Briefing Session on Operational Guidelines on Funding and Service Agreement-related Activities and Cost Apportionment for NGOs

Social Welfare Department

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Review Report on Enhancement of Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (July 2021)

Task Force for Review on Enhancement of Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) made 30 recommendations to enhance LSGSS under five domains -

- (1) Quality of welfare services
- (2) Staffing establishment, subvention benchmark and human resource management matters
- (3) Financial planning matters
- (4) Relevance of utilising Lump Sum Grant (LSG) subvention
- (5) Accountability and corporate governance of NGOs

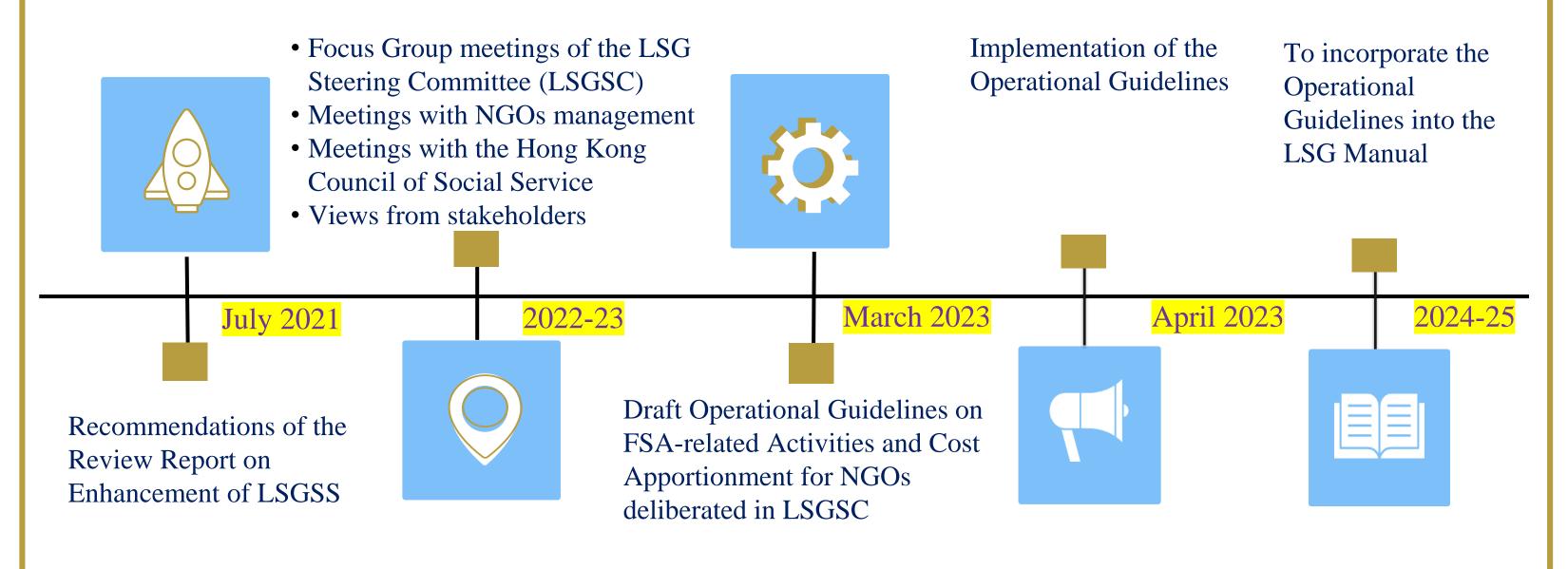
Recommendations made in the Review Report

- (4) Relevance of Utilising LSG Subvention
- Praw up criteria for delineating Funding and Service Agreement (FSA)-related activities and the maximum proportion of LSG used for FSA-related activities
- Recommendation
 Formulate operating guidelines for FSA-related activities

Recommendations made in the Review Report

- (4) Relevance of Utilising LSG Subvention
- Formulate guidelines on cost apportionment to set out the cost apportionment arrangements, benchmarks and examples for the use of LSG subvention
- Recommendation
 NGOs should submit to SWD annual statement on FSA-related activities held, so as to report the proportion of the expenditure for such activities against LSG for an Agreement Service Unit (ASU)
- Recommendation
 NGOs should consider the criteria for consulting/advising staff and service users on implementing FSA-related activities to enhance transparency





Formulation of the Operational Guidelines on FSA-related Activities and Cost Apportionment for NGOs

To facilitate NGOs to comply with the principles of prudent use of public funds for their intended purposes and no cross-subsidisation while optimising the flexibility of LSG

Implementation of the Operational Guidelines on FSA-related Activities and Cost Apportionment for NGOs



NGOs should, based on the Operational Guidelines, review / adjust their relevant service and financial arrangement

Starting from 2024-25, NGOs have to submit the Schedule for FSA services / FSA-related activities supported by other funds / donations (Annex 1 of the Operational Guidelines), as well as the Annual Statement (Annex 2 of the Operational Guidelines), if any and applicable, to SWD