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Background

The Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped was established under the Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped Ordinance (Chapter 399) in July 1988.

Objectives of the Foundation

To improve the welfare, education and training of persons with intellectual disability in Hong Kong, and the promotion of their employment prospects.

Assets

- The initial assets of the Foundation, comprised:
 - Net profit of \$30 million from the sale of gold coins to commemorate the visit of the Queen Elizabeth II to Hong Kong in 1986;
 - A donation of \$30 million from the Hong Kong Jockey Club;
 - An allocation of \$30 million from the general revenue of the government; and
 - A donation of \$1 million from the Shaw Foundation

Organisation

- Council of the Foundation
- Finance Committee
- Council Secretariat



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Council of the Foundation

Functions

To apply the income and assets of the Foundation for carrying out the purpose of the Foundation, and to determine and perform all matters in this regard under the Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Mentally Handicapped Ordinance (Chapter 399).

Responsibilities

- Scrutinize the applications for grants;
- Inspect completed projects;
- Appoint members of the Finance Committee; and
- Scrutinise papers relating to the business of the Foundation

Membership

- Appointed by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare under delegated authority from the Chief Executive
- A Chairman, ten non-official members, four official members and a Secretary
- Term of office: 3 years



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Finance Committee

Functions

- Manage the investment of the Foundation's portfolio;
- Determine the investment strategy; and
- Monitor the performance of the Fund Manager(s)

Responsibilities

- Appoint Fund Manager(s) and Accountant;
- Review with the Fund Manager(s) on the performance of the Foundation's portfolio;
- Scrutinise the monthly investment reports provided by the Fund Manager(s);
- Scrutinise papers relating to the investment of the Foundation's portfolio; and
- Advise the Council on the mechanism for its annual grant to new projects

Membership

- A Chairman, four non-official members, one official member and a Secretary
- Term of office: concurrent with Council Members

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- Undertaken by the Rehabilitation Division of Labour and Welfare Bureau
- Provide administrative support services to the Council



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Sponsorship Scheme

Bona fide non-governmental organisations, non-profit making self-help groups of persons with disabilities that have been registered in Hong Kong for at least 3 years¹ and government departments are eligible for submitting applications for grants from the Foundation for projects/activities which are within the ambit of the Foundation. Examples of the kinds of projects/activities which the Foundation may finance are:-

- minor capital works projects;
- capital expenditure on items not subvented in a general scale by relevant Government department(s);
- home-based or community-based rehabilitation services for persons with more severe intellectual disability and those without immediate post-school placement opportunities;
- programmes for improving and upgrading services for persons with intellectual disability;
- public education to promote understanding and positive attitudes towards persons with intellectual disability training;
- innovative projects that would improve the rehabilitation service of persons with intellectual disability;
- programmes for improving the living environment for persons with intellectual disability and their independent living skills; and
- programmes for enhancing services for aged persons with intellectual disability, providing adaptable environment for them and helping them achieve positive and active ageing.

¹ For the purpose of application for grants from this Fund, a non-profit making self-help group should be an organisation that has been registered in Hong Kong under the Societies Ordinance (Cap. 151) or the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32), or by virtue of its non-profit making/charitable nature, been granted tax exemption status by the Commissioner of Inland Revenue under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112), for **at least 3 years**.



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How to Apply

Applications for grants are invited once a year. The application form and guide to application can be downloaded from the webpage of the Labour and Welfare Bureau during the application period. Completed application forms have to be submitted to the Council Secretariat c/o Rehabilitation Division, Labour and Welfare Bureau, 11/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong, before the application deadline.

Assessment Criteria

Application will be considered on its individual merits, including its effectiveness and scope of benefits, to ensure that the grants are giving good value for money. The following guiding principles will be applied –

- projects to strengthen early identification / intervention and to enhance learning experience would be accorded a higher priority;
- projects to maximize development potential to enhance employment opportunities, independent living skills and maximize potential through participation in arts and sports would be accorded a higher priority;
- projects to promote health awareness to alleviate early onset of ageing and other health-related problems and achieve positive and active ageing would be accorded a higher priority;
- projects involving recurrent expenses or purchases of air-conditioners, rehabuses or items that could be funded by Government's subvention and/or other funding sources would normally be accorded a lower priority;
- activities to be held outside Hong Kong will not be considered; and
- projects for target beneficiaries who acquire intellectual disability or loss of cognitive ability due to degenerative changes (such as dementia), or caused by head injury, etc., instead of those who are medically diagnosed to be suffering from intellectual disability since childhood, will not be considered; and
- for applications with grant sought exceeding \$200,000, applicants should include the elements of "Sustainability" and "Dissemination" in the application, such as feasible plans to sustain the key activities after completion of the project and the deliverables/expected outcomes of the project which should have good value for sharing and/or should have high potential to benefit a wider reach of the community through different means.

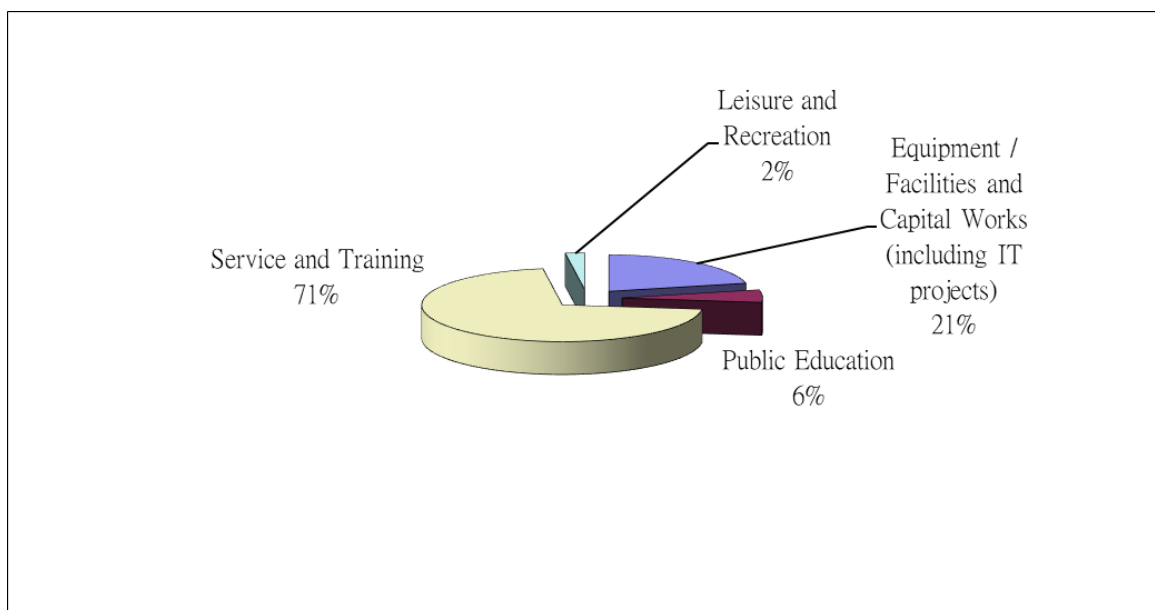


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Number of Applications and Amount of Grants Allocated in the Past 3 Years

Year	No. of Applications Received	Amount Requested (\$M)	No. of Successful Applications	Amount of Grants Allocated (\$M)
2021/22	93	14.7	74	9.6
2022/23	76	12.4	53	5.5
2023/24	74	9.5	55	5.8
Total	243	36.6	182	20.9

Types of Approved Projects in the Past 3 Years



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