

GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

A number of assistance programmes have been established by the government and the private sector to help companies improve efficiency, strengthen capabilities and exploit new opportunities in every aspect of their business.

PROGRAMMES	DESCRIPTION	ADMIN AGENCY
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT		
1. Double Tax Deduction for Inbound Tourism Promotion	<p>Aims to encourage Singapore tourism companies to promote the provision of services for inbound tourism to Singapore through participation in STB-supported overseas trade fairs / missions.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria: To qualify, a company should meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a resident company or have a permanent establishment in Singapore; • Is currently not enjoying any tax relief under the Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Act; • Is to promote Singapore services for inbound tourism. 	STB
2. Enterprise Investment Incentive (EII) Scheme	<p>Start-ups can attract more Investments as Investors can deduct up to \$3 million of losses against their taxable income.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria: To qualify, a start-up must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be an unlisted company in its initial years of existence with a paid-up capital of at least S\$10,000; • Primarily engaged in innovative and high growth activities with substantial developmental contents for a specific product, process or service; • Be incorporated in Singapore, with business activities mainly in Singapore. 	SPRING Singapore
3. Loan Insurance Scheme (LIS) and LIS+	<p>The Loan Insurance Scheme provides SMEs and Singapore companies that are venturing overseas financing for trade facilities by getting them insured against default risks. The insurance premiums will be co-shared between the government and the SMEs. LIS+ is a complementary programme to LIS, where the government will co-share in the risk of new loans which are beyond the capacity of current LIS insurers for a one-year period.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 30% of your shareholding is local; • Fixed assets (defined as net book value of factory building, machinery and equipment) below \$15 million (computed on a group basis); • Employment size not exceeding 200 workers. (For companies in the services sector) 	SPRING Singapore
4. Local Enterprise Financing Scheme (LEFS)	<p>The fund may be used for automating and upgrading factory and equipment, and / or purchasing factory and business premises. The scheme offers loans up to S\$15 million.</p>	SPRING Singapore

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	<p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All locally owned companies with at least 30% local equity; Only for JTC Corporation and Housing Development Board properties. 	
<p>5. Local Enterprise Technical Assistance Scheme (LETAS)</p>	<p>Helps local enterprises engage external expertise to Implement quality management and IT systems.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Company registered or incorporated in Singapore; At least 30% local equity (registered or incorporated in Singapore); Fixed assets (defined as net book value of factory building, machinery and equipment) not exceeding \$15 million (computed on a group basis); Employment size not exceeding 200 workers for non-manufacturing companies (computed on a group basis). 	<p>SPRING Singapore</p>
<p>6. Major Exporters Scheme (MES)</p>	<p>The Major Exporter Scheme (MES) Is designed to help the cash flow of major exporters who have significant imports. Once approved as a MES person, GST will be suspended when you import non-dutiable goods into Singapore.</p> <p>Once approval is granted, an MES trader does not have to pay GST on the importation of goods under the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> when he imports his own goods in the course or furtherance of his business; when he imports goods belonging to an overseas customer* for sale in Singapore or re-export on behalf of the overseas customer, in the course or furtherance of his business; when he imports goods belonging to an overseas customer* solely to be re-exported back to the same overseas customer, in the course or furtherance of his business. <p>(*The overseas customers must not belong in Singapore nor be GST-registered in Singapore. If the overseas customers' goods are sold in Singapore, the MES trader has to charge and account for GST on such local sales made on behalf of the overseas customers. The MES trader must maintain proper accounting records and control of the overseas customers' goods.)</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <p>In order to qualify under MES , the following conditions must be satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you must be a GST registered person; you must import goods in the course of a business carried on by you; your export supplies must account for 51% or more of the total supplies; you must have a good accounting system; you must have a good compliance record as a GST payer; you must have a good compliance record as an Income Taxpayer; you must have a good compliance record with the Singapore Customs; you must have a good compliance record as a Property Taxpayer. 	<p>IRAS</p>
<p>7. Micro Loan Programme (MLP)</p>	<p>Loans up to \$100,000 for local SMEs with less than 10 employees. The funds are used for daily operations or for automating and upgrading of factory and equipment.</p>	<p>SPRING Singapore</p>

