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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**\$45 Million Fund to Professionalise and  
Build Governance Capabilities  
of Charities and VWOs**

1. The Government will set aside \$45 million to enhance the capabilities of charities and Voluntary Welfare Organisations (VWOs) in areas of governance, professionalisation of manpower and improving the level of service delivery over the next five years.
2. From April 2007, the \$45 million VWOs-Charities Capability Fund (VCF) will help equip close to 1,900 charities, Institutions of a Public Character (IPCs) and VWOs with resources to build board expertise, professional management and trained manpower to run their organisations effectively and efficiently.
3. Previously known as the VWO Capability Fund, the funding support was targeted at VWOs who were members of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS).
4. The new VWOs-Charities Capability Fund will now be expanded to cover assistance in capacity building to all registered charities and IPCs, in addition to VWOs. The Fund will help the charity sector alleviate the costs of capability building, improve governance standards and facilitate compliance of new regulations in the charity sector. This initiative will particularly benefit the smaller charities and IPCs that lack resources to improve their governance and management capabilities.
5. The Fund will continue to be administered by NCSS. Charities and VWOs can apply to get funding for training and consultancy programmes to build their governance capabilities, train their personnel and also improve their info-communications technology

systems. More details on the application, criteria and conditions of funding are available from the VCF Secretariat at NCSS.

6. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007, more details on the application, criteria and conditions of funding will be available at [www.ncss.org.sg/vcf](http://www.ncss.org.sg/vcf). Interested applicants can also contact the VCF Secretariat at NCSS (Hotline: 6210 2555 or email: [ncss\\_vcf@ncss.gov.sg](mailto:ncss_vcf@ncss.gov.sg)).

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