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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 disabilities 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
 - A donation of \$1 million from the Shaw Donation

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
- Scrutinize 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, 10 non-official members, 4 official members and a Secretary
- Term of office: 3 years

Finance Committee

Functions

- Manage the investment of the Foundation's portfolio
- Determine the investment strategy
- Monitor the performance of the Fund Managers



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Responsibilities

- Appoint Fund Managers and Accountant
- Review with the Fund Managers on the performance of the Foundation's portfolio
- Scrutinize the monthly investment reports provided by the Fund Managers
- Scrutinize papers relating to the investment of the Foundation's portfolio
- Advise the Council on the amount for its annual grant to new projects

Membership

- A Chairman, 5 non-official members, an official member and a Secretary
- Term of office: concurrent with Council Members

Council Secretariat

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

Sponsorship Scheme

Bona fide non-governmental organisations, non-profit making self-help groups of persons with disabilities that have been registered in Hong



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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 disabilities and those without immediate post-school placement opportunities;
- programmes for improving and upgrading services for persons with intellectual disabilities;
- innovative projects that would improve the rehabilitation service of persons with intellectual disabilities;
- training rehabilitation workers for persons with intellectual disabilities; and
- public education to promote understanding and positive attitudes towards persons with intellectual disabilities

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

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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and Welfare Bureau during the application period. Completed application forms have to be submitted to the Council Secretariat c/o Rehabilitation Team, Labour and Welfare Bureau, 11/F., West Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong, before the application deadline. In general, the Council will inform the applicants of the results in writing by end of September/October.

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 on vocational rehabilitation and training that could directly enhance the employment prospects of persons with intellectual disabilities would be accorded a higher priority;
- innovative projects that would improve the rehabilitation service of persons with intellectual disabilities 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 not be considered unless in exceptional circumstances; and
- project cost below \$30,000 would not normally be considered unless in exceptional circumstances.



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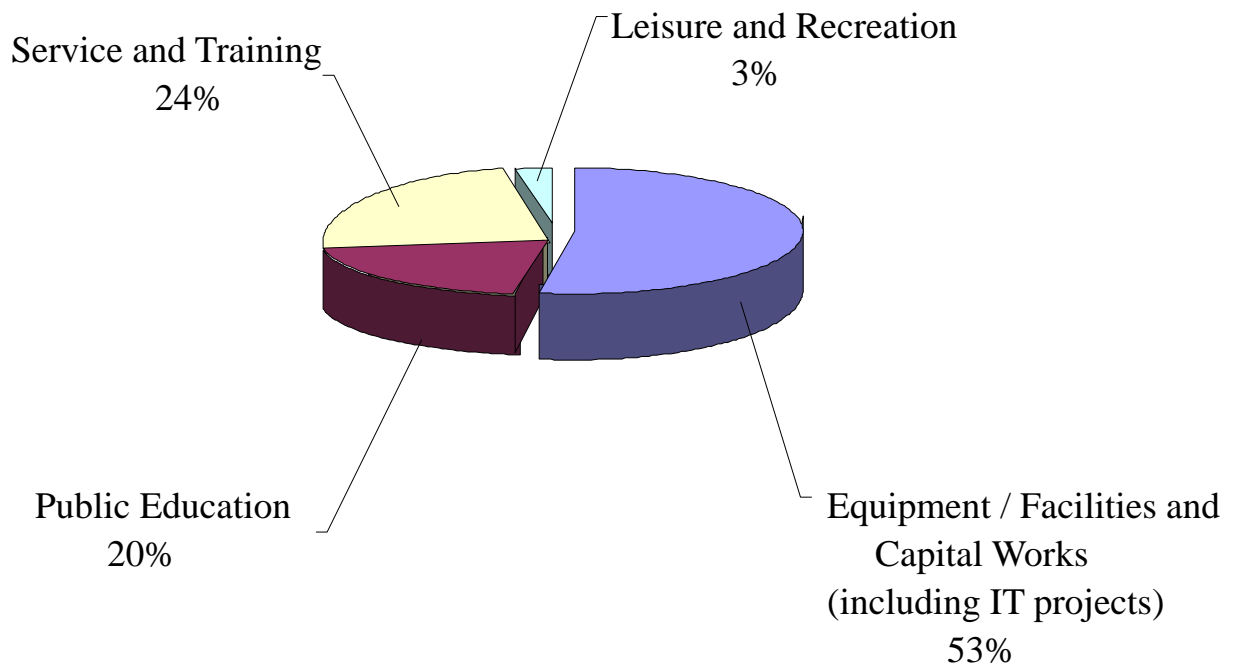
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Number of Applications and Amount of Grants Allocated in the Past 3 Years

Year	No. of Applications Received	Amount Requested (\$M)	No. of Successful Applications	Amount of Grants Allocated (\$M)
2008	119	20.142	75	7.197
2009	114	19.627	76	5.909
2010	137	17.074	97	7.966
Total	370	56.843	248	21.072

Types of Approved Projects in the Past 3 Years



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