

Invitation for the Seventh Round Applications for the Urban Renewal Heritage Preservation and District Revitalisation Funding Scheme

As a major component of the new Urban Renewal Strategy promulgated by the Development Bureau in February 2011, one of the main objects of the Urban Renewal Trust Fund is to support heritage preservation and district revitalisation initiatives in the urban renewal context. As the trustee of the Trust Fund, the Urban Renewal Fund (URF) operates the Urban Renewal Heritage Preservation and District Revitalisation Funding Scheme (the Funding Scheme) to provide financial support to urban renewal preservation and revitalisation projects proposed by the community.

Invitation for the Seventh Round applications for the Funding Scheme has commenced on 20 December 2023. The closing date is 30 April 2023. Eligible organisations include non-governmental organisations, educational institutes and professional bodies, social enterprises, and other entities if the project is formed as part of their corporate social responsibility or is carried out in partnership led by not-for-profit organisations. Other organisations will also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Funding Scheme provides an independent funding source aiming:

- i. to enhance heritage preservation and district revitalisation in the urban renewal context to rejuvenate the neighbourhood environment and improve the quality of life of residents in old urban areas;
- ii. to provide financial support to urban renewal heritage preservation and district revitalisation initiatives from non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders; and
- iii. to strengthen local participation and sense of ownership in heritage preservation and district revitalisation for longer-term impact at the neighbourhood or district level.

The Theme of the Seventh Round is “Co-Creating Community Space and Enriching Cultural Colour of Hong Kong: Sense of Community; New-Old Fusion; People-Place Connection; Artistic Ambience”. Applications for thematic projects will receive particular consideration while those for non-thematic projects are also welcome.

The briefing session will be organised for interested parties, to enhance their understanding on the objectives and scope of the Funding Scheme. **Also, successful applicants of the Fifth and Sixth Round and the Kowloon City Themed Walking Trail will share on their projects.**

Briefing Session

Date: 19 January 2024 (Friday)

Time: 2:45p.m. (Registration starts at 2:30p.m.)

Venue: Multi-Function Rooms, H6 CONET, G/F, The Center, 99 Queen’s Road Central, Hong Kong

The Funding Scheme Application Guidelines, the Notes for Submission and Application Form are available at: <http://www.urfund.org.hk>

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