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	<p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It must be registered or incorporated in Singapore; • It must have an employment size of not more than 10 workers; • The company's group fixed assets (at net book value) must not exceed \$15 million and if it is in the service industry, its group employment size must not exceed 200 workers (For business in the service industry). 	
<p>8. New Business Creation Incentive</p>	<p>To assist new entrepreneurs during the initial phase of business start-up, JTC's New Business Creation Incentive (NBCI) scheme offers: Flatted factory space of up to 200m² at a special rental rate:</p> <p>Year 1 - 15% discount off building rent Year 2 - 15% discount off building rent</p> <p>Companies who are applying for space greater than 200m² will get the special rental discount for the 1st 200m² and normal building rent will apply for the remaining area.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New company who are less than 3 years old; • Company must have at least 30% local equity; • Annual turnover of the company and its related companies must not be more than S\$1 million; • Business is related to industrial activities (manufacturing, production, assembly, servicing, R&D, software development, etc.); that are compatible with flatted factory usage; • They must not have been de-registered within the past 3 months prior to application for scheme; • Company's major shareholders must not also own another company engaged in a similar business activity; • Company must not be applying for flatted factory space of more than 400 square metres; • Company must have a credible business plan. 	<p>JTC</p>
<p>9. Pioneer Incentive (PC-M or PC-S)</p>	<p>Encourages the introduction and growth of new and better industry technologies, knowhow or skills. Projects must result in the creation of new, or strategically expand existing, industries in Singapore.</p>	<p>EDB</p>
<p>10. Technopreneur Incentive Scheme (TECHNO)</p>	<p>For budding technopreneurs, JTC Corporation provides you with affordable incubator space. For a 3 year tenancy package, qualified Technopreneur enjoys:</p> <p>Year 1 - 15% discount off building rent Year 2 - 15% discount off building rent</p> <p>The above discount is not applicable to other charges such as air-conditioning, Service charges and car parking.</p> <p>List of Blocks opened for Technopreneur Incentive Application: Levels 7 to 9 of Block 20 Ayer Rajah Crescent</p>	<p>JTC</p>

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	<p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual business turnover is less than S\$1 million; • The product must be new to the company; • Company must have a credible business plan; • The product must be new to the company and related companies; • Company must be in the following areas of technology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Information Technology and Software Development for Industrial application – Electronics, Microelectronics, Telecommunications, Electrical Systems – Manufacturing Technology – Food & Flavouring Technology – Materials Technology – Non-hazardous Chemical and Biomedical Technology 	
<p>11. Tourism Development Assistance Scheme (TDAS)</p>	<p>This scheme aims to provide financial grants for tourism projects so as to enhance Singapore's attractiveness as a tourism destination, tourism business centre and tourism hub.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicants should be Singapore-registered entities. 	STB
<p>12. Double Tax Deduction for Local Trade Exhibition</p>	<p>The scheme aims to encourage Singapore companies to expand their markets by participating in international trade-oriented exhibitions held in Singapore that are supported by STB.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <p>To qualify, a company should meet the following requirements :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a resident company or has a permanent establishment in Singapore; • Is currently not enjoying any tax relief under the Economic Expansion incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Act; • Is exhibiting in approved local trade fairs. 	STB
<p>13. Development & Expansion Incentive (DEI)</p>	<p>This Scheme provides preferential corporate tax rates on all qualifying profits above a pre-determined base, for a set period. Reduces tax liability. Assists the company to move into higher value-added business activities.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project must generate significant economic spinoffs for Singapore. 	EDB
<p>14. Enterprise Fund</p>	<p>The Fund provides an alternate channel of financing to companies that have encountered difficulties with traditional bank financing, due to lack of collateral, and conventional venture capital financing which is usually more inclined towards high technology businesses.</p> <p>The Fund's objective is to provide proven and growing asset-light and traditional businesses with financial solutions which are customized to their specific funding requirements. By injecting capital into growing Singapore-based businesses, the Fund hopes to enable them to grow at a faster pace and become successful international businesses.</p>	IE Singapore

