

# FUNDFAIR

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# SmartKit of Government Funding Schemes



# Introducing 4 Popular Funding Schemes

## Business Expansion

**Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales (BUD)**

**SME Export Marketing Fund (EMF)**

## Technology

**Technology Voucher Programme (TVP)**

## R&D

**Enterprise Support Scheme (ESS)**





# BUD - Application documents to be prepared

## Mandatory

- ✓ Copy of the Business Registration Certificate and the Company Registry Certificate
- ✓ Copy of the documentary evidence showing the details of owners/ shareholders (e.g. Form1(a), AR1 etc.)
- ✓ Copy of documentary proof of the applicant's substantive business operation in Hong Kong
- ✓ Copy of the documentary proof of the annual turnover of the applicant in the previous year
- ✓ Copy of the documentary proof (e.g. business licence(s) and certificate(s) of approval) of the relationship between the applicant and the current business entity in the Mainland / FTA and/or IPPA market
- ✓ Promotional pamphlets/publications introducing the applicant's business/ products/services

## Other Important Documents (if applicable) :

- ✓ documentary evidence of having obtained the required licence/qualification/ certification
- ✓ a copy of the relevant licensing/agency agreement and the agreement should at least cover the whole project implementation period of the proposed project
- ✓ documentary evidence showing that the trade mark covered by the proposed project has not yet been registered by other entities in Mainland / FTA and/or IPPA markets and that the applicant has already started the trademark registration process
- ✓ documentary evidence showing that the trade mark has already been registered in Hong Kong or the trademark registration process has already started in Hong Kong (for proposed project involve promotion of "Hong Kong Brand")
- ✓ documentary evidence showing that the procurement/licensing of the brands or technology is for the exclusive use of the applicant



# EMF – Application documents to be prepared

1. A duly completed application form
2. A copy of a valid Business Registration Certificate of the applicant enterprise
3. A copy of a valid Business Registration Certificate of the applicant enterprise
  - Full copy of the most recent Annual Return (i.e. Form NAR1)
  - Certified Extract/Electronic Extract of Information on the Business Register
4. A copy of a valid Hong Kong Identity Card or Passport
5. For first-time application for initial payment: A signed funding agreement for initial payment in duplicate
6. Other documents in relation to the promotion activity applying for EMF
  - (i) For application for reimbursement :
    - Original receipts/certified true copy of each receipt in relation to payments made by the applicant enterprise for declared expenditure items, plus a copy each of the relevant invoices/quotations/contracts
  - ii) For applications for initial payment cum final payment :
    - Original receipts/certified true copy of each receipt of deposit paid and the relevant booking confirmation/signed contracts/invoices/quotations





# TVP – Application documents to be prepared

1. Evidence of substantive business operation
  2. Copy of Form 1(a)/1(c) of Business Registration Office or Form NAR1 of Companies Registry
  3. Copy of identity proof of the signatory on the application form
  4. Copy of quotations for all expenditure items & Signed Probity and Non-Collusive Quotation/Tendering Certificate
- \* Quotation Requisition is not required





# ESS – Application documents to be prepared

## Mandatory

### The Applicant

1. Certificate of Incorporation (CI)
2. Valid Business Registration Certificate (BR)
3. Latest Annual Return (NAR1)
4. Organisation Chart

### Justifications

- Innovation and Technology Component  
6-slide PowerPoint introduction of the Project
- Technical and Management Capability
- Duly completed CV(s) of all members
  - Proof of academic/professional qualifications and relevant business/work experience
  - Latest employment contract(s)
- Financial Considerations
- Remuneration declaration
  - Reference quotation(s) of item(s) with unit cost / total cost exceeding HK\$500,000

### Others

## If Applicable

- Incorporation Form for newly established company (NNC1)
- Notice of Change of Company Secretary and Director (ND2A)
- Notice/Certificate of Change of Company Name (NNC2)

- Supporting documents on collaboration arrangement

- Reference quotation(s)

- Agreement(s) on consent/license of use of background IPs/patents of a third party
- Search report(s) of prior art, patents, etc.



# Funding Application Dos & Don'ts

## 5 Dos

1. Ensure the application eligibility for the funding scheme
  - ✓ E.g. Non-listed Hong Kong registered company with substantive business operations in Hong Kong; and not subvented by government
2. Fulfil specific objectives of each funding scheme and application requirements
  - ✓ Assess company's own situation and business development needs
  - ✓ Understand the objective, scope and application criteria of the funding scheme
  - ✓ The proposed project/measure should meet the objective of the funding scheme
  - ✓ The proposed project should relate to the current business
3. Provide all necessary documentation proof
  - ✓ E.g. Business Registration Certificate, evidence showing details of shareholders, proof of substantive business operation, quotations, signed probity and non-collusive quotation/tendering certificates, etc.
4. Evaluate the feasibility of the proposed project
  - ✓ Assess the reasonableness of the budget and effectiveness of the proposed project
  - ✓ Consider resources requirement and capability of implementation of the company
5. Follow through the procurement process of the application guideline
  - ✓ Evaluate and select qualified service providers with good track record

## 3 Donts

- X Apply several funding schemes at the same time
- X Double funding on same activity
- X Developed project is not eligible for application

Remarks: This is the general information for reference only. For application details, please refer to the guidance of individual funding scheme.

# Documents required for funding disbursement

- All relevant transaction and accounting records (include procurement, quotation, invoice, official receipt, signed Anti bid-rigging confirmation etc.)
- Completed and signed progress/final project report
- Audited accounting report
- Evidence of all project deliverables (e.g. photos, screen captures, report, training materials etc)

Remarks: This is the general information for reference only.  
For application details, please refer to the guidance of individual funding scheme.



# “SME ReachOut” - Videos on Funding Application Tips & Form-filling Tactics

Tips for Government  
Funding Application  
General Dos & Don'ts



Tips for Government  
Funding Application  
Enterprise Support Scheme  
(ESS)



Form Filling Tutorial  
How to fill in the online  
application form of SME  
Export Marketing Fund (EMF)



Form Filling Tutorial  
How to fill in the online  
application form of  
Technology Voucher  
Programme (TVP)



Form Filling Tutorial  
How to fill in the online  
application form of  
the BUD Fund (BUD)







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# Finance and Business Development

## Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme (PASS)

### Scope of Industries

- Professional services sector

### Eligibility & Requirements

- Non-profit-distributing organisations operating as trade and industrial organisations, professional bodies or research institutes.
- Statutory organisations or organisations formed or registered under the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. (Government departments are not eligible)

### Funding Mode

- The maximum amount of grant for an approved project is 90% of the total eligible project cost, or HK\$3 million, whichever is lower.

### Funding Organisation:

Commerce and Economic Development Bureau

Inquiry: +852 3655 5418

## SME Financing Guarantee Scheme (SFGS)

### Scope of Industries

- Local enterprises

### Funding Mode

- The Scheme aims at helping local enterprises to obtain financing from participating lenders for meeting their business needs so as to enhance their productivity and competitiveness in the rapidly changing business environment.

### Funding Organisation:

The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Insurance Limited

Inquiry: +852 2536 0392



## Export Credit Insurance

### Introduction

The Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation (HKECIC) was established in 1966 under the Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation Ordinance (Chapter 1115). Through the provision of export credit insurance services, the HKECIC protects Hong Kong exporters with insurance protection against non-payment risks arising from commercial and political events and encouraging and supporting export trade. The HKSAR Government provides a guarantee of HK\$55 billion for the HKECIC's contingent liability.

### Funding Organisation:

Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation

Inquiry: +852 2732 9988

## 100% Credit Limit Top-Up Scheme

The Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation (HKECIC) has further extended the “100% Credit Limit Top-Up Scheme” (“the Scheme”) to continue providing support to Hong Kong exporters extending credit to their overseas buyers, and assist them in exploring the export trade markets amidst the pandemic and the uncertain trading environment.

- HKECIC will increase the buyers' credit limits of its policyholders by 100%, or up to the amount applied for by the policyholders, or the limit of the respective policies<sup>1</sup>, or HK\$100 million, whichever is the smaller.
- Valid credit limits as of the commencement date of the Scheme and those issued during the Scheme period will be included.
- All HKECIC insured markets<sup>2</sup> are covered.
- All HKECIC policyholders are eligible.

<sup>1</sup> For the Small Business Policy and Online Micro-Business Policy, the credit limit after top-up would be subject to a cap of HK\$10 million and HK\$0.8 million respectively.

<sup>2</sup> All markets represent insurable markets as defined by the HKECIC, but excluding buyers where risks not allowed

Remarks : The scheme is valid till 30 June 2024 (please refer to the latest arrangement from the official announcement).

### Funding Organisation:

Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation

Inquiry: +852 2732 9933





## 10 Enhanced Measures

### For holders of Small Business Policy (SBP)

- Free pre-shipment cover in all Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation (HKECIC) insured markets for buyers approved for such cover. Claims payment will be made according to the terms and conditions of the Policy if the insured buyer cancels the binding and valid contract or becomes insolvent before shipment, provided that the policyholder has fulfilled its obligations under the contract and has complied with the terms and conditions of the Policy.
- A 20% uplift in all valid credit limit(s) for all Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation (HKECIC) insured markets, up to a maximum of HK\$5 million.
- Extension of premium payment due date for one month.
- Premium discount for each SBP holder increased to 50%.

### For all policyholders

- Waiver of Annual Policy Fee.
- Granting across the board payment term of 120 days.
- Waiver of additional premium for extended / new payment term.
- Expediting claims settlement process involving amount up to HK\$1 million.
- Claims payment will be made within 5 days upon receipt of relevant documents.
- Simplifying procedures and exercising flexibility in processing claims cases of payment difficulty.
- Providing policyholders 10 additional free credit check facility.

Remarks : The scheme is valid till 30 June 2024 (please refer to the latest arrangement from the official announcement).

### Funding Organisation:

Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation

Inquiry: +852 2732 9933





### Innovation and Technology Support Programme (ITSP)

#### Scope of Industries

- Technology Development

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- The lead applicant must be an R&D Centre or a designated local public research institute.

