

PHAB CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND

Purpose

The Fund is intended to provide financial support to children and youth with disabilities in facilitating and enhancing their rehabilitation process, with an ultimate aim to improve their quality of living.

Criteria of Application

Applicants should meet all the following criteria:

1. Hong Kong resident;
2. children or youth with physical disabilities, mental disabilities, chronic illness, visual impairment, or hearing impairment;
3. aged below 25;
4. in need of financial assistance for supporting the rehabilitation process; ¹
5. referred by schools/hospital/social welfare organizations/Social Welfare Department/Education Bureau.

Applicants submitting applications within a period of 3 years after approval of a grant from the Committee will usually not be considered.

Scope of Grant

Based on the financial needs and needs of each applicant, a grant can be considered for the following purposes, and which are not covered by other funding sources. The grant for each applicant normally will not exceed HK\$20,000:

1. To purchase rehabilitation equipment or appliances or any other items as may be recommended by medical practitioners.
2. To meet expenses in participating in organized activities/rehabilitation programmes which are designed to facilitate the rehabilitation process of children and youth with disabilities.
3. To meet special expenses related to their studies and adaptation to work.

If the actual expenditure on the approved item(s) is/are lower than the budgeted

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 12 months immediately before the month of submitting the application should 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.

expenditure, or if only part of the approved item(s) is/are purchased, the amount approved may be adjusted accordingly. Items expended before the date of approval of the grant will not be reimbursed.

Method of Application

1. Applications are open throughout the year.
2. Application forms are obtainable from the Headquarters of Hong Kong PHAB Association, which can also be downloaded from the Association's website: <http://www.hkphab.org.hk>.
3. Each application form should be duly completed by the applicant or his/her guardian and recommended by a responsible officer of schools/hospital/social welfare organizations/Social Welfare Department/Education Bureau.
4. At least 2 quotations should be obtained for each item applied.
5. Completed application form, together with all supporting documents, should be submitted to the Executive Director of the Hong Kong PHAB Association, Unit 1402, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Building, 21 Pak Fuk Road, North Point, Hong Kong.
6. Incomplete application form or application without submitting all the required information or supporting documents will not be considered.

Assessment Procedures

All eligible applications will be assessed by the PHAB Children & Youth Fund Committee according to the financial situation and needs of each applicant. Applicants will be notified of the result in writing. The decision of the Committee shall be final. In no circumstances will the Committee be required to explain why any application has not been successful.

Obligation of Successful Applicants

Successful applicants are required to sign an undertaking to assist in any future fund-raising or promotional events of the Fund if deemed appropriate, e.g. providing photographs on the applied items, attending interviews by mass media, etc.

Management

The PHAB Children and Youth Fund Committee is fully authorized by the Association's Board to assess and approve applications, allocate and monitor grants, revise the terms and criteria of application, and handle all matters relating to the management of the Fund.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact the Association's Headquarters at 25514161.