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	<p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore-based companies that are seeking financing should meet the following general profile: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Non-industry specific – Profitable traditional and/ or asset-light businesses with a proven cash-flow generation record – No minimum paid-up capital requirement – Privately-owned businesses – Sound management 	
<p>15. Investment Allowance Scheme for Flagship Concepts</p>	<p>The incentive aims to encourage new investments in flagship concepts stores in the retail, food and beverage and entertainment sectors. It provides a further capital allowance on qualifying equipment costs incurred within a set period and reduces tax liability.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be first of its kind in South East Asia and have wide international appeal, catering to both local and international visitors. • Should enhance Singapore's attractiveness as a tourist destination. 	<p>STB</p>
<p>16. Venture Capital Fund Incentive (S13H)</p>	<p>The scheme allows approved venture capital (VC) fund partial or full corporate tax exemption on income from divestment of shares, foreign dividends and foreign interest income.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved VC fund should contribute to Industry development for its financing. 	<p>EDB</p>
<p>HUMAN RESOURCES</p>		
<p>1. Critical Infocomm Technology Resource Programme (CITREP)</p>	<p>Critical Infocomm Technology Resource Programme (CITREP) is a training incentive programme to equip Singapore infocomm professionals with critical and emerging skills, thus enabling them to enhance their employability and to improve their organisations' competitive advantage.</p> <p>With effect from 1 April 2009, CITREP has been enhanced to provide higher funding for course and examination fees. Organisations who sponsor their employees for training can also benefit from "Absentee Payroll" support under the Enhanced CITREP: Critical Infocomm Technology Resource Programme.</p> <p>The Enhanced CITREP allows both infocomm and non-infocomm professionals to update and upgrade themselves in the dynamic, competitive and fast changing infocomm industry. Sponsoring organisations and individuals are able to seek the Enhanced CITREP funding support when they attend the endorsed infocomm training courses and certifications.</p> <p>To be eligible for funding support under the Enhanced CITREP, a trainee must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Be a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident. – Meet the admission criteria set by the Course Provider or Certificate Awarding Body. – Commence all training courses or certification examinations between 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2011 (or otherwise stipulated by IDA). 	<p>IDA</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Be enrolled by the endorsed course providers or testing centres for their intended courses or certifications in the ICMS system before the commencement of the training courses or certifications. <p>For Organisation-Sponsored Trainees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The sponsoring organisation must be incorporated or registered in Singapore. – Employees of Local Government Agencies are not eligible. However, employees of these organisations can qualify for CITREP under the self-sponsored category. <p>For Course and Certification Fees Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The trainee must complete the course and pass all examinations required by the certification or post-training assessment within 12 months from the course commencement date: – with at least 75% attendance of the training course based on the endorsed roadmap; and – achieve the final certification status (applicable to certifiable programme only). <p>For Certification Fees Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The trainee must pass all examinations required by the certification within 12 months from the commencement date of the first examination. 	
<p>2. Training Industry Professionals in Tourism (TIP-iT)</p>	<p>Training Industry Professionals in Tourism (TIP-iT) is an incentive scheme which aims to support strategic companies in their manpower development through the acquisition and application of specialised skills/ new capabilities.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be an incorporated or registered in Singapore company; • Training is related to the building of strategic tourism-related skills; • Training programmes are new or enable the company to ramp up on existing Strategic tourism capabilities. 	STB
INNOVATION/ R&D/ IT APPLICATION		
<p>1. PILOT</p>	<p>PILOT is an initiative by the Media Development Authority of Singapore (MDA) to support the development of innovative ideas and concepts and their transformation into digital reality. These include pilot episodes for original animation, technical demo for game series and interactive media projects.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must be registered as a legal entity and incorporated in Singapore; • The legal entity can be owned by local or foreign shareholders, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act (Cap.50); • Projects should be related to animation and visual effects, computer gaming or interactive digital media content. For examples, pilots for animated TV series or feature films, technical demos for computer games (PC or console), pilot projects for interactive digital media content, etc; • The content product should be original and exportable to international markets; • Projects must not have commenced at the time of application. 	MDA

