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\$2 million for leisure schemes

About \$2 million from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation is to be allocated for projects this financial year.

A spokesman for the Council for Recreation and Sport, which administers the fund, said organisations needing financial assistance for the provision of social, cultural, recreational and sports facilities should apply now for grants.

Qualification for the grants are that:

- Projects should be principally for recreational purposes.
- They should be for facilities which will benefit a large section of the community and would be made available to the public on reasonable request.
- They should be specifically of the "brick and mortar" type.
- They should be designed to develop the individual and encourage purposeful use of leisure time.
- They should primarily benefit young people.

The spokesman said applications for grants should not exceed \$200,000 each and the more expensive project will be considered on a stricter basis.

He added that preference would be given to initiation of projects by new agencies which have difficulty in obtaining Government help or assistance from other major sources.

Requests from schools will generally be referred to the Education Department.

Similarly, applications from local organisations for neighbourhood projects will be referred to relevant sponsoring departments.

Application forms are available at city district offices, district offices, offices of the Education Department, Social Welfare Department, the Recreation and Sport Service and the Council for Recreation and Sport.

Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Council for Recreation and Sport, Central Government Offices (West Wing), third floor, Ice House Street, before August 1.