

“Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Property Management Sector (Phase II)” under “Anti-epidemic Fund” open for application today

The Government today (April 24) launched the "Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Property Management Sector (Phase II)" (ASPM (Phase II)) under the "Anti-epidemic Fund" to extend the coverage of the subsidies to industrial buildings and commercial buildings (including shopping malls).

With the development of the epidemic situation, frontline property management (PM) workers assisting in cleansing and security work in industrial or commercial buildings have also been facing greater public health challenges, and their workload has significantly increased. In view of this, the Government launched the ASPM (Phase II), which aims to provide financial support to frontline PM workers (i.e. workers assisting in cleansing and security work) serving industrial or commercial buildings. Taking into account the special features of industrial and commercial buildings (such as more common areas and facilities therein), when calculating the amount of subsidies, each industrial or commercial building block will be considered equivalent to two private residential building blocks. With the launching of the ASPM (Phase II), the Government wishes to improve frontline PM workers' personal protection and environmental hygiene, and give recognition to their services. Subsidy will also be provided under the ASPM (Phase II) to the owners' organisations (OOs) or PM companies of these buildings so as to alleviate the additional costs arising from heightened cleansing efforts and the burden on the owners and tenants.

The ASPM (Phase II) will provide the following support for industrial and commercial buildings –

(a) "Anti-epidemic Hardship Allowance" – to subsidise eligible PM companies/OOs to give each frontline PM worker a monthly "Anti-epidemic Hardship Allowance" of \$1,000 for four months. Each eligible industrial and commercial building block will be subject to a funding cap double of the cap (6 headcounts) for each private residential building block; and

(b) "Anti-epidemic Cleansing Subsidy" – to give eligible PM companies/OOs a lump sum "Anti-epidemic Cleansing Subsidy" for each eligible industrial or commercial building block. The amount of the subsidy will be double of subsidy (\$2,000) for each private residential building block.

The application deadline for the ASPM (Phase II) is June 15. Eligible PM companies and OOs are reminded to submit their applications to the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA) as soon as practicable. For details on the ASPM, please contact the PMSA at 3696 1156 or 3696 1166, or visit the website of the PMSA (www.pmsahk.org.hk/en/index.html).