

**The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups -
Transforming the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups into a Green Organization
Proposed Extension of Green Programme and Programme Revision**

Project Title	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) – Transforming the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups into a Green Organization
Recipient Organization	HKFYG
Advice Sought	Members are invited to advise whether HKFYG’s following requests should be approved: (a).extension of the green programme by 27 months to March 2019; and (b).project variations for various energy improvement works, energy-cum-carbon audit, minor works projects as well as indoor air quality project, and associated redeployment of surplus funds derived from various approved projects under the purview of different Vetting Subcommittees.
Programme Summary	HKFYG’s three-year green programme aims at transforming itself into a green youth organization through the implementation of a series of green initiatives under a framework of seven strategies, viz., green governance, baseline study and auditing mechanism, green services and operation, green premises development, green publicity and partnership, train staff to be green and green environmental education. The ECF Committee gave approval-in-principle for funding support (\$14.2 million) for the green programme on 3 October 2012. At its meeting on 30 January 2013, the ECF Committee approved funding of \$1,200,000 for HKFYG to engage an environmental consultant to oversee the overall implementation of the green programme. With the appointment of the Hong Kong Productivity Council as its consultant in December 2013, the programme was officially kicked off.
Approved Programme Duration	36 months (From December 2013 to December 2016)
In-principle Approved Amount	\$14,202,590
Requests for Programme Extension and Revision	HKFYG has conducted a thorough programme review recently in conjunction with the consultant to assess the programme’s progress as well as the constraints encountered

in its implementation. The present position of the programme's projects is detailed in section 5 of HKFYG's review report at Annex. For various reasons such as technical complexities encountered in taking forth various projects, HKFYG anticipates that it is unlikely for the green programme to be completed within the original timeframe, i.e. by December 2016. HKFYG requests for approval for extending its green programme by 27 months up to March 2019. In addition, HKFYG seeks approval for its proposal for project variations to various energy improvement works, energy-cum-carbon audit and minor works projects, and for deploying the surplus funds derived from an approved waste project (under WRPVSC's purview) to other projects under EE&CAVSC. Details of HKFYG's requests are set out in Annex, a brief account of which is provided below:

(a). Reasons for Extension of Programme Duration

(i). Energy-cum-carbon audit (ECA) Project
(3-year project)

Since the original winning contractor withdrew its bid, after careful review, HKFYG decides to re-tender the project works. HKFYG envisages that the re-tendering would take about six months to complete. Subject to the ECF Committee's approval of the proposed extension of the green programme, HKFYG will submit the details of the requested project variations of this ECA project to the Energy Conservation Projects Vetting (ECPVSC) for consideration. Subject to ECPVSC's approval, the project is expected to commence by end of 2015 and complete by end of 2018.

(ii). Education Activities

(1). Green Channel (2-year project)

To achieve greater environmental impacts on youth, HKFYG proposes to amend some of the contents in the "Green Channel" education project so as to attract more youth audience and better engage them for participation. HKFYG will need more time to re-design the project activities, invite suitable speakers and relevant parties for collaboration. HKFYG plans to submit the re-designed project

proposal by the 3rd quarter of 2015 to EE&CAVSC, and targets to commence the project in early 2016 for completion in December 2016.

(2). Green Edu 21 Programme (3-year project)

To engage more staff to participate in environmental protection, HKFYG has been developing an environmental training plan and designing staff training contents with its consultant. HKFYG will engage different units of the organization to organize environmental activities for youth's participation. The staff training takes around one year and the associated environmental activities will take another two years to complete. HKFYG plans to submit the project proposal to EE&CAVSC for consideration in mid 2015 and to commence the project in late 2015.

After careful consideration, HKFYG assesses that it would require more time to complete all the initiatives under the green programme and hence requests for approval for extending the green programme by 27 months up to March 2019. According to HKFYG, there is no need to extend the consultancy services and hence no additional funding is required in this aspect. HKFYG will deploy its own resources to monitor the implementation of the green programme.

(b). Proposed Project Variations

- (i) HKFYG's original estimate of the ECA project's budget is \$300,000. HKFYG assesses that the project cost upon re-tendering would be around \$480,000, and hence proposes to deploy an additional \$180,000 from surplus fund under ECPVSC to top up the additional funding requirement.
- (ii) Energy improvement works project at HKFYG Jockey Club Sai Kung Outdoor Training Camp (SKOTC) - As revealed from a baseline study conducted by the consultant, the highest electricity consumption pattern was found in SKOTC. To further reduce the electricity consumption in the premises so as to reduce the carbon footprint, HKFYG proposes to enhance the scope of an existing energy improvement works project through

	<p>installations of more energy-saving devices and proposes to reallocate the remaining fund under ECPVSC at \$282,815 for the SKOTC project.</p> <p>(iii) Minor works projects - In view of the highest electricity consumption measured at SKOTC and HKFYG Organic Farm in the baseline study, HKFYG proposes to deploy an unspent balance at \$140,000 from an approved project under WRPVSC to projects under EE&CAVSC, and deploy the resources for implementing renewable energy installations at the two premises.</p> <p>(iv) Indoor air quality project – With a view to enhancing the scope of the project so as to create greater environmental impact to staff members and stakeholders through incorporating more education elements to the project, HKFYG proposes to deploy an unspent balance at \$380,000 from approved projects under the purview of various Vetting Subcommittees.</p>
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