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2. Infocomm Local Industry Upgrading Programme (iLIUP)	<p>Infocomm Local Industry Upgrading Programme (iLIUP) promotes strategic, mutually beneficial partnerships between Singapore's iLEs and Infocomm multinational corporations (MNCs). iLIUP goes beyond simple matchmaking and focuses on forging a strong bond between the partnering enterprises and capitalising on the strengths of each party to bring about greater synergy and results. It fosters partnerships, enhancing local Infocomm capability and competitiveness, and translating this into increased market share and revenue for MNC partners.</p>	IDA
3. Innovation Development Scheme (IDS)	<p>Provides co-funding to support innovation in products, processes and applications. Eligible project costs includes expenditure on manpower, equipment, intellectual property and professional services.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to companies registered in Singapore; • Project must lead to the build-up of innovation capabilities. 	EDB
4. Startup Enterprise Development Scheme (SEEDS)	<p>Provides innovative Singapore-based start-ups a matching dollar for every dollar an investor puts in your business, up to \$300,000. A scheme for start-ups that are creating innovative or intellectual content with strong potential for success in the international markets.</p> <p>SEEDS Capital will invest a matching dollar for every dollar an investor(s) puts in your markets. innovative or intellectual content with strong potential for success in the business. Your investor must put in at least \$75,000. SEEDS Capital will match the total sum dollar for dollar up to a maximum of \$300,000. Both SEEDS Capital and the third-party investor(s) will take equity stakes in the company in proportion to their investments.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <p>For applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start-up must be a Private Limited company incorporated for less than 3 years in Singapore; • Have a paid-up capital and non-current liabilities of not more than S\$500,000; • Carry out its core activities in Singapore; • Be involved in developing new or better products, processes and applicants. <p>For investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate or individual investor(s) must not have prior interest in the company at the point of application; • Corporate investor(s) must be legal entities with a minimum paid-up capital of \$500,000; • Individual investor(s) should: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possess management experience, business contacts or technical expertise that can add value to the start-up; 2. Not be related to the founder(s) of the start-up; 3. Maintain arms length transactions with the founder(s); 4. At least one third party investor or his nominee must take a Board seat in the company. 	SPRING Singapore
5. Technology for Enterprise Capability Upgrading (T-UP)	<p>The scheme provides partial funding for secondment of research scientists and engineers from research institutes to local enterprises for two years.</p>	EDB

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	<p>This helps local enterprises build inhouse R&D capabilities by partially supporting salaries of seconded researchers and engineers. It also encourages technology transfer.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to Singapore companies with minimal 30% local equity. 	
<p>6. Innovation for Environmental Sustainability (IES) Fund</p>	<p>To encourage and assist Singapore-registered companies to undertake innovative environmental projects that could help to meet the government's goal of environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <p>All Singapore-registered companies are eligible to apply. The proposed project must meet the following criteria :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong elements of 'innovation' and 'early adoption'; • The outcome of the pilot, if implemented, will assist the country to meet the goal of environmental sustainability; • Project must not have commenced at the time of application; • Project should not exceed 3 years in duration; • The projects must be filed in the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project must enhance the Ministry's capabilities; – Projects for the development of the environmental technologies and product commercialisation purposes; – Projects with the primary aim to improve environmental performance of company. 	<p>NEA</p>
<p>7. Tourism Technology Fund (TTF)</p>	<p>Tourism Technology Fund (TTF) is a programme which aims to accelerate technology innovation and adoption in the industry by providing financial support to technology projects that would enhance visitors' experience or improve business efficiency.</p> <p>The TTF is a S\$10 million fund supported under the Tourism Development Assistance Scheme (TDAS). It aims to encourage tourism establishments to harness and adopt technology innovation.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicants should be Singapore-registered entities; • All applicants should belong to the Hotel, Inbound Travel, Attractions, MICE players, Education or Healthcare services sectors; • The project must be carried out in Singapore. 	<p>STB</p>
<p>8. Further Deduction for R&D Expenses (S14E)</p>	<p>The scheme allows company to deduct a second time qualifying expenses from its Income, In addition to the automatic single deduction allowed. S14E covers both R&D done inhouse, and by a third party R&D organisation.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R&D must be conducted In Singapore. 	<p>EDB</p>
<p>9. Research Incentive Scheme for Companies (RISC)</p>	<p>The scheme provides partial grants to offset costs resulting from R&D projects. These include manpower training, equipment investment, intellectual property management, and professional services.</p>	<p>EDB</p>