#### Funding Mode

- Support platform R&D projects and seed projects.
- Platform projects: industry-oriented applied R&D projects with potential for commercialisation.
  - Maximum Project Duration: 24 months.
  - Industry Sponsorship: at least 10% of the total project cost.
- Seed projects: exploratory and forward-looking in nature.
  - Maximum Funding Support: HK\$2.8 million undertaken by R&D Centres; HK\$1.4 million undertaken by other applicants.
  - Maximum Project Duration: 18 months.
  - Industry Sponsorship: NOT mandatory.
- Intellectual Property (IP) Rights Ownership: lead applicant.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3655 5678

### Partnership Research Programme (PRP)

#### Scope of Industries

- Technology development

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- The lead applicant must be an R&D Centre or a designated local public research institute, which should partner with an industry co-applicant to apply for PRP.
- The industry co-applicant can be either a company incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622); or an industry support organisation, a trade and industry association or professional body which has the legal capacity to enter into contracts.

#### Funding Mode

- Provide matching funding support for Collaborative R&D projects.
- Maximum Project Duration: 36 months.
- Industry Sponsorship: at least 50% of the total project cost.
- Intellectual Property (IP) Rights Ownership: industry co-applicant if it contributes at least 50% of the total project cost.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3655 5678





### Enterprise Support Scheme (ESS)

#### Scope of Industries

- Technology development

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- Incorporated in Hong Kong;
- Has a current business registration certificate;
- Not a government subvented organisation; and
- Not a subsidiary of any government subvented organisation.

#### Funding Mode

- Projects must be related to in-house research and development work.
- Provides on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis.
- Maximum Funding Support: HK\$10 million per approved project.
- Maximum Project Duration: 24 months in general.
- Intellectual Property Rights Ownership: recipient company.
- Recoupment of Government's Contribution: NOT required.
- Benefit Sharing of Commercialised R&D Results: NOT mandatory.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3422 3700

### Research and Development Cash Rebate Scheme (CRS)

#### Scope of Industries

- Technology development

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- Incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) or an entity registered in Hong Kong under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310);
- Not a government subvented organisation; and
- Not a subsidiary of any government subvented organisation.

#### Funding Mode

- The Scheme provides a cash rebate equivalent to 40% of a company's eligible expenditure in two types of applied R&D projects
  1. R&D projects funded by the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF); and
  2. R&D projects funded entirely by companies and conducted in partnership with designated local public research institutes.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3655 5678





### Public Sector Trial Scheme – ITF Projects (PSTS-ITF)

#### Scope of Industries

- Technology development

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- All completed ITF R&D projects undertaken by R&D Centres and designated local public research institutes are eligible for funding support under the Scheme.
- The applicant should either be the R&D Centre/designated local public research institute undertaking the project; or the company owning the intellectual property (IP) of the project deliverables.

#### Funding Mode

- Maximum Funding Support: 50% of the actual cost of the original R&D project (and up to 100% for projects initiated by R&D Centres).
- Maximum Project Duration: 24 months.
- Industry sponsorship: NOT mandatory.
- Use of samples/prototypes and conducting of trials are confined to the public sector which includes Government bureaux and departments, public bodies, non-profit-making trade associations, charitable organisations, etc.
- Trial projects should aim to facilitate the development of new products not already available in the market currently, and should employ the R&D results/ deliverables of the completed ITF projects.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3655 5678

### Public Sector Trial Scheme for Incubatees & Graduate Tenants of Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation and Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited (PSTS-SPC)

#### Scope of Industries

- Technology development

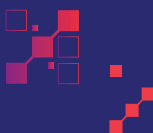
#### Eligibility & Requirements

- The applicant should be a current incubatee or graduate tenant of HKSTPC or Cyberport. The research and development (R&D) outcomes for trial need to be developed by the applicant, and should align with its business plans.

#### Funding Mode

- Maximum funding support: HK\$1 million per trial project.
- Maximum project duration: 12 months.
- Deployment of samples/prototypes and conducting of trials are generally confined to the local public sector which includes Government bureaux and departments, statutory bodies and/or Hong Kong Government subvented nongovernmental bodies in the welfare sector.
- The project should aim to facilitate the development of new products not already available in the market, and should employ the R&D results/deliverables developed by the applicant itself.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3655 5678







### Public Sector Trial Scheme for Technology Companies Conducting Research and Development (R&D) Activities in Hong Kong (PSTS-TC)

#### Scope of Industries

- Technology development

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- The applicant should be a technology company incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) or registered in Hong Kong under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310) which is conducting R&D activities in Hong Kong.
- The technology company must not be a government subvented organisation or a subsidiary of any government subvented organisation.
- The R&D outcomes for trial need to be owned by the applicant company and developed by the applicant company primarily in Hong Kong and should align with its business plans.

#### Funding Mode

- Maximum Funding Support: HK\$1 million per project.
- Maximum Project Duration: 12 months.
- Deployment of samples/prototypes and conducting of trials are generally confined to the local public sector which includes Government bureaux and departments, statutory bodies and/or Hong Kong Government subvented nongovernmental bodies in the welfare sector.
- The project should aim to facilitate the development of new products not already available in the market, and should employ the R&D results/deliverables developed and owned by the applicant itself.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3655 5678

### Technology Voucher Programme (TVP)

#### Scope of Industries

- All industries

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- Registered in Hong Kong under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310); or Incorporated and registered in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622); or Established in Hong Kong by relevant ordinances as statutory bodies; AND
- Not a listed company in Hong Kong, and not a government subvented organisation or subsidiary of any government subvented organisation; AND
- With substantive business operation in Hong Kong which is related to the project under application at the time of application.

#### Funding Mode

- Provide funding for projects on a 3 (Government):1 (enterprise/organisation) matching basis.
- Cumulative funding ceiling per enterprise/organisation: HK\$600,000.
- Up to 6 projects per enterprise/organisation.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 2789 7000





## Reindustrialisation Funding Scheme (RFS)

### Scope of Industries

- Manufacturers for all industries

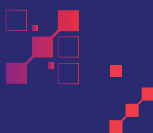
### Eligibility & Requirements

- Companies incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622).

### Funding Mode

- Subsidise manufacturers to set up new smart production lines in Hong Kong.
- Entire or a significant portion of the production line under application should fulfil the "smart manufacturing" criteria, i.e. the integrated and intelligent use of "smart" technologies such as Internet of Things, real-time data, application of data analytics and advanced human-machine interfaces, artificial intelligence/ machine learning/deep learning, automation and robotics, sensors and actuators, etc. in the production process.
- Funding will be provided on a 1 (government) : 2 (company) matching basis.
- Maximum funding support: one-third of the total approved project cost or HK\$15 million per project, whichever is lower.
- Funding scope: expenses directly related to the establishment of the new smart production line in Hong Kong, including the costs of procurement, installation and commissioning of the machinery/equipment/apparatus, fees for engaging technical consultant(s) for the design and setting up of the production line concerned, relevant testing and staff training, patent registration fee (maximum patent registration fee allowed for a project is HK\$250,000), external audit fee not exceeding HK\$20,000 per audit (a maximum of two audits will be funded per project), as well as legal service fee related to the legal charge on the funded production line (not exceeding HK\$20,000).
- Project duration: normally within 24 months.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3655 5678





### Research Talent Hub for ITF projects (RTH-ITF)

#### Scope of Industries

- Technology development

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- All organisations/companies undertaking R&D projects funded by the ITF.
- Research Talent must be legally permitted to work in Hong Kong; and must possess a bachelor / master / doctoral degree awarded by either a local university or a well-recognised non-local institution, or jointly awarded by a local university together with a non-local university. The degree obtained should be in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics ("STEM") related discipline.

#### Funding Mode

- Each ITF project can engage up to 4 research talents at any one time.
- The maximum engagement period for each research talent is 36 months in general.
- The maximum monthly allowance is HK\$20,000 for research talents with a bachelor degree, HK\$23,000 for those with a master degree, and HK\$35,000 for those with a doctoral degree.
- An additional monthly living allowance of \$10,000 to research talents with a doctoral degree under the RTH for a maximum of 36 months.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3655 5678

### Research Talent Hub for Incubatees and I&T Tenants of the HKSTPC and the Cyberport (RTH-SPC)

#### Scope of Industries

- Technology development

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- Incubatees and I&T tenants of the HKSTPC and the Cyberport
- Research Talent must be Hong Kong permanent resident or person legally permitted to work in Hong Kong; and must possess a bachelor / master / doctoral degree awarded by either a local university or a well-recognised non-local institution, or jointly awarded by a local university together with a non-local university. The degree obtained should be in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics ("STEM")-related discipline.

#### Funding Mode

- Each applicant company can engage up to 4 research talents at any one time.
- The maximum engagement period for each research talent is 36 months in general.
- The maximum monthly allowance is HK\$20,000 for research talents with a bachelor degree, HK\$23,000 for those with a master degree, and HK\$35,000 for those with a doctoral degree.
- An additional monthly living allowance of \$10,000 to research talents with a doctoral degree under the RTH for a maximum of 36 months.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3655 5678





**Research Talent Hub  
for Technology  
Companies  
Conducting R&D  
Activities in Hong  
Kong (RTH-TC)**

**Scope of Industries**

- Technology development

**Eligibility & Requirements**

**Applicant Company**

- conducting or planning to conduct R&D activities in Hong Kong;
- has substantive business operations in Hong Kong at the time of application;
- registered in Hong Kong under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap.310) or incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance (Cap.622); and
- not a government subvented organisation or a subsidiary of any government subvented organisation.

**Research Talent**

- must be legally permitted to work in Hong Kong;
- must possess a bachelor / master / doctoral degree awarded by either a local university or a well-recognised non-local institution, or jointly awarded by a local university together with a non-local university. The degree obtained should be in a science, technology, engineering and mathematics ("STEM")-related discipline.

**R&D activities**

- an activity in the fields of natural or applied science to extend knowledge;
- an original and planned investigation carried on with the prospect of gaining new scientific or technical knowledge and understanding; or
- the application of research findings or other knowledge to a plan or design for producing or introducing new or substantially improved materials, devices, products, processes, systems or services before they are commercially produced or used.

**Funding Mode**

- An applicant company can engage up to 4 research talents at any one time.
- The maximum engagement period for each research talent is 36 months in general.
- The maximum monthly allowance is HK\$20,000 for research talents with a bachelor degree, HK\$23,000 for those with a master degree, and HK\$35,000 for those with a doctoral degree.
- An additional monthly living allowance of \$10,000 to research talents with a doctoral degree under the RTH for a maximum of 36 months.

**Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission**  
**Inquiry: +852 3655 5678**





## Reindustrialisation and Technology Training Programme (RTTP)

### Scope of Industries

- All industries

### Eligibility & Requirements

An enterprise applying for training grant under the RTTP

- registered in Hong Kong under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310); and
- must be a non-government and non-subsidised organisation.
- the employee nominated must be a Hong Kong permanent resident with the necessary background/experience relevant to the advanced technology of the training course.

Course providers applying for public course registration

- are required to have two or more years of relevant experience in the provision of technology training.

### Funding Mode

- RTTP aims to subsidise local enterprises on a 2(Government):1(enterprise) matching basis to train their staff in advanced technologies, especially those related to "Industry 4.0".
- Maximum Funding Support: HK\$500,000 for each enterprise in each financial year.
- Mode of funding: Reimbursement with an option for 50% partial advance payment of training grant.
- Both local and non-local training courses are supported by the RTTP.
- Supports two types of training courses:
  - Public courses are open to the public for enrolment and applications for course registration should be submitted by course providers.
  - Tailor-made courses are designed for a particular enterprise (or enterprises) and the course proposals should be submitted by the enterprise concerned as part of the training grant application.

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3907 6661





## Innovation and Technology Venture Fund (ITVF)

### Scope of Industries

- Innovation and technology (I&T) startups

### Eligibility & Requirements

The ITVF, through a special-purpose vehicle "The Innovation and Technology Venture Fund Corporation" (ITVFC), will co-invest with VC funds selected as Coinvestment Partners (CPs) in eligible local I&T start-ups (investee company).

An "eligible local I&T start-up" must meet the following criteria:

- it was incorporated under the Companies Ordinance within the last seven years with one of its offices (headquarters or regional office) or its main business operation or its key management or leadership team being located in Hong Kong;
- it and its subsidiar(ies) (if any) have been engaging in I&T business, covering any part of the research and development or production chain in Hong Kong; and
- it and its subsidiar(ies) (if any) have a total number of employees (including Hong Kong and overseas offices) being less than 250.

### Funding Mode

- Co-investment scheme targeted at eligible local I&T start-ups.
- Matching investment ratio of approximately 1 (ITVF): 2 (CP).
- ITVFC's matching investment ceiling:
  - a. Aggregate amount of matching investments with a CP not more than HK\$400 million;
  - b. Aggregate amount of investments in an investee company not more than HK\$50 million; and
  - c. For each co-investment in an investee company, the matching investment shall constitute not more than (i) 40% of the original total target investment amount sought by the investee company, or (ii) HK\$30 million, whichever is the lower.

**Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission**  
**Inquiry: +852 3655 5474**





## Patent Application Grant (PAG)

### Scope of Industries

- Local companies and inventors

### Eligibility & Requirements

- All locally incorporated companies, Hong Kong permanent residents or Hong Kong residents permitted to remain in Hong Kong for not less than 7 years which/who have never owned any patents in any countries or territories nor received funding under the PAG before.
- All applications for functional patents and inventions with technology elements and susceptible of industrial application are eligible. Cosmetic designs will not be supported.

### For individual applicants

- the applicant must be the sole inventor or one of the joint inventors of the invention.

### For company applicants

- the inventor(s) of the invention shall be (a) directly related party/parties to the applicant company, e.g. owner, shareholder, director, or staff.
- As the PAG is for first-time patent seekers only, funding support will not be provided if funding has been granted under the PAG to the applicant company's related company(ies) before.

### Funding Mode

- Maximum funding support: HK\$250,000 or 90% of the sum of the total direct costs of patent application (including the cost for patent search-cum-technical assessment), whichever is the lower.
- Individual applicant/company applicant to bear the remaining balance required for the patent application(s).
- Approval non-transferrable and valid for 3 years from the date of approval of the application.

**Funding Organisation:** Innovation and Technology Commission  
**Inquiry:** +852 2788 5958







### Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities (TSSSU)

#### Scope of Industries

- Six universities# to support their teams in starting technology businesses

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- It is registered in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance for not more than two years as of the date of the application deadline; and
- The team forming the start-up may have any mix of the students and professors of the university –
  - a. Undergraduates, postgraduates or alumni; and/or
  - b. Professor(s) serving as consultant(s) providing technical expertise and direction of the R&D.

#### Funding Mode

- Maximum funding support: an annual funding of up to HK\$8 million is provided to each of the six universities. Each funded technology start-up may receive up to HK\$1.5 million each year for no more than three years.
- Scope of funding: essential items for setting up and operating the start-ups (e.g. furniture and equipment, legal and accounting services, rental of necessary and suitable premises, manpower, etc.), expenditure on R&D, promotion activities and marketing of their R&D deliverables, products or services.
- Provision of funding: funding is provided to the universities on a reimbursement basis after the close of each Government financial year.
- Intellectual property rights ownership: approved start-up and/or associated university.

# The six universities are The University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong Baptist University and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

**Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission**  
**Inquiry: +852 3655 5678**





## Technology Talent Admission Scheme (TechTAS)

### Scope of Industries

- Technology development

### Eligibility & Requirements

#### Applicant companies

- Have substantive business in Hong Kong and with a valid Business Registration Certificate; and
- Be engaged in R&D in the area of artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity, data analytics, financial technologies, material science, robotics, 5G communications, digital entertainment, green technology, integrated circuit design, Internet-of-Things or microelectronics.

#### Non-local technology talent

- Employed as full-time employees in Hong Kong by the applicant company;
- engaged principally in conducting R&D in the areas of artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity, data analytics, financial technologies, material science, robotics, 5G communications, digital entertainment, green technology, integrated circuit design, Internet-of-Things or microelectronics;
- Degree-holders in science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) from a well-recognised university. Work experience is not compulsory for those with a Master's or Doctoral degree, whereas those with a Bachelor's degree only should possess a minimum of one year of working experience in the relevant technology area; and
- Offered remuneration not lower than the prevailing market level for comparable jobs in Hong Kong.

### Funding Mode

- When making a quota application, the applicant company must undertake to also employ the requisite number of new local employees – i.e. for every one to three non-local persons approved to be admitted for employment by the Immigration Department under TechTAS, the applicant company would need to employ one new local full-time employee, plus two local interns.
- Eligible companies may make their quota applications throughout the year. Each company may be granted quotas for a maximum of 100 persons per year.
- An allotted quota will be valid for 12 months. Applicant companies which are allotted with quota(s) should, during the quota validity period, sponsor eligible person(s) to submit employment visa / entry permit applications to Immigration Department using the allotted quota(s).

Funding Organisation: Innovation and Technology Commission  
Inquiry: +852 3655 5856





### Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales (BUD Fund)

#### Scope of Industries

- All industries

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- All non-listed enterprises registered in Hong Kong under the Business Registration Ordinance (Chapter 310) with substantive business operations in Hong Kong.
- Any projects falling within the scope of the Programme (i.e. any one or more areas of (i) branding; (ii) upgrading and restructuring; and (iii) promoting sales) that assist individual Hong Kong enterprises in enhancing their competitiveness and facilitating their business development in the Mainland or Free Trade Agreements (FTA) and/or Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements (IPPAs) markets.

#### Funding Mode

- Each enterprise may obtain funding for a maximum of 70 approved projects and the total cumulative funding amount is HK\$7 Million under the "Mainland Programme" and the "FTA & IPPA Programme"<sup>1</sup>.

#### General Application:

- The Government will cover a maximum of 50% of the total approved project cost, with a funding ceiling of HK\$1 million per project.
- An option to select initial payment up to 75% of the total approved government funding.
- Each funded project should be completed within 24 months.

#### "Easy BUD":

- Funding ceiling per approved project is maximum of HK\$100K, 50:50 matching basis
- Without initial payment
- Each funded project should be completed within 12 months.
- Each enterprise can submit ONE application every six months.

<sup>1</sup> "FTA & IPPA Programme" which covers applications for undertaking projects to develop the markets of 36 economics in total, including the ten member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam), Australia, Austria, Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union, Canada, Chile, Denmark, the four member states of the European Free Trade Association member states (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Macao, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.





## SME Export Marketing Fund (EMF)

### Scope of Industries

- All industries

### Eligibility & Requirements

- All non-listed enterprises registered in Hong Kong under the Business Registration Ordinance (Chapter 310) with substantive business operations in Hong Kong\*.
- It must not be the organiser/co-organiser/service provider or a related company of the organiser/co-organiser/service provider of the promotion activity and the related services covered by the application.

### Funding Mode

- Provide funding support to enterprises for their participation in the following promotion activities to promote their own products and/or services. Such promotion activities/platforms must be organised/operated by organisations with a good track record:
  1. Trade exhibitions held outside Hong Kong targeting markets outside Hong Kong.
  2. Trade exhibitions held in Hong Kong targeting markets outside Hong Kong.
  3. Trade exhibitions held in Hong Kong targeting the local market.
  4. Online trade exhibitions.
  5. Business missions outside Hong Kong.
  6. Online business missions.
  7. Advertisements on trade publications which mainly target markets outside Hong Kong.
  8. Export promotion activities (such as placing advertisements, keyword search, listing product information, setting up or enhancing online shop, etc.) which are conducted through electronic platforms/media and which mainly target markets outside Hong Kong.
  9. Setting up or enhancement of a corporate website/mobile application owned by the applicant enterprise which mainly targets markets outside Hong Kong.
- Each application should cover expenditure related to one promotion activity. The maximum amount of funding support for each successful application is 50% of the total approved expenditure incurred by the applicant enterprise or HK\$100,000, whichever is the less.
- There is no limit on the number of applications by an enterprise for funding support under EMF. However, each enterprise may receive funding support under EMF up to a cumulative limit of HK\$1 Million
- A maximum of 50% of the cumulative limit may be used for applications relating to setting up/enhancing the corporate website/mobile application owned by the applicant enterprise.

\* Effective from 30 April 2021 until 30 June 2026, the funding scope of EMF is expanded to cover large-scale exhibitions staged by organisers with good track record targeting the local market, as well as online exhibitions organised by Hong Kong Trade Development Council and reputable exhibition organisers with good track record; and the eligibility criteria is relaxed to cover non-SMEs.

