Enterprise Development Grant

Today and into the future, companies that thrive are the ones that have strong business foundations and strategies, adopt technology and innovative processes, and grow their overseas presence.

The Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) helps Singapore companies grow and transform. This grant supports projects that help you upgrade your business, innovate or venture overseas:

- **Innovation and Productivity**

  Projects under Innovation and Productivity support companies that explore new areas of growth, or look for ways to enhance efficiency. These could include reviewing and redesigning workflow and processes. Companies could also tap into automation and technologies to make routine tasks more efficient.

You are encouraged to innovate and transform your business to create a new business model or innovative products and processes:

- **Automation**

  To support your company's usage of automation and technology which can result in tangible benefits and significant growth.

Scope of work can cover:

- Adoption / development of sophisticated hardware and/or software solutions
- Development of solutions that involve purchase of machinery and integration of systems
- Training of staff to deploy solutions

What is not supported:

- Set-up costs that are essential to starting a business
- Cost of equipment and gadgets, such as copiers, laptops, tablets and mobile phones
- Equipment and software costs that are supported under the Productivity Solutions Grant (PSG)

Note:

- To defray the cost of large scale deployment of automation solutions, eligible businesses can also apply for the <u>Automation Support Package</u> (See below)

Support level:

- SMEs: up to 50% for qualified software and equipment costs; up to 70% for all other qualified costs.
- Non-SMEs: up to 30% for qualified software and equipment costs; up to 50% for all other qualified costs.

Who can apply?

To qualify for the EDG, you need to:

- Be registered and operating in Singapore
- Have a minimum of 30% local shareholding
- Be in a financially viable position to start and complete the project

Applications will be assessed by Enterprise Singapore based on project scope, project outcomes and competency of service provider.

How to apply?

Pre-application

1. Identify the key project category you wish to apply for.
   (Innovation & Productivity > Automation)

2. You can also download the relevant project proposal templates and supporting document checklist to guide you in your preparation. Three project proposal templates are available to guide your preparation for submission for the relevant project categories.
   - <u>EDG Project Proposal Template-Innovation Productivity</u>

You may approach the <u>SME centres</u> to discuss your projects.

The EDG only supports projects that are new and not generating any revenue at the point of grant application. A project is considered to have begun if suppliers and service providers have already signed a contract, or if any work on the project scope has begun or if payment has been received for the project.

Prepare the project proposal.

Prepare the following documents:

o   Latest ACRA search or instant information (dated no earlier than 6 months from date of project application). If there are corporate shareholders, please provide the information for the corporate parents as well.
o   Past 3 years of audited financial statement (no earlier than 12 months from date of project application) of your company and consolidated financial statement of your ultimate parent company, if applicable. This is not required if you have provided the information for a prior project within the last 12 months, and there are no changes to the documents.
o   Relevant proof of quotation for the cost of your project items.

Applicants will have to provide projected figures in the following areas arising from the implementation of the project:

- Company revenue
- Staff remuneration
- Depreciation
- Net operating profit before tax for three years' post-project (inclusive of the year of project completion)

Where to apply?

Sign in to the Business Grants Portal with your CorpPass. If you do not have a CorpPass account, please refer to the CorpPass Guide for instructions on how to set one up.

A complete submission will usually take eight to ten weeks from the time you submit your project application. We may contact you via the Business Grant Portal for clarifications.

If you are awarded the grant, your company will receive a Letter of Offer (LOF) indicating the conditions of support and the amount of grant awarded. You need to acknowledge receipt and accept the LOF within the timeline indicated, otherwise the application would be considered invalid.

Automation Support Package (ASP)

Companies can tap on tax and loan incentives to defray the cost of large-scale deployment of automation solutions across existing operations under the Automation Support Package (ASP).

ASP consists of the following components:

1. Grant support (under EDG) for qualifying project costs such as equipment, training and consultancy
2. Tax Incentive: 100% Investment Allowance for automation equipment
3. Loan: Up to $15 million for automation equipment. Click here for more information on SME Equipment Loan.

To apply, please submit your application under EDG, Innovation and Productivity category. Enterprise Singapore will evaluate the application and advise if you are eligible for the tax and loan incentives under ASP.

All above information extracted from the website of Enterprise Singapore

For full details, please visit their official website :

https://www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/financial-assistance/grants/for-local-companies/enterprise-development-grant/overview