

ANNEX D: Review Of the Accessibility Fund

1 BCA introduced the S\$40 million Accessibility Fund (AF) in 2007 to encourage building owners to carry out voluntary upgrading to improve the accessibility of privately-owned buildings.

2 BCA periodically reviews the AF to better support building owners undertaking accessibility upgrading works. Currently, the AF co-funds up to 80% of the construction cost for accessibility features¹, and up to 60% of the construction cost for universal design (UD) features². As of December 2025, 161 private building owners have successfully tapped on the AF to upgrade their buildings with accessibility and UD features. Details of the current funding eligibility can be found in BCA's website <https://www1.bca.gov.sg/buildsg/universal-design/accessibility-fund>.

3 The AF scheme is currently undergoing a review, and details will be announced when ready. As part of this review, BCA is exploring the following:

- a. Widening the range of eligible features to include active ageing and dementia-friendly features, such as senior friendly fitness stations and dementia-friendly signages.
- b. Expanding the eligibility criteria to enable more private buildings to tap on the AF. The AF currently covers private buildings built before 1990 (for accessibility and UD features) and between 1990 and 2013 (for UD features only).

¹ Accessibility features are barrier-free facilities such as wheelchair-accessible lifts, ramps, toilets, and wayfinding signs.

² UD features refer to user-friendly facilities that benefit seniors (e.g. grab bars, senior-friendly toilets) and families with young children (e.g. child-friendly sanitary facilities, lactation rooms, diaper-changing stations).

- c. Reviewing the co-funding support, to encourage more participation and further improve accessibility in private developments.