**Funding Organisation: Trade and Industry Department**  
**Inquiry: +852 2398 5127**



### Trade and Industrial Organisation Support Fund (TSF)

#### Scope of Industries

- Non-profit-distributing organisations

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- Either be statutory organisations or organisations registered under the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
- All projects (except activities which are or will be in receipt of other Government funding support) that are conducive to enhancing the competitiveness of non-listed Hong Kong enterprises in general or in specific sectors are welcome to apply for the TSF.

#### Funding Mode

- The maximum amount of funding support for each approved project is HK\$5 million, or 90% of the total approved project expenditure, whichever is the less.
- The applicant has to contribute the remaining 10% of the total project expenditure, which may be in cash, in kind or in the form of sponsorship.
- Projects funded under the TSF shall be completed in 3 years.

**Funding Organisation: Trade and Industry Department**

**Inquiry: +852 2398 5128**

# Startups and Innovation Industry

## CreateSmart Initiative (CSI)

### Scope of Industries

- Creative industries

### Eligibility & Requirements

- Applicants should normally be locally registered institutions / organisations, including local academic institutes, industry support organisations, trade and industry associations, professional bodies, research institutes and companies.
- CreateHK and other Government departments are also eligible to apply.
- Each applicant can submit more than one application.

### Funding Mode

- To support projects with objectives to drive the development of the creative industries, namely:
  1. Nurturing talents and facilitating start-ups;
  2. Exploring markets; and
  3. Promoting Hong Kong as Asia's creative capital and fostering a creative atmosphere in the community.
- Funding support is normally given as a grant and be disbursed by instalments.

Funding Organisation: CreateHK

Inquiry: +852 2294 2774



## Film Development Fund (FDF)

### Scope of Industries

- Film industry

### Eligibility & Requirements

- The applicant must be a film production company formed and registered under the Companies Ordinance (Cap.622) or the predecessor Ordinance (as defined in section 2 of Cap.622). The applicant, film producer, film director or any combination of them must have produced a total of at least two released films immediately preceding the date of application.
- The film project:
  - must be a feature drama or animation film intended for commercial theatrical exhibition in Hong Kong with a production budget of not more than HK \$60 million and the length of which must be 80 minutes or above;
  - should be shown to be commercially viable and has secured third-party financing to the satisfaction of the Government;
  - all film director(s) must be permanent resident of Hong Kong;
  - must employ at least one permanent resident of Hong Kong in any two of the following categories of the main film crew and cast: (i) the leading actor; (ii) the leading actress; (iii) the supporting actor; and (iv) the supporting actress;
  - must be potentially capable of qualifying for a certificate for public exhibition in Hong Kong under the Film Censorship Ordinance (Cap. 392).

### Funding Mode

- Financing Film Production
- The Fund Scheme will contribute up to HK\$9 million per approved Film Project.

Remarks : For “Funding Other Film- related Projects”, please refer to the official website of this scheme for details.

Funding Organisation: Hong Kong Film Development Council  
Inquiry: +852 2594 5846







## Cyberport Creative Micro Fund (CCMF)

### Scope of Industries

- Digital technology

### Eligibility & Requirements

- CCMF (Hong Kong) Professional Stream
  - Open to applicants aged 18-30 upon the application deadline. An application can be submitted by an individual or a company.
  - Individual applicants must be Hong Kong ID card holders. Team member can be HKID or non-HKID holder. If the principal applicant is non-local, welcome to apply Company Application\*.
- CCMF (Hong Kong) Young Entrepreneur Programme
  - Open to applicants aged 18 or above 18-30 upon the application deadline. Applicants can apply as individual or company applicants.
  - The principal applicant of the individual applicant must be a Hong Kong ID Card holder and all members in the project management team must be aged 18-30.
- For company applicant\*, a registered company limited by shares and incorporated in Hong Kong (or in progress of incorporation) upon admission and all company owners and team members must be aged 18-30.

\* Successful company applicants must setup limited companies registered and incorporated in Hong Kong upon admission

- Cross-Boundary Programme - Cyberport Greater Bay Area Young Entrepreneurship Programme
  - Stage 1 – Individual Application:
    - Applicant(s) must be individual between the ages of 18 and 30 upon the Programme application deadline.
    - Applicant(s) must be currently enrolled in or have graduated within three years from a registered post-secondary education institution in Hong Kong, Macau or Guangdong Province.
  - Stage 2 – Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Joint Cyberport Creative Micro Fund:
    - Each project application should consist of at least two principal applicants. One Hong Kong Identity Card holder as Hong Kong Principal Applicant and one from Guangdong (holder of Resident Identity Card of the People's Republic of China) or Macau (holder of Macau SAR Resident Identity Card);
    - All team members should be successful applicants in Stage 1, with no upper limited to the size of teams.

### Funding Mode

- The programme sponsors high potential digital tech start-up projects and business ideas with a HK\$100,000 grant.
- Participants use the grant over six months to produce proof of concepts and prototypes.

Funding Organisation: Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited

Inquiry: +852 3166 3900





### Cyberport Incubation Programme (CIP)

#### Scope of Industries

- Digital technology

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- Possess a viable business plan for a product or service to be ready for marketing in 12 to 18 months
  - The Applicant must be a registered digital tech company limited by shares (or in progress of incorporation\*) and incorporated in Hong Kong less than 7 years upon application deadline.
  - The founders of the Applicant collectively (legally and beneficially) must hold at least 51% of the company shares or absolute control.
- \* In any case of pending for incorporation in Companies Registry, the process should be completed within 30 calendar days after the application deadline.

#### Funding Mode

- Up to HK\$500,000 support over 24 months.
- Rent-free working space (only for incubatees who chose to work on-site at Cyberport).
- Free use of Cyberport shared meeting rooms, conference rooms, co-working spaces and other facilities.
- Meetings with entrepreneurs and investors, and networking opportunities.

Funding Organisation: Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited  
Inquiry: +852 3166 3900

### Cyberport Accelerator Support Programme (CASP)

#### Scope of Industries

- Digital technology

#### Eligibility & Requirements

Applicants must be Cyberport incubatees or alumni, and must be admitted by accelerator programmes endorsed by Cyberport.

#### Funding Mode

- Provide up to HK\$300,000 financial assistance to each successful applicant.
- The Cyberport Accelerator Support Programme offers the following financial assistance:
  - 75% subsidy on accelerator programme fees
  - 75% subsidy on office rental
  - 50% subsidy for interns
  - 75% subsidy on travel and accommodation
  - 75% subsidy on marketing and promotion (up to HK\$50,000)
  - 75% on professional services

Funding Organisation: Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited  
Inquiry: +852 3166 3735





### Overseas/Mainland Market Development Support Scheme (MDSS)

#### Scope of Industries

- Digital technology

#### Eligibility & Requirements

Applicants must be graduates or alumni from CIP and CCMF, who have not raised equal to or more than US\$10M funding.

#### Funding Mode

- Each applicant can apply for a maximum funding of HK\$200,000 financial subsidy within 2 years from the start of the first activity. A maximum 75% of the actual expenses are covered.
- Applicants must be applying for joining delegation missions or exhibitions organised, co-organised, recommended and supported by Cyberport.
  - a. Overseas/Mainland delegation mission
  - b. Overseas/Mainland marketing exhibition/conferences
  - c. Local marketing exhibition for Overseas/Mainland market expansion
  - d. Landing services for Overseas/Mainland market expansion
  - e. Online/Offline Marketing Services for Overseas/Mainland market expansion

#### Funding Organisation:

Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited

Inquiry: +852 3166 3846

### Cyberport Macro Fund (CMF)

#### Scope of Industries

- Digital technology

#### Eligibility & Requirements

Eligible applicants are scalable digital technology companies with operation based in Hong Kong

- 1) Incubatees or graduates of Cyberport's other programmes
- 2) Cyberport Smart-Space companies
- 3) Cyberport office tenants

#### Funding Mode

The CMF, with a total size of HK\$400M, is set in place to:

- provide seed to Series A stage and beyond funding to Cyberport digital entrepreneurs to assist them to accelerate; and
- promote the development of the venture capital ecosystem for digital entrepreneurs in Hong Kong.

#### Funding Organisation:

Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited

Inquiry: +852 3166 3800





## Design Incubation Programme (DIP)

### Scope of Industries

- Fashion Design, Branding/Packaging, Product Design, Visual/Spatial Arts, Interior/Architecture Design, Jewelry & Accessories, Design/Media & Communication, Other Design Disciplines

### Eligibility & Requirements

- The applicant must have his/her application-company as a start-up Hong Kong registered company (i.e. incorporated in Hong Kong for not more than three years as at the date of application), and still in its early stage of development in which financial and professional support is much needed.
- For local application, the applicant must be a Hong Kong permanent resident.
- For overseas applications, the applicant must have an overseas registered company that has registered for not more than three years as at the date of application. The applicant must set up a Hong Kong registered company immediately to qualify for programme commencement after the application approval is granted.
- The applicant is expected to require less than 350 square foot net of office space at the time of admission in general.
- A shareholder or partner of the applicant must not be a shareholder or partner of a current Incubatee or graduated company in the DIP or Fashion Incubation Programme (FIP), or other incubation programmes funded by the Government.
- The applicant-company must have as at the date of application at least two fulltime staff (the applicant included) based in Hong Kong, and
  1. at least one of them must be the major shareholder and must be a designer in a recognised design discipline;
  2. the aggregate shareholding percentage or interest of the full-time designer(s) must be in majority; and
  3. all staff must be able to work in Hong Kong legally.

### Funding Mode

- Free & Discount Office Space Usage (Max HK\$240K).
- Financial Assistance in Operation, Marketing and Development (Max HK\$260K).
- Business Knowledge Enrichment Programmes.
- Mentorship Programmes.
- Business Outreaching Programmes.

Funding Organisation: Hong Kong Design Centre  
Inquiry: +852 3793 8418



**Fashion Incubation  
Programme (FIP)****Scope of Industries  
Fashion Creative****Eligibility & Requirements**

- Have a passion for fashion design and a drive to succeed in the industry.
- Have a registered fashion-related business or brand, which is at least three years old and implements fashion design activities in Hong Kong or overseas.
- Have exhibited or showcased at least two collections, preferably internationally.
- Have an eye for quality and a high degree of technical competence.
- Have a desire to keep learning.

