

The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) will consider assisting property owners with genuine financial difficulties for carrying out common area repair works. The maximum amount of hardship grant for common area repair works is **HK\$10,000**.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Before the applicant applying for hardship grant for his/her domestic unit, the Owners' Corporations (OC) of the related building or Owners' representatives appointed in Owners' General Meeting (applicable to building without OC) must have been granted with Approval-in-Principle (AIP) notification for "Common Area Repair Works Subsidy".
2. Applicant should submit the "Integrated Building Maintenance Assistance Scheme" (IBMAS) application form (For Individual Flat Owner) duly completed with all necessary documents to the URA via the OC/Owners' representatives upon receipt of demand note. Application should be submitted before the first payment deadline specified in the first demand note issued by the OC/Owners' representatives or within 2 months from the date of issuance of the said first demand note, whichever date is the later.

3. Applicant should be the registered owner of the respective **residential property**. The property should be **owned by individuals** (not owned by company); and comply with **one of the following criteria**:
- Recipient of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance; or
  - Recipient of Old Age Living Allowance; or
  - Aged 60 or above or disabled, and holder of Medical Fee Waiver Certificate; or
  - Aged 60 or above or disabled, and meeting the income and asset limits as stipulated in item 1(c) of IBMAS “Income & Asset Limits and Ratable Value Limit” table.

### **Documents to be submitted**

1. Applicant (individual flat owner) should submit the “IBMAS” application form (For Individual Flat Owner) with the following supporting documents to the URA via OC/Owners’ representatives:
  - (i) Copy of the proof of identity of the applicant (all registered owners of the property)
  - (ii) Copy of the latest Rates Demand Note of the property
  - (iii) Copy of the bank account information of the applicant
  - (iv) Copy of income proof
2. Eligible applicant **should** make **Statutory Declaration** for the correctness and accuracy of the information provided and sign relevant documents as required by the URA.

## **Release of Hardship Grant**

Upon receipt of the supporting documents certified by Qualified Professional (QP) or Authorized Person (AP) on the completion of approved works in the common area from OC or Owners' representatives, and the verification by the URA, the approved hardship grant will be released to the respective bank account of OC or Owners' representative .

## **Others**

1. Each eligible applicant will be granted with a maximum of HK\$10,000 hardship grant under "Common Area Repair Works Subsidy" within a period of 5 years.
2. Subsidy granted to the applicant under the HKHS's "Building Maintenance Incentive Scheme" of "Building Management and Maintenance Scheme" and URA's "Building Rehabilitation Material Incentive Scheme" within a period of 5 years are also counted as part of hardship grant under "Common Area Repair Works Subsidy" for an aggregated amount capping at HK\$10,000.
3. Subsidy granted to each residential unit under HKHS's "Building Maintenance Incentive Scheme" under "Building Management and Maintenance Scheme" and URA's "Building Rehabilitation Material Incentive Scheme" are also counted as part of hardship grant HK\$10,000 under "Common Area Repair Works Subsidy" within a period of 5 years.
4. The maximum hardship grant under "Common Area Repair Works Subsidy" for each residential unit with shared ownership is

capped at HK\$10,000 for each application per scheme. The maximum hardship grant for each eligible applicant within a period of 5 years will be calculated according to his/her ownership percentage vested in the unit.

5. If the applicant has applied the Building Safety Loan Scheme of Buildings Department on the same repair items and approved, the hardship grant application's approval may be affected.
6. The URA reserves the right to amend the above contents at any time without prior notification. Please refer to Building Rehab Info Net ([www.buildingrehab.org.hk](http://www.buildingrehab.org.hk)) for the latest version; or contact Integrated Building Maintenance Assistance Schemes Hotline at 3188 1188; or visit URA offices.
7. This application note does not construe as a commitment by the URA to the applicant. The terms and conditions of the scheme stipulated in the URA's approval document shall prevail.
8. The URA reserves the right to reject the application at any time without disclosure of reasons and shall not be liable to anyone.