

SPONSORSHIP FUND

Purpose

The Fund is intended to assist:

1. Individuals with proven financial hardship in participating in activities which are conducted in Hong Kong, The Mainland, or overseas countries organized by the Association, or overseas trips/interflows/international conferences organized either by the Association/the HKCSS.
2. Carers of the persons with disabilities with proven financial hardship in having short break and release from their caring burden.
3. Non-profit-making organizations for/of the disabled with proven financial hardship in using the Jockey Club PHAB Camp.

Criteria of Application

1. Individual applicant should meet all the following criteria:
 - a. Hong Kong residents;
 - b. members of the Association with at least one year of membership;
 - c. persons with disabilities; or able-bodied persons participating in joint activities with disabled counterparts; or carers of the disabled who are referred by Association's staff to use day respite/temporary respite services;
 - d. in need of financial assistance to participate in activities.¹
2. Organization applicant should meet all the following criteria:
 - a. non-profit-making organization for/of persons with disabilities registered in Hong Kong;
 - b. in need of financial assistance for using the Jockey Club PHAB Camp;
 - c. expenses of the activity concerned are not covered by other subvention/subsidies schemes or funding bodies.

Amount for Allocation

A sum equivalent to the yearly income from the Fund will be used for allocating grants to applicants. The amount for each grantee will depend on his/her financial situation and need. Under special circumstances, the Finance Committee is authorized to utilize up to 10% of the principal amount for allocation. Above which, approval from the Board of Directors is required.

¹ Under normal circumstances, the average monthly household income, excluding assets, of the applicant and the household members residing with him/her in the past month immediately before the month of submitting the application does not exceed the Median Monthly Domestic Household income. Income includes employment earnings (salary, double pay/leave pay, work allowance, bonuses/prize/commission/tip/contract gratuity, income from rendering services, business profits) and other income (contributions from children, financial assistance from relatives/friends, alimony, rental income, and monthly pension/widow's and orphans' payment or pensions) but excludes employee's mandatory contributions to MPF scheme, financial assistance provided by the Government, charitable donations, subsidies from other assistance programmes/funds.

Method of Application

1. Individual applicants:
 - a. Applications can be submitted to the Association all the year round.
 - b. Application forms are available from the Headquarters of the Association or can be downloaded from the Association's website.
 - c. Each application form should be duly completed by the applicant and recommended by a responsible staff of the unit.
 - d. Application for participating in activities which had commenced before the deadline of application will not be considered.
 - e. Duly completed form (including recommendation from responsible staff of the unit), together with supporting documents on the financial situation of the applicant and his/her family members, should be submitted to the Executive Director of the Hong Kong PHAB Association at Unit 1402, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Building, 21 Pak Fuk Road, North Point, Hong Kong at least 28 days before the commencement date of the programme/service. All late applications or applications without submitting the required information or supporting documents before the due date will not be considered.
2. Organization applicants:
 - a. Invitation for applications will be announced in May and November each year.
 - b. Application forms are available from the Headquarters of the Association or can be downloaded from the Association's website.
 - c. Duly completed form, together with supporting documents on the financial situation of the applicant should be submitted to the Executive Director of the Hong Kong PHAB Association at Unit 1402, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Building, 21 Pak Fuk Road, North Point, Hong Kong.

Selection Procedure

All applications will be screened by the Executive Director and endorsed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee. The decision of the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall be final. In no circumstances will the Chairman of the Finance Committee be required to explain why any application has not been successful.

Maximum Grant for Each Applicant

1. An individual applicant will only be granted a maximum of \$2,000 during each financial year as subsidies for participating in specified activities.
2. An organization applicant will only be granted a maximum of \$5,000 during each financial year as subsidies for camp fee charged by Jockey Club PHAB Camp.

Conditions on the Payment of Approved Grant

1. The grant for individual applicants will be released upon presentation of proven evidence on the successful enrolment for the prescribed activity or service. If the actual fee of the activity or service is lower than the budgeted fee, the amount to be reimbursed may be adjusted according.
2. The grant for organization applicants will offset the required camp fees charged by

Jockey Club PHAB Camp directly. If the actual fee, regardless of changes in the number of participants or changes in the fee scale, is lower than the budgeted fee, the amount to be reimbursed may be adjusted accordingly.

Management

The Fund is managed by the Finance Committee of the Association. The Committee is fully authorized to invest the capital fund, revise and amend criteria of applications or other rules and handle all other matters related to the management of the Fund.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please telephone the Association's Headquarters at 2551 4161.

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