**Funding Mode**

- Up to HK\$250,000 in seed funding for cross-disciplinary collaborations and co-creation projects.
- Opportunities to meet and network with industry mentors.
- Programmes, training and workshops to broaden horizons and develop entrepreneurialism.
- Access to global online databases and networks, local resource centres, material libraries, advanced labs, and supplier and retailer networks.
- Marketing and branding support, and access to expert advice.
- Rent-free studio space (<300 sq. feet), inclusive of WiFi, meeting rooms, photo studios and exhibition facilities.

**Funding Organisation: Hong Kong Design Centre**  
**Inquiry: +852 3793 8407**





## IDEATION

### Scope of Industries

- Tech-focused entrepreneurs

### Eligibility & Requirements

- Has an innovative idea supported by R&D and business planning AND
- Is a HKID holder aged 18 and above, OR
- Has a limited company incorporated in Hong Kong for less than 2 years by the application start date, OR
- Has a team (must incorporate a limited company in Hong Kong before the programme starts).

### Funding Mode

- A one-year startup support programme.
- Seed Funding: HK\$100,000 financial grant.
- Coaching: Dedicated mentor for business advice.
- Training: Topics include Hong Kong's startup ecosystem, business modelling, pitching and investment etc.
- Centre Facilities: Co-working space access in 12 months.
- Potential to bridging programmes: Prepare for HKSTP incubation programmes admission.

### Funding Organisation:

Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation

Inquiry: +852 2629 6873

## HKSTP Ventures

### Scope of Industries

- Technology startups

### Funding Mode

- HKSTP Ventures invests in early-to-growth stage startups.
- The fund makes direct investments into seed-to-Series A stage startups and co-invests with private investors.

### Funding Organisation:

Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation

Inquiry: [cvf@hkstp.org](mailto:cvf@hkstp.org)





## HKSTP Incubation

### Scope of Industries

- Technology startups

### Eligibility & Requirements

- Has to conduct research or leans towards hard tech;
- Is a Hong Kong incorporated company established within 5 years;
- Has founders that collectively hold at least 51% of the company's shares; and
- Is in the fields of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), electronics, green technology, or materials and precision engineering fields.

\* For more details, please refer to the programme guide.

### Funding Mode

- A three-year incubation programme.
- A funding support of up to HK\$1.29 million to cover technology and business development expenses.
- Account management with a dedicated account manager to accompany the startup journey.
- Technical support including the partnership with industry leaders such as Fujitsu, ASTRI and Rohde & Schwarz for R&D needs.
- Business Support:
  - Meet experienced mentors, industry experts, strategic partners and investors through our events.
  - Build your team and scale your business through our value services platform which provides training, professional services and talent support.
  - Gain market exposure through trade missions or exhibitions, product launches, press releases and media interviews.

### Funding Organisation:

Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation

Inquiry: +852 2629 6873





### Incu-Bio Incubation Programme

#### Scope of Industries

- Biomedical tech startups

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- A Hong Kong registered and incorporated company.
- Focused on diagnostic, therapeutic, medical device or other biomedical areas.
- Developing original and innovative technologies that have potential for commercialisation.
- Incorporated no more than 2 years ago.
- Not already participating in any incubation programmes hosted by HKSTP, Cyberport or the Hong Kong Design Centre.

#### Funding Mode

- A four-year incubation programme.
- Access funding support up to HK\$6 million, consisting of HK\$4 million financial subsidy and upfront grant, HK\$2 million funding to cover regulatory activities such as clinical trials.
- Provide workspace and technology support.
- Business Support:
  - Establish your network of mentors, strategic partners and investors through HKSTP's matching events.
  - Get advice on crafting the perfect business plan, preparing for investment and finding funding.
  - Extend your reach through exhibitions, launch events, press releases, media interviews, business sharing and product demo sessions.
  - Access one-on-one business matching through our Technologies from Science Park platform.

#### Funding Organisation:

Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation

Inquiry: +852 2629 6869



## Acceleration Programme

### Scope of Industries

- High potential startups in all industries

### Eligibility & Requirements

- Is a growth-stage company looking to scale globally.
- Is current incubation company or a tenant of HKSTP.
- Has headquarters, executive functions and a corporate CEO based in Hong Kong.
- Has less than 100 employees.
- Has at least 50% of full-time staff members based in Hong Kong engaging in technology-related work.

### Funding Mode

- Secure funding of up to HK\$4.8 million, in subsidies to cover your company's expenses for PR & marketing, professional services and corporate compliance.
- Fundraising support including the guidance on preparing financing materials, deal structuring and execution, as well as negotiations with investors.
- Business development support for product trials, business expansion tours and executive coaching.
- Professional services support on risk management, IP strategy, compliance and operations.

### Funding Organisation:

Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation

Inquiry: +852 2629 7002

### General Support Programme (GSP)

#### Scope of Industries

- Innovation Technology

#### Eligibility & Requirements

The applicant must be an organisation in Hong Kong (e.g. non-profit making trade/industry associations, public bodies, charitable organisations, local universities, local companies, etc.)

#### Funding Mode

- The sponsorship should normally be at least 10% of the total project cost.
- Support non-research and development (R&D) projects that contribute to the upgrading and development of our industries as well as the fostering of an innovation and technology culture in Hong Kong. Projects may include conferences, exhibitions, seminars, workshops, promotional events, studies and surveys, youth activities, events or projects to support platform building/upgrading of industry, etc.

**Funding Organisation:** Innovation and Technology Commission  
**Inquiry:** +852 3655 5678

# Sustainability & Industry-Specific

## Construction Innovation and Technology Fund (CITF)

### Scope of Industries

- Construction industry

### Eligibility & Requirements

- Technology Adoption
  - Levy-paying contractors which have paid levy for construction works under the Construction Industry Council Ordinance (Cap. 587) to the CIC in the 24 months preceding the time of application;
  - Specialist Trade Contractors and Subcontractors who are registered under the Registered Specialist Trade Contractors Scheme (RSTCS) and the Subcontractor Registration Scheme (SRS) operated by the CIC;
  - Consultants on the lists maintained by Government and professional bodies; or
  - Other players in the construction process may be considered on a case-by case basis.
- Manpower Development
  - Local Hong Kong higher education institutions;
  - Professional institutions (including the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers and the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors);
  - Trade associations; or
  - Labour unions.

### Funding Mode

- Depending on the type of the relevant Approved Project, Successful Applicants will be reimbursed by the CITF either on a co-funding basis (i.e. the CITF will bear a maximum of 70% of the total costs of the Approved Project or the applicable funding cap, whichever is lower) or by way of cash rebate.
- Technology Adoption
  - Building Information Modelling (BIM);
  - Advanced Construction Technologies (ACT);
  - Modular Integrated Construction (MiC);
  - Prefabricated Steel Rebar (STB) ; or
  - Industrialised Process – Robotic Welding
- Manpower Development
  - Non-local Enrichment Courses for Students;
  - Non-local Training / Visits for Practitioners;
  - International Conferences in Hong Kong; or
  - Local Collaborative Courses.

Funding Organisation: Construction Industry Council  
Inquiry: +852 2100 9000

## E&M InnoPortal

### Introduction

Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) launched its online E&M InnoPortal to consolidate the technological development needs of various government departments, public bodies and the E&M trade, providing a matching facility for the I&T sector, including start-ups and universities, to propose related Innovation and Technology (I&T) solutions. EMSD will provide the testing ground for successfully matched projects to promote and drive the research & development and application of innovative technologies.

**Organiser:** Electrical and Mechanical Services Department  
**Inquiry:** +852 3757 6193



## Cleaner Production Partnership Programme (CP3)

### Scope of Industries

- Chemical products, Food and beverage, Furniture, Metal and metal products, Non-metallic mineral products, Printing and publishing, Paper and paper products; and Textiles

### Eligibility & Requirements

- On-site Improvement Assessments and Demonstration Projects:
- Any business registered in Hong Kong under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310) ("Hong Kong Business") and also meets any one of the following connection requirements below:
  1. The Hong Kong Business has a connection in any of the following manner with a factory in the Guangdong province which is owned and operated by any of the followings:
    - a Sino-foreign equity joint venture or a co-operative joint venture established in the Mainland to which the Hong Kong Business is a party; or
    - a wholly-owned foreign enterprise established in the Mainland with capital from the Hong Kong Business; or
    - a Mainland enterprise which is a party to a subsisting agreement with the Hong Kong Business in relation to any of the three forms of processing and assembly operations or compensatory trade (三來一補); or
    - a Mainland enterprise to which a Hong Kong resident (natural person) is an owner with more than 50% shareholding or equity interest, who also possesses at least 30% shareholding or equity interest of the Hong Kong Business.
  2. The Hong Kong Business owns and operates a factory in Hong Kong.
  3. The Hong Kong Business which owns and operates a workshop in Hong Kong and which involves polluting processes such as paint-spraying and curing, solvent cleaning of metal parts and components, and vehicle engine testing, etc. may apply for Demonstration Projects.

### Organisation Support Initiative:

- Any non-profit distributing organisations operating as a trade and industrial organisation which shall either be a statutory organisation or an organization registered under the Laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is eligible to apply for funding support under the Organisation Support Initiative.

### Funding Mode

- On-site Improvement Assessment Projects:
  - 50% of the cost (subject to a ceiling of HK\$45,000).
- Demonstration Projects:
  - Promote wider adoption of effective cleaner production technologies by participating factories: 50% of the cost (subject to a ceiling of HK\$450,000).
  - Support research and innovation in cleaner production technologies by participating factories: 50% of the cost (subject to a ceiling of HK\$650,000).
- Organisation Support Initiative:
  - 90% of the cost.

