk/en/beat.htm>)
- Safeguard HK, Security Bureau Mobile App (Google Play : <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hk.gov.sb.app.v2&hl=EN> / Apple App Store : <https://apps.apple.com/hk/app/id1067703245?l=en>)
- The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Press Releases (<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/today.htm>)

Information about the funding schemes administered under the BDF can be referred to the webpage of the Narcotics Division (<http://www.nd.gov.hk/en/beat.htm>). You may also search the details of the approved BDF RFS projects on the website of Hong Kong Jockey Club Drug InfoCentre (<https://www.druginfocentre.hk/bdf/en/Searching.php>).

For enquiries related to the 2020 RFS or the enrolment in online briefing cum experience sharing sessions, please contact Mr Ryan PO (Email: rwhpo@sb.gov.hk) or Ms Angie WONG (Email: askwong@sb.gov.hk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ryan PO', written in a cursive style.

(Ryan PO)
for Secretary
Beat Drugs Fund Association

- c.c. Governing Committee of the Beat Drugs Fund Association
- Action Committee Against Narcotics
- Action Committee Against Narcotics Sub-committee on Preventive
 Education and Publicity
- Action Committee Against Narcotics Sub-committee on Treatment and
 Rehabilitation
- Drug Liaison Committee

**2020 Funding Exercise of
the Beat Drugs Fund Regular Funding Scheme**

Priority Areas

For 2020 Funding Exercise of the Beat Drugs Fund Regular Funding Scheme, the Beat Drugs Fund Association will accord priority to projects that address the prevalent drug situation. Projects meeting one or more of the following areas will be accorded priority:

On the **Treatment and Rehabilitation (T&R)** front, priority consideration will be given to:

- (a) projects that take into account the latest demographic characteristics of drug abusers and cater for their varying needs in quitting drugs. They may include young adults (aged 21 – 35), female drug abusers including pregnant women/mothers, people of diverse race and sexual minorities. The projects could be on a pilot basis, community or residential based, or involve treatment in a hospital setting or in an outreaching mode;
- (b) projects that support family members of drug abusers, which could serve as a means of engaging hidden drug abusers in families, strengthening the motivation of drug abusers to quit drugs and maintain abstinence, as well as preventing inter-generational drug abuse patterns;
- (c) projects that promote/strengthen collaboration among various sectors and service modes to help the increasingly complex psychotropic substance abuse (PSA) cases to quit drug, especially those involving “Ice”, cocaine and/or cannabis abuse, and to facilitate a continuum of T&R services for drug abusers to achieve abstinence. Key players may involve community-based service units, residential drug treatment and rehabilitation centres, medical services, law enforcement agencies, other welfare service units as well as non-governmental organisations or bodies serving specific groups;
- (d) projects that facilitate early identification of drug abusers and intervention, including but not limited to peer snowballing, closer collaboration with parties which may have contact with drug abusers in their services for case referral for drug quitting, etc.;
- (e) projects that strengthen aftercare services for those who have successfully quitted drugs so as to minimise relapse and facilitate reintegration into society. Examples include counselling at post-treatment stage,

occupational therapies, vocational training, provision of job placement opportunities, job counselling, mentorship programmes, etc.;

- (f) projects that provide structured training or platforms for experience sharing among anti-drug workers, medical professionals and related sectors/personnel to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge of handling cannabis abuse cases and the increasingly complex cases involving other psychotropic substances.

On the **Preventive Education and Publicity** front, priority consideration will be given to:

- (g) projects that enhance awareness of drug harms of cannabis, particularly in providing correct information on the harms of cannabis abuse, rectifying mistaken concepts and helping identify cannabis products, among members of the general public especially young people and parents, as well as specific target groups (such as high-risk youth, post-secondary/tertiary students, people of diverse race and/or sexual minorities);
- (h) projects that enhance awareness of the harms of other popular drugs, such as “Ice” and cocaine, among members of the general public and specific target groups (such as high-risk youth, post-secondary/tertiary students, people of diverse race and/or sexual minorities), particularly in providing preventive education on drug harms, promoting attitudinal change towards drugs and encouraging early help-seeking;
- (i) projects that target young adults (aged 21 – 35), young persons who fall outside the school network, employers and/or business operators, with a view to enhancing the awareness of the drug problem, improving understanding of the harms of prevalent drugs, developing resilience towards drug temptation, facilitating identification of hidden abusers, encouraging early help-seeking, and establishing a drug-free culture at workplace;
- (j) projects that enhance the awareness of families, especially at-risk families (e.g. teenage mothers, parents or family members being ex-drug abusers, and family members being high-risk youth), of the drug problem, and strengthen the role and abilities of family members in preventing drug abuse, identifying drug-abusing family members, handling drug problems and seeking help early;
- (k) projects that promote community acceptance of T&R services and facilities and reintegration of rehabilitees into society;

- (l) projects that enhance the awareness of the dire consequences of engaging in drug trafficking activities.

On the **research** front, priority consideration will be given to:

- (m) researches on the characteristics of PSA, particularly on psychotropic substances which have gained prevalence in Hong Kong such as “Ice”, cocaine and cannabis to provide more information about the drug harms and to identify suitable treatment methods;
- (n) researches on the behavioural patterns (e.g. reasons for hidden drug abuse, relapse and its prevention, and impacts of inter-generational drug abuse) of different groups of drug abusers (e.g. female drug abusers, pregnant drug abusers, working drug abusers, and drug abusers of diverse race);
- (o) researches on the methods of collecting and analysing qualitative information to complement the drug situation in quantitative terms.

Annex B

**Beat Drugs Fund Regular Funding Scheme
2020 Funding Exercise
Online Briefing cum Experience Sharing Sessions**

Date, Time and Deadline of Enrolment

Date and Time of Briefing	Deadline of Enrolment
10 August 2020 (Monday) 2:30pm - 6:00pm	7 August 2020 (Friday)
12 August 2020 (Wednesday) 2:30pm - 6:00pm	10 August 2020 (Monday)
14 August 2020 (Friday) 2:30pm - 6:00pm	12 August 2020 (Wednesday)
18 August 2020 (Tuesday) 2:30pm - 6:00pm	14 August 2020 (Friday)

(The four online briefing sessions will be conducted mainly in Cantonese. Except the different grantees to be invited for experience sharing, contents are identical for the four sessions. Organisations which require information in English may approach the Secretariat of BDF Association direct.)

Content

- Introduction to Regular Funding Scheme¹, including:
 - Background of the Beat Drugs Fund
 - Drug Situation in Hong Kong in 2019
- Introduction to the Application Procedures of the 2020 Funding Exercise², including:
 - Priority areas
 - Assessment criteria and application procedures
 - Methods to assess the effectiveness of projects
 - Practical tips on submission of applications

¹ This is Module 1 of the Beat Drugs Fund Regular Funding Scheme training sessions. More information on the training modules are at <http://www.nd.gov.hk/eng/beat.htm>.

² This is Module 2 of the Beat Drugs Fund Regular Funding Scheme training sessions.

- Experience sharing session by grantees³
 - “Operation of Networking Hidden Drug Users” by Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong (10 Aug)
 - 「Voice Out ! 街口有樂 ! 」 Beat Drugs and Publicity Project by Ming Pao Magazines Limited (12 Aug)
 - ““Equip for New Stage” : Integration of Vocational Training and Relapse Prevention for Rehabilitee’s Recovery Program” by Barnabas Charitable Service Association Limited (14 Aug)
 - “Beat Drugs @ Mock Trial” by The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong) (18 Aug)

³ This is Module 8 of the Beat Drugs Fund Regular Funding Scheme training sessions.