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	<p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must develop or bring in new R&D capabilities; • Projects should result in the increased hiring and training of research scientists and engineers. 	
<p>10. Initiatives in New Technology (INTECH)</p>	<p>The scheme provides partial grants to offset costs of developing / introducing new capabilities. These include skills development In the application of new technologies, industrial R&D and professional knowhow.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to all Singapore-based companies; • Activities must lead to the development or introduction of new capabilities for companies or industry. 	<p>EDB</p>
<p>11. Technology Innovation Programme (TIP)</p>	<p>Technology Innovation Programme (TIP) provides technology consultancy services, expert help and funding support for Singapore-based SMEs.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered or incorporated In Singapore; • At least 30% local equity; • Below 200 employees. 	<p>SPRING Singapore</p>
<p>OPERATIONS</p>		
<p>1. Business Continuity Management (BCM)</p>	<p>The Business Continuity Management (BCM) programme is initiated by SPRING to encourage organisations to take up BCM as part of good management practices. In line with this, SPRING has developed a standard on BCM. The objective is to provide organisations with a set of requirements that will lead them towards achieving BCM competence.</p>	<p>SPRING Singapore</p>
<p>2. Local Industry Upgrading Program (LIUP)</p>	<p>LIUP provides support for local suppliers to upgrade through collaborations with MNCs. It helps to meet the costs of technology transfer and upgrading for local suppliers. It fosters closer ties with industry contacts.</p>	<p>EDB</p>
<p>3. Regional/ International Headquarters Award (RHQ/IHQ)</p>	<p>To encourage companies to use Singapore as a base for conducting headquarters management activities.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <p>The Headquarters Programme is applicable to entities incorporated or registered in Singapore which provide corporate support and headquarters-related services and business expertise on a regional or global basis.</p> <p>a) The applicant should be, or belong to a group that is, well established in its respective business sector or industry and has attained a critical size in terms of equity, assets, employees and business share.</p> <p>b) The applicant should be the nerve centre in terms of organisation reporting structure at senior management levels for its principal activities with clear-cut management and control of the activities.</p>	<p>EDB</p>

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	<p>c) The applicant should have a substantial level of headquarter activities in Singapore that may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Business Planning and Development • General Management and Administration • Marketing Control, Planning and Brand Management • Intellectual Property Management • Corporate Training and Personnel Management • Research, Development and Test Bedding of New Concepts • Shared Services • Economic or Investment Research and Analysis • Technical Support Services • Sourcing, Procurement and Distribution • Corporate Finance Advisory Services <p>d) The personnel employed by the applicant for its headquarters operations should be based in Singapore, and must include management, professionals, technical personnel and other supporting staff.</p>	
4. Singapore Innovation Class (I-Class)	<p>Singapore Innovation Class (I-Class) is the certification for the business excellence niche standard for Innovation. The niche standard enables organisations to develop their innovation management capabilities. Based on the business excellence framework, it covers 6 categories namely, Leadership, Planning, Information, People, Processes and Results. This allows an organisation to benchmark its own innovation management systems and practices against the niche standard.</p>	SPRING Singapore
5. Singapore Quality Class (SQC) Scheme	<p>Serves to accord recognition to organisations that have attained a commendable level of performance against the Singapore Quality Award model, and to assist them to use the framework to reach world-class standards of business excellence.</p> <p>Membership in the SQC is opened to all organisations and is determined by their performance in the Quality Assessment Exercise undertaken by SPRING Singapore.</p> <p>Organisations which are confirmed to have scored 400 points or more are invited to join the SQC.</p>	SPRING Singapore
6. Singapore Service Class (S-Class)	<p>Provides organisations with a framework for achieving service excellence. Based on extensive international research, expert consultation and field tests with leading organisations, the framework offers a total approach to service excellence that can be applied to any organisations, regardless of its uniqueness.</p>	SPRING Singapore
VENTURING ABROAD		
1. Double Tax Deduction (DTD) Scheme	<p>The Double Tax Deduction for Market Development aims to encourage Singapore companies to expand overseas. It allows approved companies to deduct twice against their taxable income the eligible expenses incurred for approved projects.</p>	IE Singapore

