

**Green Bond Grant Scheme**

First time and repeated issuers with their green bonds of any tenor denominated in any currency are welcome to apply for grant under the Green Bond Grant Scheme (GBGS), subject to the following grant eligibility criteria:

<b>Green Bond Feature</b>	<b>Grant Eligibility Criteria</b>
External review (ER)	Certification obtained from the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) under its Green Finance Certification Scheme
Issuance arrangement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Issued in Hong Kong<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Majority of bond arranging activities<sup>1</sup> takes place in Hong Kong; and</li><li>● Issued at issuance in Hong Kong to:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) 10 or more persons; or</li><li>(ii) Fewer than 10 persons none of whom is an associate of the issuer<sup>2</sup></li></ol></li></ul></li><li>2. Listed in Hong Kong<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and/or</li><li>● Lodged with and cleared by the Central Moneymarkets Unit operated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority in its entirety</li></ul></li></ol>
Issuance size	Minimum HK\$500 million (or the equivalent in foreign currency)
Grant amount	Full cost of ER <sup>3</sup> incurred during the valid period of the GBGS, up to HK\$800,000 per bond issuance

<sup>1</sup> Bond arranging activities comprise originating and structuring, legal and transaction documentation preparation, and sale and distribution. When assessing whether a majority of the bond arranging activities take place in Hong Kong, one of the factors considered is to what extent the involved lead arranger(s) has substantial Hong Kong debt capital market (DCM) operations, determined based on the size of an arranger's DCM operations, its use of Hong Kong service providers, its plan for developing its DCM operations in Hong Kong, among other relevant factors.

<sup>2</sup> The term "issuer" denotes the entity issuing a bond and the entity's associates. The term "associate" refers to (i) a person/corporation over which the issuer has control; (ii) a person/corporation which has control over the issuer; or (iii) a person/corporation that is under the control of the same person/corporation as the issuer.

<sup>3</sup> Not applicable for the relevant cost of ER which has been subsidised under the Pilot Bond Grant Scheme.

A duly completed application form appended with relevant supporting documents should be submitted to the Government via the HKQAA within 3 months upon green bond issuance, certification and its annual surveillance assessment completion (if applicable), whichever is later. Should you have any questions regarding the GBGS, please email us at [enq@fstb.gov.hk](mailto:enq@fstb.gov.hk).