



FAQs

If you have questions about Our Singapore Fund or the individual grants, you'll find the answers right here.

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GENERAL

What is Our Singapore Fund?

Our Singapore Fund (OSF) supports meaningful projects by passionate Singaporeans that build national identity or meet social and community needs. This umbrella fund is made up of three supporting grants from the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY), Tote Board (Singapore Totalisator Board) and the Singapore Centre for Social Enterprise (raiSE).

The three funds are:

I. **MCCY's Our Singapore Fund***

MCCY's Our Singapore Fund aims to support groups of individuals or registered Not-for-Profit Organisations who are keen to initiate projects that bring our community together, and promote our Singapore Spirit and shared values. This fund is managed in collaboration with the National Arts Council, National Heritage Board and National Youth Council.

**Our Singapore Fund is the name of the umbrella brand that represents the collection of the three grants that contribute to the broad objectives of building national identity or addressing social and community needs. The same name is also used for the grant administered by MCCY.*

II. **Tote Board Social Service Fund – New Programmes**

Tote Board Social Service Fund (TBSSF) is a strategic grant programme that aims to help the vulnerable groups in our community. These include persons with disabilities, seniors as well as at-risk families, children and youth. TBSSF is administered by the National Council of Social Service (NCSS). TBSSF – New Programmes category supports pilot and innovative programmes as well as the scaling up of existing programmes by registered Organisations.

III. **VentureForGood (Youth) Grant**

Given by the Singapore Centre for Social Enterprise (raiSE) and administered through its partners, the VentureForGood (Youth) Grant is aimed at supporting youth social enterprise ventures that address new and emerging social needs.

GENERAL

**Before I
apply****Who may apply and which grant to apply for?**

While there are three grants under OSF, each grant has clearly defined objectives; eligibility and funding criteria; and application processes. Potential applicants can decide on the most appropriate grant based on the nature of their project and the intended outcomes.

Here's a quick [overview](#) of the three funds.

What types of projects are not supported by OSF?

OSF does not support projects that:

- Create misunderstanding in our multi-cultural and multi-religious society
- Are religious or political activities
- Advocate for lifestyles, or have content held as objectionable by the general public
- Undermine the authority of any government or public institution

How do I submit my application?

Application details for each grant are available on the respective websites. Do take some time to find out which grant would be the most appropriate for your project before you submit your application.

Here's a quick [overview](#) of the three funds.

Can you have a look at my proposal and let me know if it would qualify for funding and which grant I should apply for before I submit an application please?

To give potential applicants a better appreciation of the kind of projects that can be supported by the three grants, we have provided some examples on our [website](#). If you need further clarifications and assistance, do email us with your queries at OurSingaporeFund@mccy.gov.sg

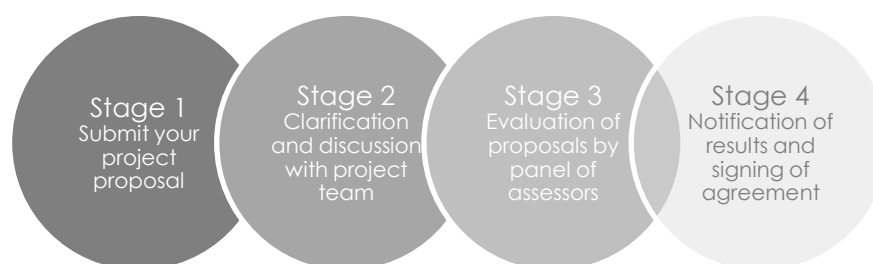
GENERAL

After I submit my application**How will I know if my application has been received?**

You will receive an acknowledgement email within 3 working days.

How will my application be assessed and when will I know the results?

These are the four key stages of the application process across the grants. Processing time for the applications may range from 3 months to 8 months depending on the respective grant's requirements and processes.

**After I know the decision on my application****Can I appeal if my application is rejected?**

Decisions made by the respective grant approval committees are deemed final. Applicants who wish to appeal may instead wish to re-apply after addressing the factors that led to the rejection.

MCCY'S OUR SINGAPORE FUND

Before I apply

Who can apply for MCCY's Our Singapore Fund?

MCCY's Our Singapore Fund is open to application by:

- Groups of at least two individuals (Singaporeans/ Permanent Residents) who are 18 years old and above, with the main applicant being a Singaporean who resides in Singapore; or
- A not-for-profit organisation that is a Public Company Limited by Guarantee registered with Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA); or Society registered with Registry of Societies (ROS); or Charitable Trust registered with the Commissioner of Charities (COC); or Trade Union registered with Registry of Trade Unions; or
- A Company that is registered with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA).

What types of projects are supported by MCCY's Our Singapore Fund?

MCCY's Our Singapore Fund supports a wide variety of local ground-up projects as long as they:

- Promote the Singapore spirit and shared values; and/or
- Foster social mixing; and
- Have the potential to scale and/or sustain over time.