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	<p>Eligibility Criteria: The scheme is targeted at all Singapore registered companies or a company having a permanent establishment in Singapore for the primary purpose of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting the trading of goods or the provision of services 	
<p>2. Double Deduction for Overseas Investment Development Expenditure (DD)</p>	<p>The Double Deduction for Overseas Investment Development Expenditure (DD) aims to encourage Singapore companies to explore overseas investment opportunities, which will enable them to enhance their competitiveness, expand and grow.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singapore registered companies or firms that have permanent establishments in Singapore. 	<p>IE Singapore</p>
<p>3. Growth Financing Programme (GRF)</p>	<p>The Growth Financing Programme provides innovative Singapore-based start-ups a dollar for every two dollars an investor puts in your business, up to \$1 million. The company must demonstrate its track record; in the form of innovative, commercialised products/services, revenues generated, having ready customers as well as evidence of strong growth potential.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria: For qualifying companies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those engaged in the development of new or better products, processes and applications in the manufacturing and services sectors. • Where innovation can be in the form of technology and/or business models. • Those incorporated in Singapore and carrying out core activities in Singapore. If the company globalises, the headquarters functions and the highest value-added functions, including but not limited to intellectual property and top management, should reside in Singapore. • Where product development has been completed with early customer and revenue results. • Foreign ownership of the company is allowed, subject to the provisions of the Companies Act <p>For investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate or individual investor(s) must not have prior interest in the company at the point of application. • Corporate investor(s) must be legal entities with a minimum paid-up capital of S\$500,000. • Individual investor(s) should: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possess management experience, business contacts or technical expertise that can add value to the start-up. 2. Not related to the founder(s) of the start-up. 3. Maintain arms length transactions with the founder(s). 4. At least one 3rd party investor or his nominee must take a Board seat in the company. 	<p>SPRING Singapore</p>
<p>4. Market Development Scheme (MDS)</p>	<p>The MDA Market Development Scheme (MDS) is designed to encourage and assist Singapore-based media companies to develop business opportunities overseas.</p>	<p>MDA</p>

