

COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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**Preliminary Analysis of Approved Applications to
the Sustainable Development Fund**

Purpose

This paper presents a brief analysis of projects approved under the first two rounds of applications to the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) and invites Members to advise on whether there should be a specific focus or priority set for the next round of applications.

Considerations

2. At the last meeting on 8 December, Members asked for a report on projects approved under the first two rounds of funding. Members agreed that an analysis of the projects according to their nature, types of activity, number of people likely to benefit and geographical distribution would help in considering whether a specific focus or priority should be set for the next round of applications. A preliminary analysis of the projects is in paragraphs 3 to 8.

The Approved Projects

3. So far, ten projects have been approved for grants from the SDF, with their duration ranging from 12 to 36 months. Organisations that have received grants come from the following sectors: community organisations, green groups, schools, social service groups, universities, and individuals. A full list of the projects is in **Table 1** of the **Annex**.

4. Total grants of \$10.85 million have been approved for projects in the first two round of applications - \$7.75 million in the first round and \$3.09 million in the second round. About \$4.17 million has been earmarked for expenditure on these projects in financial year 2004-05. The remaining balance of the Fund is **\$89.15 million**.

Overall Aims of the Projects

5. Five of the ten approved projects are related to the formulation of local district plans or Agenda 21, and four are educational projects for schools and the public. The remaining project is a magazine focusing on sustainable development (**Table 2** of the **Annex**).

Types of Activity

6. The types of activity commonly adopted by the grantees include training, seminars and forums, preparation of reports and publications, exhibitions and the setting up of websites. Other activities specific to individual projects include organising a competition; promotion of ecotourism and cultural tourism; providing community services; forming concern groups; and establishing green markets, gardens and shops. (**Table 3** of the **Annex**).

Number of People to Benefit from Projects

7. The estimated number of participant activities is 345,000 (**Table 4** of the **Annex**). Major target groups for the projects include teachers, parents, students and local residents in specific geographical districts.

Geographical Distribution

8. Of the 10 projects, four are being carried on a Hong Kong-wide basis, two focus on Hong Kong Island districts, one each focuses on Peng Chau and Kowloon, and two are New Territories district-based (**Table 5** of the **Annex**).

Advice Sought

9. Members are invited to note the preliminary analysis of approved projects under the two rounds of funding. Members are also invited to consider whether a particular focus or priority should be set for the types of project to be encouraged to apply for funding under the next round of applications, bearing in mind the current distribution of grants across the various types of project, organisation and locality described above.

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