

## **ANNEX C-1: ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR CHARITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES DURING COVID-19**

### **Additional Support for Social Service Agencies (SSAs) through Invictus Fund Top-Up**

The Invictus Fund was set up by the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) to channel donations to SSAs which deliver critical social services to vulnerable groups during COVID-19. The Invictus Fund is supported by donations raised through Community Chest, which receives 20% matching from the Bicentennial Community Fund.

As at 22 May 2020, \$6.2 million has been raised for the Invictus Fund. 171 SSAs applied for the Invictus Fund in the first round of applications.

**The Government will provide a top-up of \$18 million to the Invictus Fund** to enhance support for SSAs which continue serving their beneficiaries during this period.

More details about the next round of Invictus Fund applications will be available at a later date.

#### **More Information**

For more information, please visit <http://www.comchest.sg/TheInvictusFund>.

### **Additional Support for Charities through Singapore Totalisator Board (TB)'s Enhanced Fund-Raising Programme (EFR)**

The EFR provides charities with additional support during COVID-19 so that they can continue their good work in supporting their beneficiaries during these trying times.

Currently, TB provides 40% matching on donations raised by charities, capped at \$100,000 per fund-raising project. For example, an eligible charity project which raises \$10,000 will receive \$4,000 in matching grants from TB. This applies to all modes of donations, including those through approved digital platforms such as Giving.sg or the websites of the individual charities.

The Government will partner TB to provide charities with dollar-for-dollar matching, capped at \$250,000 per charity. This will strengthen support for charities that may have seen a drop in donations and other income during this period. After a charity fully utilises the \$250,000 dollar-for-dollar matching cap, TB will continue to provide 40% matching for eligible fund-raising projects, capped at \$100,000 per fund-raising project.

To be eligible, the charity must be registered with the Commissioner of Charities. Qualifying donations are those raised through approved fund-raising projects<sup>1</sup> commencing from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 (both dates inclusive). In addition, the fund-raising project should not have benefited from other Government matching funds, such as the Cultural Matching Fund or the Bicentennial Community Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> The following types of fund-raising projects will not be eligible: (i) debt/loan repayment; (ii) religious, political, and/or ideological activities; (iii) commercial projects for the sole purpose of profit-making; and (iv) project(s) that benefit only an individual.

### More Information

For more information, please visit <http://www.toteboard.gov.sg/grants/apply-to-us/fund-raising-programme>. Charities may apply for the EFR through this link.