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	<p>Eligibility Criteria: The Scheme is open to representatives of media companies who meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the company is a Singapore-registered business enterprise and organisation, with an employment of less than 100 employees; the company is involved in the marketing/export of 'Made-by-Singapore' content. 	
<p>5. Internationalisation Finance Scheme</p>	<p>The Internationalisation Finance Scheme (IF Scheme) is designed to help Singapore-based companies support their expansion overseas. Financing is typically a challenge because of the inherent risks associated with overseas ventures. The Scheme addresses the issue of limited access by companies to fund their overseas expansion by co-sharing their default risks with the participating financial institutions. The loans available under the IF Scheme can be used to acquire fixed assets for overseas use, and fund overseas projects and sales orders.</p> <p>The IF Scheme is developed by International Enterprise Singapore as part of the efforts to assist Singapore-based companies to grow and internationalise successfully.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singapore-based company that is registered with ACRA with at least three strategic business functions in Singapore Turnover shall not exceed \$200 million or \$500 million for trading companies (Computed on a group basis) Overseas business must complement the activities of the Singapore operations and result in economic spin-offs to Singapore. 	<p>IE Singapore</p>
<p>HEALTHCARE & LIFE</p>		
<p>1. Workplace Health Promotion (WHP) Grant</p>	<p>The Workplace Health Promotion Grant provides financial support to organisations to help them start and sustain workplace health programmes.</p> <p>The WHP Grant allows organisations to get up to a maximum of \$10,000. The organisation must co-fund the WHP project by contributing 50% or more of the project cost.</p> <p>The Grant covers a wide range of services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultancy Health needs assessment Health education activities Sports and physical activities Targeted health interventions Training Purchase of health and fitness equipment <p>Eligibility Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisation must apply for the Singapore HEALTH Award (SHA) following in-principle approval of the Grant project. 	<p>HDB</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPB's prior approval for the project must be obtained before commencing the activities. There will be no funding of past activities. • Organisation is to adhere to the approved project plan. HPB's clearance needs to be sought before making any changes to the plan. • Organisation can apply for the Grant as a newcomer and when the organisation attains award in the respective SHA categories, i.e. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. For each category, the organisation is eligible to apply for up to two Grants. • The project must be completed within 12 months from the date of HPB's in-principle approval. • All payments must be made within 12 months from the date of HPB's in-principle approval. • At least 80% of the approved Grant amount must be utilised. <p>For more information on the Grant and other support services from HPB, contact HPB's Workplace Outreach Enquiry Centre at Tel : 6435 3704 Email : HPB_Health_At_Work@hpb.gov.sg Website: www.hpb.gov.sg/healthatwork</p>	

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EDB	Economic Development Board
HPB	Health Promotion Board
IDA	Infocomm Development Authority
IE Singapore	International Enterprise Singapore
IRAS	Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore
JTC	Jurong Town Corporation
MDA	Media Development Authority
NEA	National Environment Agency
SPRING Singapore	Singapore Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board
STB	Singapore Tourism Board
WDA	Singapore Workforce Development Agency

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The agency aims to foster world class scientific research and talent for a vibrant knowledge-based Singapore.

Economic Development Board (EDB)

250 North Bridge Road

#28-00 Raffles City Tower

Singapore 179101

Tel: (65) 6832 6832

Fax: (65) 6832 6565

Website: <http://www.sedb.com.sg>

Expertise:

The role of EDB is to develop manufacturing and selected services clusters through investment promotion and industry development of the clusters. The vision for Industry21, EDB's blueprint to develop these clusters, is for Singapore to be a vibrant and robust global hub of knowledge driven industries.

International Enterprise (IE Singapore)

230 Victoria Street

Level 10 Bugis Junction Office Tower

Singapore 188024

Tel: (65) 6337 6628

Fax: (65) 6337 6898

Website: <http://www.iesingapore.com>

Expertise:

IE Singapore is responsible for developing Singapore as a premier international trading hub. It promotes Singapore's goods

and services overseas, pioneers entry into new markets, attracts international traders to base in Singapore and advances the nation's external trade interests with the purpose of increasing Singapore's prosperity through trade expansion.

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)

51 Bras Basah Road

#04-01 Plaza By The Park

Singapore 189554

Tel: (65) 6339 8616

Fax: (65) 6339 0252

Website: <http://www.ipos.gov.sg>

Expertise:

IPOS processes trade mark and patent applications and deals with post-grant actions such as renewals and restoration. The Registrar is also vested with the power to hear and adjudicate on infringement and revocation proceedings for patents, and opposition and rectification proceedings for trademarks.

Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS)

55 Newton Road

Revenue House

Singapore 307987

Tel: (65) 6356 8233

Fax: (65) 6351 2131

Website: <http://www.iras.gov.sg>

Expertise:

IRAS acts as an agent of the Government and provide service in administering, assessing, collecting and enforcing payment of taxes

Jurong Town Corporation (JTC)

8 Jurong Town Hall Road

The JTC Summit

Singapore 609434

Tel: (65) 1800 - 5687 000

Fax: (65) 6565 5301

Website: <http://www.jtc.gov.sg>

Expertise:

JTC is responsible for the development and management of industrial land, ready-built factories and specialised park facilities; and provision of industrial port services at Jurong Port.

