

Energy Conservation Projects for Non-government Organizations
Under the Environment and Conservation Fund
Project Variation Requests

Purpose

This paper seeks Members' consideration of:

- (a) the variation requests for 9 approved projects; and
- (b) the proposed inclusion of an electrical item (viz. Steam Heat Recovery System) for an approved project

under the Energy Conservation Projects for Non-Government Organizations (ECPNGO) funding scheme of the Environment and Conservation Fund (ECF).

Background

2. From time to time, recipient organizations may need to make variations to their projects due to unforeseen circumstances. At the Energy Conservation Projects Vetting Subcommittee (ECPVSC) meeting on 3 May 2010, it was agreed that the Secretariat should be delegated with the authority to approve minor budget variations not exceeding 20% of the approved budget of an individual item and not involving changes to the total approved budget, as a means to expedite processing work and relieve the ECPVSC of the workload in handling such variations. For any other changes to the project details, prior approval should continue be approved by the ECPVSC. At the ECPVSC meeting on 23 September 2013, members agreed that requests for additional funding for project variations would not be accepted while project variation requests which did not require additional funding from the ECF would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Proposal

3. The Secretariat recently received 9 requests for project variations from recipient organizations. We have set out the details and assessment on the 9 projects in Table 1 and Annexes 1 to 9 for Members' consideration.

4. Besides, for an energy improvement works project under the Yan Chai Hospital's (YCH) greening programme handled by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund (EMSTF), Members, based on EMSTF's recommendations, had approved most of the project items such as lighting tubes, air conditioners and solar film, etc., but rejected an item on Steam Heat Recovery System for reason that it was not regarded as a building services installation covered under the Guide to Application for the ECPNGO Scheme. Subsequent to Members' approval, YCH had further discussed the project with the Secretariat and EMSTF. After discussion, it was considered that the System should be regarded as an energy saving item covered under the category of "electrical building services installations",

and hence could be supported according to the Guide to Application. Based on this, EMSTF has no objection to supporting this project item to Members for consideration. Details and our assessment are set out in Table 1 and Annex 10.

Advice Sought

5. Members are invited to consider the requests as detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4, Table 1 and the Annexes, and advise whether the proposed changes should be approved.

ECPVSC Secretariat
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