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\$4m for welfare agencies?

More than 80 voluntary welfare agencies may be given an additional subsidy of about \$4 million to adjust staff salaries backdated to April.

A spokesman for the Social Welfare Department said yesterday an application had already been submitted to the Finance Branch of the Colonial Secretariat for money to assist agencies to keep staff salaries in line with the general increase awarded to civil servants last month.

"We have applied for a 13 per cent increase of the subvented portion of the agencies' salary bill.

"In other words the amount to be paid to each agency will depend on the proportion of the total agency salary bill which is actually subvented by the Government," she said.

The voluntary agencies are subvented by the Government on a discretionary basis.