Infocomm Development Authority (IDA)

8 Temasek Boulevard

#14-00 Suntec Tower Three

Singapore 038988

Tel: (65) 6211 0888

Fax: (65) 6211 2222

Website: <http://www.ida.gov.sg>

Expertise:

IDA is responsible for the development, promotion and regulation of Singapore tele-communications information and media technology industries, so as to evolve Singapore into a vibrant global infocommunications technology centre.

Media Development Authority (MDA)

3 Fusionopolis Way

#16-22 Symbiosis

Singapore 138633

Tel: (65) 6377 3800

Fax: (65) 6577 3888

Website: <http://www.mda.gov.sg>

Expertise:

MDA has a dual-function role that contributes to developing Singapore into a vibrant global media city as well as a creative economy and a connected society. The first is to promote the growth of the media industry. The second is to manage content to protect core values and safeguard consumers' interests.

Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)

10 Shenton Way,

MAS Building

Singapore 079117

Tel : (65) 6225 5577

Fax : (65) 6229 9229

Website: <http://www.mas.gov.sg>

Expertise:

MAS conducts monetary policy; issues currency; manages the official foreign reserves and the issuance of government securities; supervises the banking, insurance, securities and futures industries; and develops strategies in partnership with the private sector to promote Singapore as an international financial centre.

National Council of Social Services (NCSS)

170 Ghim Moh Road

#01-02 NCSS Centre

Singapore 279621

Tel: (65) 6210 2500

Fax: (65) 6467 1705

Website: <http://www.ncss.org.sg>

Expertise:

NCSS's role is to ensure that every person has the opportunity to live a life of dignity to his or her fullest potential within society by providing leadership and direction in social services, to enhance the capabilities of social service organisations, and to promote strategic partnerships for social services.

National Environment Agency (NEA)

40 Scotts Road #13-00

Environment Building

Singapore 228231

Tel: (65) 1800-2255 632

Fax: (65) 62352611

Website: <http://www.nea.gov.sg>

Expertise:

The National Environment Agency (NEA) was formed under the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR) on 1 July 2002 to focus on the implementation of environmental policies. Under the NEA, the divisions of Environmental Protection, Environmental Public Health, and Meteorological Services work together to ensure a quality environment for Singaporeans, for now and for generations to come.

Singapore Tourism Board (STB)

Tourism Court

1 Orchard Spring Lane

Singapore 247729

Tel: (65) 6736 6622

Fax: (65) 6736 9423

Website: <http://www.stb.gov.sg>

Expertise:

STB is an economic development agency for one of Singapore's key service sectors – tourism. The mission of the Board is to develop and champion tourism, so as to build the sector into a key driver of economic growth for Singapore.

SPRING Singapore

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2 Bukit Merah Central

Singapore 159835

Tel: (65) 6278 6666

Fax: (65) 6278 6667

Website: <http://www.spring.gov.sg>

Expertise:

The mission of the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board, or SPRING Singapore in short, is to raise productivity so as to enhance Singapore's competitiveness and economic growth for a better quality of life for our people. In carrying out its mission, SPRING Singapore focuses on three areas: productivity

and innovation, standards and conformance, and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and the domestic sector.

Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA)

1 Marina Boulevard #16-01

One Marina Boulevard

Singapore 018989

Tel: (65) 6883 5885

Fax: (65) 6512 1111

Website: <http://www.wda.gov.sg/>

Expertise:

WDA acts as a catalyst and champion of workforce development. It aims to enhance the employability and competitiveness of both employees and job seekers. The WDA intends to do this by developing a comprehensive, market-driven and performance-based adult continuing education and training framework. The agency also works with other economic agencies to promote the enhancement of human and intellectual capital in Singapore.