

Funding and Service Agreement¹

**Additional Allocation to
Social and Recreational Centre for the Disabled (S&RC),
Additional Service in S&RC and
Sign Language Interpretation Services attached to S&RC**

This is a supplementary Funding and Service Agreement (FSA) applicable to the service of S&RC serving the persons with hearing impairment. It should be applied together with the FSA of the related service.

I Introduction

The Additional Allocation

To continue meeting the service demand, the additional allocation would be made for a time-defined period with the condition that it can be stopped at any time within this time-defined period by the department with six-month prior notice.

II Service Definition

Social and Recreational Centre and Additional Service

Purpose and Objectives

S&RC and its additional service provide persons with disabilities with opportunities to participate in and to organise a variety of activities which meet their social, recreational and developmental needs. The overall aim of S&RC is to facilitate the integration of persons with disabilities into the community.

The objectives of centre include:

- to enable persons with disabilities to make meaningful use of their leisure time;
- to provide opportunities for persons with disabilities to develop their potential and well-being;
- to encourage the development of interpersonal skills and enhance the development of personal relationships; and
- to encourage the active participation of persons with disabilities in the community.

¹ This Funding and Service Agreement is a sample document for reference only.

Nature of Service

The focus of service provision may vary from centre to centre in order to meet the special needs of different target groups.

The services provided include organised social, recreational and sporting activities, provided either within the centre or in the community, such as interest and social service groups, committee training and mass/special activities which facilitate integration of persons with a disability into the community.

Target group

The major target group is persons with disabilities with no age range limit*.

In keeping with the philosophy of integrating persons with disabilities into the community, family members and able-bodied persons are also encouraged to participate in centre activities.

- * The types of disability catered for include all types of disability, the visually impaired, hearing impaired, physically handicapped, mentally handicapped and the age range may vary without limit so long as the participants can take part in the organised activities.

Sign Language Interpretation Services**Purpose and Objectives**

The objectives of sign language interpretation services are:

- To assist persons with hearing impairment in communicating with the hearing community;
- To introduce the communication methods of persons with hearing impairment to hearing persons;
- To reduce the communication barriers between persons with hearing impairment and hearing persons; and
- To assist in sign language development in Hong Kong.

Nature of Service

The sign language interpretation services include:

- Interpretation service for government departments, non-governmental organisations and hearing impaired members in relation to job interviews, court hearing, marriage ceremonies, medical consultations, public examinations, etc.
- Sign language course for persons with hearing impairment, their family members, and professionals working with persons with hearing impairment aiming to bridge the communication gap between hearing persons and hearing impaired persons; and
- Promotional activities for sign language interpretation services and sign language courses.

Target group

- Persons with hearing impairment requiring interpretation services or sign language training;
- Individuals interested in learning sign language to bridge the communication gap with persons with hearing impairment; and
- Government departments and non-governmental organisations.

III Performance Standards

Given the additional allocation, the service operator shall meet the following performance standards:

Outputs**Social and Recreational Centre and Additional Service**

<u>Output Standard</u>	<u>Output Indicator</u>	<u>Agreed Level</u>
1	Total number of organised social, recreational and sporting activities within one year	70
2	Total attendance of person with and without disabilities at organised social, recreational and sporting activities within one year	808 for persons with hearing impairment and 270 for able-bodied

3	No. of social, recreational or developmental activities jointly organised for promotion of inclusion, integration and community participation of persons with disabilities within one year	3
4	No. of organised public education programmes to promote better understanding of persons with disabilities and their needs within one year	1
5	No. of organised programmes/activities geared to strengthen support for families /carers of persons with disabilities within one year	1
6	Percentage of developmental activities to be included in the agreed total number of organised social, recreational and sporting activities within one year	15 %

Sign Language Interpretation Services

<u>Output Standard</u>	<u>Output Indicator</u>	<u>Agreed Level</u>
7	Average number of sign language interpretation sessions per month in one year	5 (1 session = 3.5 hours)
8	Total number of training courses in one year	4

Essential service requirements**Social and Recreational Centre and Additional Service**

- There will be input from registered social worker*

* *Social worker is to be governed by the Social Workers Registration Ordinance*

Sign Language Interpretation Services

- The services should be provided by qualified staff with proficiency in sign language interpretation.

Quality

Service operator shall meet the requirements of 16 Service Quality Standards (SQSs).

IV Obligations of SWD to Service Operators

SWD shall undertake the duties set out in the General Obligations of SWD to the service operator as specified in the FSA Generic Section.

V Basis of Subvention

For service units covered by this Supplementary Funding and Service Agreement, the basis of subvention is set out in the notification letter to the organisation before these service units start receiving subvention.

Service units are required to comply with the rules on the use of the social welfare subventions in accordance with the latest Lump Sum Grant Manual and circular letters in force issued by the SWD on new/revised policies and procedures.

VI Validity Period

This Funding and Service Agreement is valid for a time-defined period with the condition that the additional allocation could be stopped at any time within this time-defined period by the department with six-month prior notice. In addition, should the service operator be in breach of any terms of conditions of the Agreement and fail to remedy the same in such manner and within such time as shall be specified in a written notice from SWD that the same be remedied, SWD may after expiry of such notice, terminate this Agreement by giving 30 days' notice in writing to the service operator.

Where there is any change to the performance standards within the agreement period, SWD will seek mutual agreement with the service operator and the service operator will be required to achieve new requirements in accordance with the specified implementation schedule.