**Funding Organisation: Environmental Protection Department**  
**Inquiry: +852 2788 5588**





**New Energy  
Transport Fund  
(previously  
named  
Pilot Green  
Transport Fund)**

**Scope of Industries**

- Existing transport operator

**Eligibility & Requirements**

- based in Hong Kong (including cross-boundary transport);
- operates commercial transport tools including goods vehicles (including special purpose vehicles), taxis, light buses, buses, vessels, motorcycles, non-road vehicles (applicable to vehicle models approved by the Transport Department or the Airport Authority Hong Kong), or the aforesaid transport tools of charitable/non-profit making organizations providing services to their clients;
- Applications for Trial (AT): has been in the relevant transport service for more than one year with supporting documents to show at least one-year ownership/use of the conventional counterpart of the green innovative technology product proposed for trial;  
Applications for Use (AU): has been in the relevant transport service for more than two years with supporting documents to show at least two-year ownership/use of the conventional counterpart of the green innovative technology product proposed for trial;
- will likely remain in the service after the trial to bear fruit;
- has the potential to put the new technology under test into wider use in its own operation upon successful trial;
- has already installed or will apply to install its own charging station in the same application to support daily charging of the subsidised product if it is an electric or plug-in hybrid ones, unless it is exempted by the Government;
- is willing to share with other operators the findings of the test and the experience in use of subsidised product;
- is not receiving or has not received funding from other Government sources, public bodies or charitable organizations for the same purpose of the application, except the tax incentive schemes to encourage the use of electric vehicles and environment-friendly commercial vehicles;
- Applications for Use (AU): adopt the "one-for-one replacement" principle for the procurement of new subsidised vehicles. An applicant is required to scrap and deregister his old conventional vehicle of the same type before getting reimbursement of the approved subsidy. The old conventional vehicle involved in this "one-for-one replacement" arrangement is not eligible for the ex-gratia payment scheme for phasing out Euro IV diesel conventional vehicles

**Funding Mode**

**Applications for Trial (AT)**

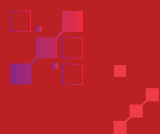
- subsidizes the capital cost of the hardware (including installation cost if applicable) of the green innovative technology product proposed for trial but not the associated recurrent expenditure.
- The total AT subsidy for each applicant and its related companies is capped at \$12 million.

**Applications for Use (AU)**

- subsidizes the capital cost of the hardware (including installation cost if applicable) of the green innovative technology product proposed for use but not the associated recurrent expenditure.
- The total AU subsidy for each applicant and its related companies is capped at HK\$12 million.

**Funding Organisation: Environmental Protection Department**

**Inquiry: +852 2824 0022**







### Recycling Fund (Industry Support Programme, ISP)

#### Scope of Industries

- Recycling industry

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- Non-profit-distributing organisations operating as support organisations, trade and industrial organisations, professional bodies or research institutes, which shall either be statutory organisations or organisations registered under the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

#### Funding Mode

- May cover up to 100% of approved expenditure items depending on the merits of the case.
- The amount of funding will be capped at HK\$15 million per project which may cover the costs of manpower and consumables, etc. necessary for the development and conduct of relevant training programmes and certification schemes.

**Funding Organisation: Environmental Protection Department**  
**Inquiry: +852 2788 5658**

### Recycling Fund: Industry Support Programme (ISP) – Solicitation Theme

#### Solicitation Theme: Supporting Residential Buildings in Adopting Smart Bins Technology in Food Waste Collection and Recycling

#### Eligibility & Requirements

Relevant residents' organisations or property management companies acting on their behalf can apply. Eligibility of the applicant follows the requirements of ISP in general and includes:

- Incorporated Owners (IO) or Owners' Corporation registered under the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344) can act as applicant and should demonstrate it is non-profit distributing in nature.
- Owners' Committee (OC), Owners' organisations (OO) or residents' organisations (RO) of residential buildings. OC, OO or RO should authorize the property management company to act as the applicant on their behalf. The OC, OO and RO should also demonstrate it is non-profit distributing in nature.
- Property management companies (PMC) acting on behalf of the residents' organisations of residential buildings are also eligible if written agreement from the residents' organisation is obtained before making the application.

#### Funding Mode

- The maximum funding for each project under this solicitation theme is HK\$2.5 million
- The minimum duration of a project is 24 months (including 6 months of preparation works), and the maximum is 48 months. Prior to project commencement, the applicant has to provide evidence of support by at least 200 participating households.
- Funding support includes rental of smart bins and related system, recruitment of additional workers, promotion and education as well as audit fee.

**Funding Organisation: Environmental Protection Department**  
**Inquiry: +852 2788 5658**





## Recycling Fund (Enterprise Support Programme, ESP)

### Scope of Industries

- Recycling industry

### Eligibility & Requirements

- Regular Projects

1. Any enterprise (including but not limited to sole proprietor, partnership, private company and public company) duly established, incorporated and registered under the laws of Hong Kong or its place of incorporation with a valid business registration certificate issued under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap 310 of the Laws of Hong Kong) for carrying on a business in Hong Kong and have substantive business operations in Hong Kong.
2. The applicant should have been involved in recycling related operation with a proven track record for at least 1 year before submitting an application to the Recycling Fund, unless the applicant can provide exceptionally strong justification (e.g. companies with shorter period of establishment but have very experienced management / supervisory staff in recycling related operation)
3. Bodies and organisations with close connection to the recycling industry including property management companies (PMC) and Owners' Corporations (OC) registered under the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344).

- "Standard Project - \$1M"

1. Eligible to apply for ESP; and
2. Local manufacturers who can partner with local recyclers for supplying local recyclables to make plastic or paper products; or
3. Local manufacturers who have been using local recyclables as raw materials to make plastic or paper products; or
4. School lunch suppliers who can fulfil the specific criteria.

- Relocation Rental Support Project (RRSP)

1. Follow requirement 1 and 2 for Regular Projects under ESP; and The applicant should be already occupying the existing operation sites for at least 1 year.





## Recycling Fund (Enterprise Support Programme, ESP)

### Funding Mode

- **Regular Projects**
  - Funding would be provided on a matching basis, i.e. the Government will cover a maximum of 50% of the total approved project cost and the enterprise has to contribute no less than 50% of the total approved project cost in cash.
  - Funding support will be granted to each enterprise for a maximum of ten approved projects and the cumulative funding ceiling under the ESP per enterprise is HK\$15 million.
  - The duration of the Enterprise Support Programme (regular projects) shall be at least 1 year to demonstrate stable performance in achieving the project objectives. All approved project should be completed within 4 years.
- **“Standard Project - \$1M”**
  - All relevant expenditure incurred for “Standard Project - \$1M” as early as after the date of submission of application can be recognised and funded, provided that the application is finally approved by the Advisory Committee on Recycling Fund (RFAC) and the applicants have followed the prevailing requirements (e.g. with adequate number of quotations) in conducting the procurement process.
  - The funding ceiling for each Standard Project application is HK\$1,000,000 or 50% of the approved total project expenditure, whichever is lower.
  - The cumulative funding ceiling per enterprise under the ESP is HK\$15 million. During the tenure of the ESP, funding support will be granted to each enterprise for a maximum of ten approved projects. Funding for Standard Project will count towards the cumulative funding ceiling and the maximum number of approved projects under the ESP.
  - Each Standard Project should be completed within 12 months except for project arranging staff to attend training courses (SP-\$1M Type (a)).
- **Relocation Rental Support Project (RRSP)**
  - Funding would be granted on a matching basis, i.e. the Government will cover a maximum of 50% of the total approved project cost and the applicant has to contribute no less than 50% of the total approved project cost in cash.
  - RRSP should be a one-off rental relocation support for each successful applicant and no funding would be provided for further relocation of operation sites.
  - The cumulative funding ceiling and the number of approved projects per applicant should make reference to that of ESP.
  - Each application should be completed within 48 months.

Funding Organisation: Environmental Protection Department  
Inquiry: +852 2788 5658





### Recycling Fund: Enterprise Support Programme (ESP) – Solicitation Themes

#### Scope of Industries

- Recycling industry

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- Solicitation Theme: Compactor Truck
  - The eligibility will follow the existing rules set out under the ESP of the Recycling Fund.
  - Priority will be given to applicants who will use compactor trucks to collect waste plastics, paper that could be delivered from local landfills for recycling.
  - Priority will also be given to applicants who have not been granted with Fund for procuring compactor trucks before.
- Solicitation Theme: Food Waste
  - All food waste collected in the projects (ESP and ISP) should be designated to proper recycling facilities for treatment instead of landfills. Applicants should implement suitable measures to ensure the traceability of the collected food waste.
  - Applications under ISP should focus on the benefit to the whole food waste recycling trade.
  - For applications under ESP, this scheme targets food waste directly collected from food waste generators.
  - Besides food waste collection and delivery, the proposed project under ESP should also indicate how quality source separation could be achieved for effective food waste processing.
- Solicitation Theme: New and Start-up Enterprises
  - Follow the requirements set out under the ESP scheme.
  - Companies that are newly set up or have been established for not more than 5 years.





**Recycling Fund:  
Enterprise Support  
Programme (ESP) –  
Solicitation Themes**

**Funding Mode**

- **Solicitation Theme: Compactor Truck**
  - The funding limits will follow the existing rules set out under the ESP of the Recycling Fund.
  - Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the established principles that the Fund would cover as much as 50% of the capital cost of the vehicles and associated expenditures (e.g. additional manpower) of the project.
- **Solicitation Theme: Food Waste**
  - For projects under ISP, the scheme encourages alternative thoughts with mature technologies on food waste recycling including recycling, upcycling, product enhancement or development (e.g. trial implementation of new equipment or system which could enhance the efficiency of food waste collection and treatment). The schemes also encourages the demonstration of effective food waste source separation and collection practices (e.g. food waste separation at small and medium restaurants on street level and coordinated collection within a district, etc.).
  - For projects under ESP cover food waste collection, it shall cover at least 6 months (up to maximum of 24 months) for actual food waste collection operation within the project period.
  - For projects under ESP, this scheme supports application for necessary manpower costs as well as hardware such as vehicles, smart systems [e.g. Radio-frequency identification (RFID) and Global Positioning System (GPS)] and devices for recording the weight of food waste (e.g. mobile scales, electronic vehicle weighing system, etc.).
- **Solicitation Theme: New and Start-up Enterprises**
  - Grants for each project will cover as much as 50% of supported expenditure with a cap of HK\$500,000 under this solicitation theme.
  - The cumulative funding ceiling and the number of approved projects per applicant should make reference to that of ESP, only 1 “New and Start-up Enterprises” project could be implemented at a time.
  - The Fund could support equipment cost related to project in recycling operations (general business operations equipment (e.g. desktop/laptop computers, office software, etc.) is not allowed) and associated expenditures (e.g. manpower cost) of the project.
  - In addition to extra manpower cost that can be incurred for the projects, the manpower cost for founders/major shareholders and existing staff of the company working on the proposed project activities may also be included in the projects.
  - The Fund could provide rental support to project which involves physical handling of recyclables in its major operation.
- **Solicitation Theme: Construction & Demolition Waste**
  - To support and encourage the recycling industry to initiate new business model on the collection, sorting, recycling and delivery of construction and demolition (C&D) waste generated from smallscale renovation projects to recyclers and landfills.
  - To enhance the overall capability, capacity, efficiency and skills of the industry of recycling C&D waste generated from small-scale renovation projects.

