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EXTENSION AND ENHANCEMENT TO THE ACCESSIBILITY FUND

Objective

1 This circular is to inform the industry that the Accessibility Fund (“Fund”) has been extended. BCA will continue to accept applications for funding support for accessibility upgrading until end March 2027.

Background

2 The Fund was set-up with the intent to encourage owners of private buildings that were built before 1990, to upgrade their buildings with basic Accessibility Features. These are:

- (a) a wheelchair accessible entrance;
- (b) a wheelchair accessible route at first storey or entrance level; and
- (c) a wheelchair accessible toilet.

3 The Fund will co-fund up to 80% of the construction cost of the basic Accessibility Features and up to 60% of the construction cost of additional Accessibility Features such as ambulant disabled toilets, lactation room, child-friendly sanitary facilities, etc.

Enhancements to the Accessibility Fund

4 To provide support for the upgrading of buildings to current standards of elder- and family-friendliness as well as to drive the adoption of Universal Design concept in as many buildings as possible, the Fund has been enhanced to encourage owners of private buildings that are built before the implementation of Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment 2013, i.e. 1 April 2014, which had achieved basic accessibility, to upgrade their buildings with more Accessibility Features to benefit a wider spectrum of users. The Fund will co-finance up to 60% of the construction cost of Accessibility Features for eligible buildings.

Eligibility

5 Private building owners or lessors who have the right to upgrade the building, as well as lessees who can carry out the upgrading works with the endorsement of the building owners/lessors are eligible to apply for the Fund.

For Clarification

6 For more information on the Accessibility Fund, you may refer to our website (<https://go.gov.sg/bcaud-af>). A set of Frequently Asked Questions is also shared on our website (<https://go.gov.sg/bcaud-af-faq>) or you may scan the QR code below.



7 We would appreciate if you could convey the contents of this circular to members of your organisation. For clarifications, please email to BCA_BFA_Upgrading@bca.gov.sg.

Yours faithfully

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