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5 August 2019

Dear Officer in-Charge,

Beat Drugs Fund Invites Applications for 2019 Funding Exercise of the Regular Funding Scheme and Enrolment in Briefing cum Experience Sharing Sessions

The Beat Drugs Fund (BDF) is inviting applications for the 2019 Funding Exercise of the BDF Regular Funding Scheme (RFS) from **5 August to 16 September 2019**. Interested applicants may submit applications to the Secretariat of BDF Association 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. Projects funded by the RFS include those that provide treatment and rehabilitation services to people with drug problems, organise preventive education and publicity programmes targeting the general public and/or specific groups, conduct researches on drug abuse problem, or a combination of the above themes.

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 BDF Association (details on the priority areas are at Annex A). The Guide to the 2019 Funding Exercise and application form are available on the website of Narcotics Division, Security Bureau (www.nd.gov.hk/en/beat_drug_fund_2019.htm).

Two sessions of Briefing on the 2019 Funding Exercise cum Experience Sharing will be organised on **19 August and 20 August 2019** (details at Annex B). Interested applicants may complete and return the attached reply slip (at Annex C) by fax to the Secretariat of the BDF Association on or before 14 August 2019. The Secretariat of the BDF will contact interested applicants by email for confirmation of seating arrangement.

For enquiries, please feel free to contact the undersigned at tel. 2867 2286 or Mr. Wong at tel. 2867 2737.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Angie Wong)
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

Annex A

2019 Funding Exercise of the Beat Drugs Fund Regular Funding Scheme

Priority Areas

For 2019 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** 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. They may include young adults (aged 21 - 35), female drug abusers including pregnant women/mothers, ethnic minorities (EMs) 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, as well as preventing inter-generational drug abuse patterns;

(c) projects that promote/strengthen collaboration among various sectors and service modes to tackle the increasingly complex psychotropic substance abuse (PSA) cases, especially those involving "Ice", cocaine and/or cannabis abuse, and to facilitate a continuum of T&R services for drug abusers. 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, 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 the increasingly complex PSA cases.

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 public especially young people, students and parents;

(h) projects that enhance awareness of drug harms of other popular drugs such as cocaine and "Ice", among the general youth, high-risk youth, students, EMs and/or sexual minorities, who may be at risks of drug abuse, particularly in providing preventive education on harms associated with drug abuse, rectifying mistaken concepts and promoting attitudinal change towards drugs, encouraging early help-seeking, and enhancing knowledge of the serious consequences of committing drug-related offences;

(i) projects that enhance awareness of the drug problem among young adults (aged 21 - 35), young persons who fall outside the school network, employers and/or business operators, increase understanding of the harms of prevalent drugs, develop resilience towards drug temptation, facilitate identification of hidden abusers, encourage early help-seeking, and establish 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 reducing the risk of drug abuse, identifying hidden abusers early and encouraging early help-seeking;

(k) projects that promote community acceptance of T&R services and facilities and reintegration of rehabilitees into the society.

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

(l) 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;

(m) 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 EMs).

Annex B

Beat Drugs Fund Regular Funding Scheme
2019 Funding Exercise

Briefing cum Experience Sharing Sessions

Date and Time
19 August 2019 (Monday) 2:30pm - 6:00pm
20 August 2019 (Tuesday) 2:30pm - 6:00pm
(Two identical sessions to be conducted in Cantonese)

Content
- Introduction to Regular Funding Scheme[1], including:
  - Background of the Beat Drugs Fund
  - Drug Situation in Hong Kong in 2018 and the 2017/18 Survey of Drug Use Among Students

- Introduction to the Application Procedures of the 2019 Funding Exercise[2], including:
  - Priority areas
  - Assessment criteria and application procedures
  - Methods to assess the effectiveness of projects
  - Practical tips on submission of applications

- Experience sharing session by grantee[3]
  - Escape Psychedelic Forest – Drug Prevention and Counselling Scheme (Hong Kong Children & Youth Services Tai Po District Youth Outreaching Social Work Team)

Location
Interactive Theatre of Hong Kong Jockey Club Drug InfoCentre
Roof Floor, Low Block, Queensway Government Offices,
66 Queensway, Hong Kong
(Admiralty MTR Station - Exit C1)

Inclement Weather Arrangement
In case the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 or above / black rainstorm warning signal is still in force at 11:30 am, the briefing session will be cancelled. Beat Drugs Association will in due course announce the details of fallback session, including its date, venue and enrolment procedures etc.

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

Annex C

Beat Drugs Fund Regular Funding Scheme
2019 Funding Exercise

Enrolment Form for Briefing cum Experience Sharing Sessions

(Please reply on or before 14 August 2019)

To: Mr. Wong
Secretariat of the Beat Drugs Fund Association (Fax: 2810 1790)

The following member(s) of our organisation are/I am interested in attending the briefing session[i] (no more than three staff shall be nominated):

	19 August 2019 (Monday) 2:30pm – 6:00pm		**20 August 2019 (Tuesday) 2:30pm – 6:00pm**	
	Name	**Post Title**	**Name**	**Post Title**
1.				
2.				
3.				
Note	If necessary, we *<u>*can/cannot*</u> attend the briefing session on 20 August (Tuesday) 2:30pm - 6:00pm		If necessary, we *<u>*can/cannot*</u> attend the briefing session on 19 August (Monday) 2:30pm - 6:00pm	

*Please delete as appropriate

Name of organisation : (Chinese) _____

: (English) _____

Contact person : (Mr/Mrs/Ms) _____

Tel : _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____

Name of officer in-charge : _____

Signature of officer in-charge : _____

Date : _____

[i] The two sessions are identical and will be conducted in Cantonese.