**Funding Organisation: Environmental Protection Department**  
**Inquiry: +852 2788 5658**





### Green Tech Fund (GTF)

#### Scope of Industries

- Research organisation or Corporate

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- Designated local public research institutes
- The 5 R&D centres designated by the Innovation and Technology Fund
- Local registered company

#### Funding Mode

The R&D and application of decarbonisation and green technologies, so as to expedite low-carbon transformation and enhance environmental protection in Hong Kong.

#### For Designated Local Public Research Institute or R&D Centre

- The funding amount per project is HK\$2.5 million – HK\$30 million
- Project duration: should normally not exceed 5 years

#### For Local Companies

- The funding amount per project is HK\$2.5 million – HK\$20 million
- Applicants shall contribute at least one-third of the total project cost
- Project duration: should normally not exceed 3 years

**Funding Organisation:** Environmental Protection Department

**Inquiry:** +852 3427 9782 / 3427 9684

### Pilot Subsidy Scheme for Third-party Logistics Service Providers (TPLSP)

#### Scope of Industries

- Logistics sector

#### Eligibility & Requirements

All non-listed enterprises registered in Hong Kong under the Business Registration Ordinance (Cap. 310) with substantive business operations in Hong Kong, which also meet the following conditions, are eligible to apply: Providing third-party logistics services, i.e. value-added services in supply chain and distribution;

- Being related to either inbound or outbound cargo; and
- Maintaining eligibility throughout the period of project implementation.

#### Funding Mode

- The total cumulative subsidy ceiling per applicant enterprise under the Pilot Scheme is HK\$1 million
- Subsidy will cover a maximum of two-thirds of the total approved project cost
- Funding support will be granted to each applicant enterprise for a maximum of 4 approved projects,
- Each approved project to be completed within 24 months.

**Funding Organisation:** Transport and Housing Bureau

**Inquiry:** +852 2788 6077







## Smart Traffic Fund (STF)

Scope of Industries  
Local Research Institutions & enterprises

### Eligibility & Requirements

The Fund accepts applications from both the public and corporate sector:

(a) Public sector includes:

i. The following R&D Centres:

- Automotive Platforms and Application Systems R&D Centre;
- Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute;
- Hong Kong Research Institute of Textiles and Apparel;
- Logistics and Supply Chain MultiTech R&D Centre; and
- Nano and Advanced Materials Institute;

ii. Local Universities funded by University Grants Committee (UGC);

iii. Institutions in List 1 of the Designated Local Research Institutions designated by the Commissioner for Innovation and Technology in accordance with Section 19 of Schedule 45 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112)<sup>1</sup> except Local Universities funded by UGC and R&D Centres; and

iv. Non-profit or charitable professional bodies, trade associations and non-government organisations.

(b) Corporate sector includes:

i. Companies;

ii. Institutions, professional bodies, trade associations and nongovernment organisations not covered by 1(a) above.

### Funding Mode

The Fund aims to provide support for enterprises or organizations to conduct research and application on vehicle-related I&T with at least one of the following objectives:

- Enhancing convenience of motorists;
- Enhancing efficiency of the road network or road space; and
- Improving driving safety.

### Fund's Contribution:

Public sector : up to 90% of the Project Cost

Corporate sector : up to 50% of the Project Cost

### The funding ceiling per project:

Research and Application Project : HK\$ 20 million

Pure Research Project : HK\$ 8 million

Project duration: should normally not exceed 24 months

Funding Organisation: Transport Department

Inquiry: +852 2788 5536





**Chinese Medicine  
Development Fund  
(Enterprise Support  
Programme)**

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**Funding Organisation: The Chinese Medicine Development Fund  
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**Chinese Medicine  
Development Fund  
(Industry Support  
Programme)**

**[Available in Chinese Version Only]**

**Funding Organisation: The Chinese Medicine Development Fund  
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## Development Fund for the Travel Industry (Training Activities)

### Scope of Industries Local Travel Industry

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- All member travel agents of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TIC) which have obtained and hold a valid travel agent's licence under the Travel Agents Ordinance are eligible to apply for the subsidy under the Development Fund.
- The applicant travel agent must nominate its own staff members (including its employees and self-employed persons) for the subsidy under the Development Fund.
- All accredited tour escorts / accredited tourist guides are eligible to apply for the subsidy under the Development Fund.

#### Funding Mode

##### Successful Applicant Travel Agent

- a) Each travel agent will be subsidised with a maximum of 70% of the fee of a training activity for its nominated staff members if its application for subsidy for the training activity is successful provided that the fee of the training activity per person is not less than HK\$500.
- b) Each travel agent is subject to a subsidy ceiling of HK\$30,000 per year, with no limits on the number of staff members eligible for nomination, and the frequency of subsidy and the amount of subsidy for which each staff member is eligible.

##### Successful Applicant Accredited Tour Escorts / Accredited Tourist Guides

- a) Each accredited tour escort / accredited tourist guide will be subsidised with a maximum of 70% of the fee of a training activity if the application for subsidy for the training activity is successful provided that the fee of the training activity per person is not less than HK\$500.
- b) Each accredited tour escort / accredited tourist guide is subject to a subsidy ceiling of HK\$5,000 per year, with no limits on the frequency of subsidy.

Funding Organisation: Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong  
Inquiry: +852 2969 8157



### Development Fund for the Travel Industry (Promotional Activities)

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- a) the Hong Kong Tourism Board;
- b) the Asia Tourism Exchange Center (as representative of official tourism organisations in Mainland China);
- c) the offices or representatives of overseas official tourism organisations or official tourism organisations of other places which or who are based in Hong Kong
- d) the offices or representatives of overseas official tourism organisations or official tourism organisations of other places whose target of promotion is the Hong Kong market.

#### Funding Mode

##### For Official Tourist Organisations

- Each approved promotional activity, regardless of the number of applicant organisations, will be subsidised with a maximum of 50% of its approved cost or HK\$300,000, whichever is lower.
- Each eligible organisation is subject to a subsidy ceiling of HK\$600,000 per year based on the actual completion date of the approved promotional activity.

##### For Association Members of the TIC

- Each approved promotional activity, regardless of the number of applicant organisations, will be subsidised with a maximum of 50% of its approved cost or HK\$150,000, whichever is lower.
- Each eligible organisation is subject to a subsidy ceiling of HK\$300,000 per year based on the actual completion date of the approved promotional activity.

Funding Organisation: Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong  
Inquiry: +852 2969 8157

### Pilot Scheme for Characteristic Local Tourism Events

#### Scope of Industries Local Travel Industry

#### Eligibility & Requirements

- The applicant must be a Hong Kong-registered non-profit organization (i.e. a local, bona-fide, non-profit organisation, such as a sports or non-governmental organisation, arts association or chamber of commerce) that will host an arts, culture, dining or sports event or festival in Hong Kong on one or more days.
- The applicant must be the organiser of the Event.

#### Funding Mode

- The proposed event in the application must incorporate Hong Kong's local characteristics or unique attributes
- The event should attract total onsite attendance (including local and non-local attendees) based on the following funding levels
  - a.  $\leq$  HK\$2M: 5,000 or more, 10% of whom are nonlocal visitors
  - b.  $>$  HK\$2M  $\leq$  HK\$3M: 7,500 or more, 10% of whom are nonlocal visitors
  - c.  $>$  HK\$3M  $\leq$  HK\$4M: 10,000 or more, 10% of whom are nonlocal visitors
  - d.  $>$  HK\$4M  $\leq$  HK\$5M: 15,000 or more, 10% of whom are nonlocal visitors
- The event should incur a total event cost of no less than HK\$2 million
- Total financial contribution to each approved Event will be capped at HK\$5 million, or 70% of qualified event cost

Funding Organisation: Hong Kong Tourism Board  
Inquiry: +852 8120 0037



## **Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care**

### **Scope of Industries**

**Elderly and rehabilitation service**

### **Eligibility & Requirements**

The following types of organisations receiving subsidies from the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and providing subsidised services for the elderly or persons with disabilities (PWDs) are eligible for applying the I&T Fund:

#### **Elderly services**

- non-governmental organisations (NGOs) providing community care and support services for the elderly;
- NGOs providing residential care services for the elderly;
- self-financing nursing homes participating in the “Nursing Home Place Purchase Scheme”;
- recognised service providers (RSPs) under the “Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly”; RSPs under the “Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly”; or
- private organisations participating in the “Enhanced Bought Place Scheme” for providing residential care services for the elderly;

#### **Rehabilitation services**

- NGOs providing day rehabilitation and community support services for PWDs;
- NGOs providing residential care services for PWDs; or
- private organisations participating in the “Bought Place Scheme” for providing residential care services for PWDs.

### **Funding Mode**

- The fund comprises two programmes, namely “Procurement and Rental of Innovative Technology Products” and “Trial use of Newly Developed Technology Products”.
- Procurement and Rental of Innovative Technology Products: A ceiling is set for the total amount of grant(s) for an individual service unit for the purpose of procuring or renting innovative technology products according to the type of service units of the applicant organisations and their service capacity.
- Trial use of Newly Developed Technology Products: maximum funding amount is HK\$5 million.

**Funding Organisation: Social Welfare Department**

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**Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund / Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund - Farm Improvement Scheme**

- Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund - Equipment Improvement Project (Chinese version only)

**Scope of Industries**

Local agricultural / fisheries Community

**Eligibility & Requirements**

- Where applications are made by legal entities, the entity concerned should be a company incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance and has substantial connection to Hong Kong or a body corporate incorporated in Hong Kong under other Ordinances of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and having demonstrated a close connection with the agricultural / fisheries industry in Hong Kong. These include local registered agricultural / fisheries co-operatives, non-profit-making agricultural / fisheries organisations, nongovernmental organisations or social enterprises; and
- Academic and research institutions in Hong Kong.
- Individual farmers seeking grants under the Farm Improvement Scheme (FIS).

