

Funding Scheme for Women's Development (District Stream)
Detailed Payment Arrangements

1. Advance Payment

- (a) To assist the funded organisation in meeting the initial outlay of a project and cash flow requirements, Women's Commission (WoC) may, prior to the implementation of the project, consider that a single advance payment of not exceeding 50% of the total approved funding amount be made to the funded organisation upon written application. In receiving the advance payment, the authorised person of the funded organisation will be required to sign an undertaking at Appendix I.
- (b) WoC will monitor the progress of the projects upon release of an advance payment and remind the funded organisation to clear the advance payment by submitting certified official receipts¹ to account for the expenditure incurred as early as practicable.
- (c) If, subsequent to the receipt of the advance payment, the project has not been held or was delayed beyond the scheduled implementation date, the funded organisation will be required to return the advance payment to the HKSAR Government immediately unless it can provide acceptable explanations to WoC and is accepted by WoC.

2. Partial Reimbursements

Irrespective of whether it has received an advance payment, the funded organisation may apply for up to **one partial reimbursement** of the funding before the completion of the project. The amount of funding to be given out for each project prior to its completion should not exceed 90% of the total approved funding amount. In applying for reimbursement, the funded organisation should submit an up-to-date financial report (see paragraph 5 below) together with supporting receipts¹ duly certified correct by the authorised person of the funded organisation or officer-in-charge of the project for checking purposes.

¹ A receipt submitted for reimbursement purposes must bear the date of purchase and full description of the individual expenditure items. Otherwise, supporting documents such as invoices and billing statements showing the aforesaid details are to be submitted to supplement the receipt.

3. Final or One-off Reimbursement

One-off reimbursement of funding, or the balance of funding where advance payment or partial reimbursement have been made, will be given to the funded organisation on completion of the project. To apply for final or one-off reimbursement, the funded organisation must submit the financial report (see paragraph 5 below) with all supporting receipts¹ and a final report to WoC for processing **within one month after the completion of the project or by 15 February² (or the next working day if 15 February is a public holiday) of the same financial year, whichever is earlier**. The amount of advance payment, reimbursement and expenditure incurred should be completely and accurately recorded in the financial report. Reimbursement will be made when all reports (see paragraph 57 of the Funding Guidelines) are accepted by WoC.

4. Handling of Cheque

Payment of funding to the funded organisation will be made in form of cheque. The cheque shall be payable within 6 months from the date of issuance. Upon receipt of the cheque, the funded organisation should cash the cheque as soon as practicable. If the cheque is not cashed within 6 months from the date of issuance, WoC will cancel the cheque payment automatically without prior notice to the funded organisation. If the funded organisation intends to re-issue the cheque, the funded organisation should submit application in writing within the same financial year. Otherwise, WoC or LWB will not be responsible in connection with the stale cheque.

5. Financial Report

The format of the financial report referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 are at Annex G. The funded organisation is required to submit the original copy of the supporting receipts for the expenses incurred together with the financial report to WoC. For avoidance of doubt, irrespective of whether the items are funded under the Scheme, receipts¹ are required for all items shown on the financial report unless otherwise specified.

² Funded projects of 2022-23 Funding Scheme (District Stream) shall be completed on or before 28 February 2023 or the deadline set by WoC, and submit the relevant reports and documents on or before 15 March 2023.

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**Funding Scheme for Women's Development (District Stream)
Undertaking of Receipt of Advance Payment**

In consideration of you agreeing to pay to us a sum of \$ _____ as the advance payment to finance the following project-

Project No. _____
Project Name _____

We hereby undertake to:-

- (i) carry out the above project in accordance with the approved work plan and the implementation date/period and the terms and conditions specified by your office;
- (ii) clear the advance payment as early as practicable by submitting the certified official receipts¹ to account for the expenditure incurred;
- (iii) report to you immediately when there is a substantial change in work schedule or cash flow requirement from the original approved plan which may affect the subsequent payments (including advance payment) to be made to us;
- (iv) submit to you a final report and financial report together with supporting receipts¹ within one month after completion of the project or by 15 February² (or the next working day if 15 February is a public holiday) of the same financial year, whichever is earlier.; and
- (v) return the unspent balance of the advance payment, if any, to WoC immediately.

We agree and accept that should we fail to observe any of the items set out above, we shall be liable to repay WoC the full amount of the advance payment immediately. We also understand that a failure to observe any of the items set out above may result in our future applications under the Scheme being rejected.

Dated the _____ day of _____ 20____ .

SIGNED by:

Name of Authorised Person _____

Post _____

For and on behalf of _____

(Name of Organisation)

Official
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