Here are some [examples](#).

Do note that we do not support projects with fundraising as a primary objective.

Our Singapore Fund will not support projects that:

- Denigrate or debase an individual, or any group or class of individuals on the basis of race or religion, or is intended or likely to cause conflict or misunderstanding in Singapore's multicultural and multi-religious society;
- Advocate or lobby for lifestyles, or have content that risks being or is likely to be held as objectionable by the general public;
- Have political or religious agenda or proselytise any particular faith;
- Demean or disparage any government department or agency, public institution or national leader, undermine the authority or legitimacy of any government or any public institution, or subvert Singapore's security or stability; or
- Have already concluded.

What is the distinction between a one-off and sustainable project?

One-off projects refer to projects where there are plans only for one run of the project, for e.g. an event that will take place on National Day, with or without the potential to be sustainable and scalable in the future.

Sustainable projects refer to projects that may be sustained and scaled over a longer duration with increasing impact, e.g. growing a community of active volunteers through activities that promote the Singapore spirit and shared values. Such projects should have clearly defined plans to sustain and scale up to involve and impact the wider community.

What expenses can be supported under MCCY's Our Singapore Fund?

Our SG Fund can support the following expenditures:

- Venue costs
- Marketing and publicity costs
- Production, material, and logistics costs
- Licensing and legal fees
- Professional service fees
- Insurance costs (where applicable)
- Volunteer meal and transport costs

Activities supported can include, but are not limited to:

- Exhibitions, performances, publications
- Workshops, classes, seminars
- Community activities and events
- Technology initiatives for the community

Our SG Fund generally does not support expenditures beyond the abovementioned categories. In particular, Our SG Fund will not support:

- Company registration and start-up costs
- Capital expenditures and purchase of assets (including property, machinery, IT equipment, office furniture, office renovations, etc.)
- Internal costs*, operating costs, and other out of office expenditures that are incurred on an ongoing basis by the applicant (e.g. office rental, utilities, staff salaries)
- Cash prizes;
- Overseas travel costs and local accommodation costs
- Costs that have been incurred before the signing of the Form of Agreement

** Internal costs refer to expenditures incurred for services rendered by the applicants themselves (e.g. manpower costs), or through engaging vendors that they have direct interests in.*

MCCY'S OUR SINGAPORE FUND

**Before I
apply****Can I generate profit for my project?**

Our Singapore Fund allows projects to receive funding from other sources but the project should not be profit generating. The Form of Agreement requires that the funding recipient notify us of the amount and the terms and conditions of such other funding, with the supporting documents. We reserve the right to reduce the Approved Amount by the amount the Recipient receives

Can my project receive other sources of funding in addition to MCCY's Our Singapore Fund?

Yes, but the necessary information on the fund/grant applied for or received from the other agencies/organisations should be provided in your application form. The information would be taken into consideration when assessing the application.

Our Singapore Fund does not prohibit supported projects from seeking other sources of funding. However, applicants must submit a declaration on the other fund and/or grant(s) applied for or received in the application form. For transparency and property accountability, projects involving online fundraising elements must adhere to the Code of Practice for Charitable Online Fund-Raising Appeals. Platforms that subscribe to the Code of Practice are: Giving.sg; Give.Asia; Simply Giving; Ray of Hope Initiative Limited.

How much funding will I receive?

If your application is approved, you may receive funding of up to 80% of supported costs, subject to a maximum of \$20,000 a year. Projects that merit higher funding will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

What is the application process?

Applications can be submitted through the OSF website (www.sg/oursingaporefund) together with the project budget form and supporting documents (e.g. applicant bios, proposals, etc).

We will notify you of your application outcome within 2 months from your date of application.

MCCY'S OUR SINGAPORE FUND

**After I
submit my
application****How will the funds be disbursed?**

40% of approved funding will be disbursed upon the signing of the Form of Agreement.

The remaining 60% of approved funding will be disbursed after the project is completed AND after necessary verifications are completed.

The Form of Agreement is valid for 18 months from the date the Form of Agreement is signed.

To ensure you are able to claim within this time limit, please take note of these important deadlines:

- Projects are to be completed within 12 months from the date the Form of Agreement is signed.
- All claims should be made within 15 months so that there is sufficient time for necessary verifications to be conducted before the Form of Agreement expires. We advise that you try your best to submit the claims immediately after the project is completed, to minimise delays.

After approval, can I make changes to timeline and deliverables?

Any changes to timeline and deliverables are subject to approval by the funding authority and valid justifications must be provided.

Can I apply for MCCY's Our Singapore Fund more than once?

Applicants may only submit one project proposal at a time, as resources and the ability to undertake multiple projects are important considerations to ensure the successful completion of the project. Applicants who wish to apply for a new project to be supported by MCCY's Our Singapore Fund should complete the approved project successfully before submitting the application for a new project.