**Funding Mode**

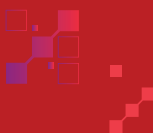
**General Applications**

- There is no preset level of maximum funding for projects.
- To support practical, application-oriented projects, schemes or research work that would help farmers enhance their productivity and output, as well as contribute to fostering the sustainable development and enhancing the overall competitiveness of the agricultural industry.
- A project involving commercial elements will be funded on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis, with the Government's total contribution capped at the applicant's total contribution as set at the time the Agreement is signed.

**Farm Improvement Scheme**

- The grant is issued on a reimbursement basis for up to 80% of the cost of each piece of equipment and materials acquired, i.e. the successful applicant is required to bear at least 20% of the cost.
- The total maximum grant that an applicant may receive is capped at HK\$30,000.

**Funding Organisation: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department**  
**Inquiry: +852 2150 6829 / 2150 7158**





### Loan Fund for Agricultural / Fisheries

#### Scope of Industries Local agricultural / fisheries Community

##### Eligibility & Requirements

- Local individual crop farmers
- pond fish operators and mariculturists
- Farmers' co-operative societies

##### Funding Mode

###### Vegetable Marketing Organization Loan Fund

- Grant loans to local crop farmers for agricultural production and development

###### Kadoorie Agriculture Aid Loan Fund

- Grant loans to individual farmers, pond fish operators and mariculturists for development and working capital

###### J.E. Joseph Trust Fund

- Grant loans to farmers' co-operative societies and individual farmers for use either as development or working capital

Funding Organisation: Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department  
Inquiry: +852 2150 2424

### Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence

#### Introduction

The Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (the HKAEE) is led by the Environmental Campaign Committee together with the Environmental Protection Department and nine major chambers of commerce and organisations in Hong Kong.

The HKAEE aims to encourage organisations to implement environmental management, to measure organisations' performance and their commitment to environmental management, and to recognise organisations with excellent performance on environmental management.

In 2022, the HKAEE encompasses the below schemes, namely:

1. Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (HKAEE): a sector-specific competition which recognises organisations with comprehensive and excellent performance on environmental management ;
2. Hong Kong Green Innovations Awards (HKGIA): encourages organisations to solve problems with innovative green ideas which have been turned into tangible gadgets, equipment or systems, resulting in benefits to the environment, organisation and the community; and
3. Outstanding Green Achiever Commendation Scheme (OGACS): recognizes outstanding employees for their strong commitment, dedicated efforts as well as exceptional performance and enthusiasm in driving environmental enhancement within their respective organisations or functional units and for the community.
4. Outstanding Promotional Partner Commendation Scheme (OPPCS): aims to recognise organisations that put in great efforts to help promote the HKAEE and have successfully invited their business partners to participate in the HKAEE, so as to encourage more corporates and organisations from different business sectors in going green together.

Organiser: Environmental Campaign Committee  
Inquiry: +852 2788 5903







# SME Service

## **"Four-in-one"** Integrated Services of SME Service Centres

### **Introduction**

To strengthen support for SMEs and to raise SMEs' awareness of the various funding schemes, the Government has consolidated the services of existing SME centres, including the "Support and Consultation Centre for SMEs" (SUCCESS) under the Trade and Industry Department (TID), the "SME Centre" under the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), "SME One" under the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) and "TecONE" under the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP), to provide "four-in-one" integrated services starting from 1 October 2019. Enterprises can obtain business information, funding schemes information and advisory services, etc. at any of the Centres. The SME Service Centres also organise various seminars and workshops from time to time, and provide specialised services to enterprises.

## **"SUCCESS" of the Trade and Industry Department**

SUCCESS, run by TID, provides information on government funding schemes and government licences or permits for running different types of businesses and starting a business in Hong Kong. It also collaborates with various industrial and trade organisations, professional bodies, private enterprises and other Government departments to provide SMEs with business information and consultation services free of charge, including organising seminars and workshops, and arranging meetings with experts for free advice in various advisory areas through the "Meet-the-Advisors" Business Advisory Service.

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**“SME Centre” of the  
Hong Kong Trade  
Development Council**

The HKTDC SME Centre serves as a one-stop shop for HKTDC to introduce comprehensive services in export marketing to SMEs. Through the developed T-box programme (Transformation Sandbox), the HKTDC SME Centre helps SMEs upgrade and transform in the areas of branding, e-commerce, manufacturing and supply chain solutions and new markets. The programme is offered free of charge and is open to all companies registered in Hong Kong.

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**“SME One” of the  
Hong Kong  
Productivity Council**

SME One under HKPC is the one-stop hub for information and advisory services, aiming to facilitate the development of SMEs in Hong Kong. Its services include organising seminars and training workshops regularly, providing information on more than 40 Government funding schemes, and providing tailored solutions to SMEs at their different stages of business development through leveraging the extensive network and technical expertise of HKPC.

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**“TecONE” of the  
Hong Kong Science  
and Technology Parks  
Corporation**

TecONE is HKSTP’s one-stop information and support centre, connecting you with all the resources in HKSTP you need for your business development. As TecOne has close relationship with its partnering enterprises, we become their closest business development companion. With our four service pillars—TecFunding, TecService, TecFinance and TecMart— TecONE is here to make your journey to success as easy, simple and fulfilling as possible, enabling you to focus on your strength, developing ground-breaking innovations that can change the world.

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**Partnering with HKPC  
for Reindustrialisation****Introduction**

The Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) is committed to helping Hong Kong companies to realise reindustrialisation in Hong Kong, by integrating the use of advanced manufacturing technology with its knowledge and experience, in promoting smart production and smart enterprise accumulated in recent years.

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### Automotive Platforms and Application Systems R&D Centre

#### Introduction

Automotive Platforms and Application Systems (APAS) R&D Centre was established in 2006 by the Innovation and Technology Commission of HKSAR Government and hosted by the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC). The Centre undertakes R&D programmes as well as commercialising R&D results in collaboration with industry, universities and technology institutes for the development of the APAS technology. Since its establishment, APAS R&D Centre has carried out over 100 R&D projects and focus on 3 R&D areas, Green Transportation, Smart Mobility and Intelligent Systems. To facilitate greater synergy and further enhance cost effectiveness, APAS is merged with and form part of the HKPC with effect from 1 Nov 2012.

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### HKPC Academy

#### Introduction

Since 1967, the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) has been offering diversified industry training activities designed to upgrade and update the knowledge and skills of practitioners in different business sectors. The Productivity Training Institute was established in 2004 to better coordinate, plan, develop and manage HKPC's professional training services. In 2018, HKPC upgraded its Productivity Training Institute to the HKPC Academy, which aims to nurture a pool of talents to keep pace with the changing international markets, and to support Hong Kong's development locally and in the region.

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## Inno Space

### Introduction

Inno Space is a startup platform established by the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) and commissioned by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

We are here to support startups and inventors by translating their innovative ideas into industrial designs, prototypes and products so they can turn concepts into reality.

Our 4 objectives:

**Complete** – To offer a complete service from “Idea to Industry” (i2i service), including the development of STEM talent

**Complement** – To maximise HKPC’s strengths in complement with secondary schools, universities, STEM educators, HKSTP and Cyberport

**Connect** – To connect and build a new eco-system for start-ups, entrepreneurs and the next generation STEM talents

**Community** – To facilitate the building of an innovation community in support of the re-industrialisation effort and deliver top-notch STEM education to schools in Hong Kong

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# Greater Bay Area

## Guangdong Science and Technology (S&T) Innovation Voucher

### Scope of Industries

- S&T SMEs
- Startups

### Eligibility & Requirements

- S&T SMEs
  - Attain S&T SME registration in 2018 or 2019.
- Startups
  - S&T startups entering into the incubation platforms (at provincial level or above) across the province; not exceeding 2 years of business registration.
  - Enterprises registered in Guangdong and have been awarded by the China Innovation & Entrepreneurship Competition of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

### Funding Mode

- Research & development service.
- Testing service.
- Large scientific instruments sharing service.

	Pearl River Delta Region	Eastern, Western, Northern Guangdong Regions
S&T SMEs	Not exceeding 30% of the actual amount of service costs; the annual cumulative ceiling is RMB 100,000.	Not exceeding 35% of the actual amount of service costs; the annual cumulative ceiling is RMB 150,000.
Startups	Not exceeding 30% of the actual amount of service costs; the annual cumulative ceiling is RMB 20,000.	Not exceeding 35% of the actual amount of service costs; the annual cumulative ceiling is RMB 30,000.

### Remarks:

1. Suggested that the max. cumulative funding of a single project by the province and municipality should not exceed 50% of the actual amount of service expenses.
2. Nationwide applicable; redemption in Guangdong.
3. Claimed by enterprise; redeemed by organisation.
4. File online application.
5. Redeem quarterly; grant incentives.
6. The latest policy, please pay attention to the notice of South China Technology Transfer Center

### Funding Organisation:

South China Technology Commercialisation Center  
Enquiry: +86 20 3907 5666



#### **Dongguan TURN**

##### **Scope of Industries**

- Export manufacturing industry

##### **Eligibility & Requirements**

- Hong Kong-owned and private enterprises located in Dongguan that meet the specific requirements of a particular project.

##### **Funding Mode**

- Basic assessment – Government sponsorship: RMB 40,000; Company expenses: RMB 10,000.
- Designated consultation – Government sponsorship: 50% of the service costs (max. RMB 600,000); Company expenses: service costs after deduction of subsidies.

**Funding Organisation:** Bureau of Commerce of Dongguan City  
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#### **Introduction of Industrial Policy of Pingshan District, Shenzhen**

[Available in Chinese Only]

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Pingshan Investment Promotion Service Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality,  
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#### **Guangdong Technology Commissioner**

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**Funding Organisation:**  
South China Technology Commercialisation Center  
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#### **Shenzhen Qianhai Free Trade Zone Investment Policy**

[Available in Chinese Only]

**Funding Organisation:** Shenzhen Qianhai Administration Bureau  
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#### **Introduction of Industrial Policy of Qianhai Free Trade Zone in Shenzhen**

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