TOTE BOARD SOCIAL SERVICE FUND (TBSSF) – NEW PROGRAMMES

Before I apply

Who may apply for the Tote Board Social Service Fund (TBSSF) – New Programmes?

Organisations registered with the Commissioner of Charities (COC), Registry of Societies (ROS) or Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA).

What types of projects are supported by the TBSSF – New Programmes?

The TBSSF – New Programmes category supports new programmes including pilot projects, innovative programmes and scaling up of evidence-based programmes. These new programmes are aimed at meeting underserved social needs, help vulnerable groups contribute to society, enable social integration and strengthen families. Here are some [examples](#).

Examples of beneficiaries include persons with disabilities, families, seniors, children and youth.

What expenses are covered under the TBSSF – New Programmes?

Expenditure on Manpower (EOM) includes provisions for salaries, bonuses and employers' Central Provident Fund contributions.

Other Operating Expenditure (OOE) includes provisions for rental of building and equipment, utilities, supplies and materials, maintenance, audit fees, etc.

Fund-raising costs are not supported by TBSSF.

Can I generate profit for my project?

Projects supported by the TBSSF have to be non-profit in nature.

Can my project receive other forms of government grants in addition to the TBSSF – New Programmes?

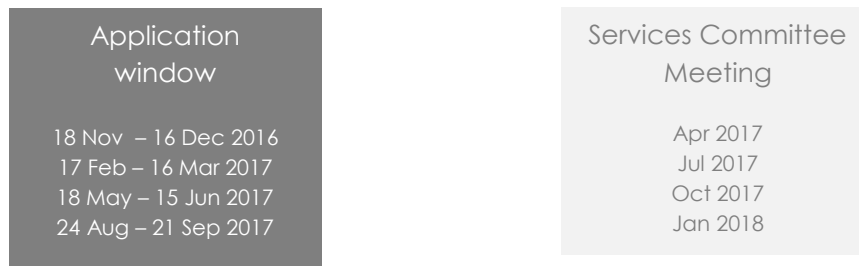
Projects funded by the TBSSF should not have received other government funding (e.g. MSF/MOH/VCF IPG).

TOTE BOARD SOCIAL SERVICE FUND (TBSSF) – NEW PROGRAMMES

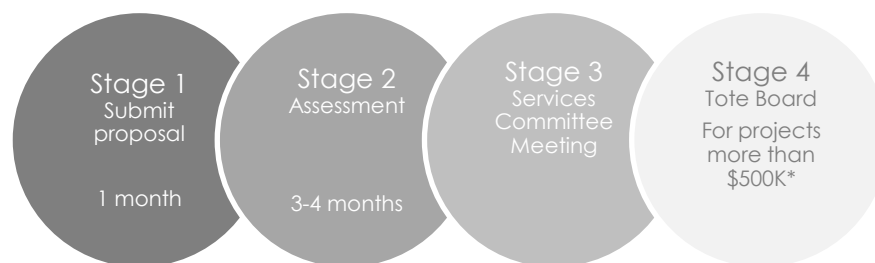
After I submit my application

When is the application period and notification of results?

TBSSF has 4 grant calls per year. The window periods are:



————— The entire application period can take up to 6-8 months —————>



**For new programmes with a funding request of more than \$500k, the approval dates will be extended up to another 2 months with the final approving authority by Tote Board.*

How much funding will I receive?

Funding quantum for TBSSF projects vary based on programme categories applied for:

	New programmes with existing service model or revisions	New programmes with new service model
Definitions of programme categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing service model Tweaks/ Revision in existing service model Expansion to new target groups with existing intervention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is no existing service meeting the needs No similar concept in addressing an existing issue No similar intervention/programme structure to meet the need
Funding quantum	70% of Approved Total Operating Expenditure	90% of Approved Total Operating Expenditure

TOTE BOARD SOCIAL SERVICE FUND (TBSSF) – NEW PROGRAMMES

After I submit my application

Can Funds be used to cover past expenditures?

Funds will only cover expenditures that have been incurred after fund agreement has been signed up to the funding amount and period approved.

After I know the decision on my application

What is the duration of the funding agreement?

The funding can be supported up to 3 years and renewal of funding is not automatic.

Can I apply for TBSSF more than once?

Yes you may, as long as it is a new project.

VENTUREFORGOOD (YOUTH) GRANT

Before I apply

Who may apply for the VentureForGood (Youth) Grant?

New or existing Youth Social Enterprises* whose key applicant is aged 18 – 35 years old and must be Singaporean or Permanent Resident.

**Youth Social Enterprise must be aligned with [raiSE's membership criteria](#). Applicants who are not existing members of [raiSE](#) may apply for [raiSE membership](#) concurrently.*

What types of projects are supported by the VentureForGood (Youth) Grant?

The Grant supports Youth Social Enterprise ventures that seek to address a new or emerging social gap or need in Singapore. Proposals must demonstrate the following:

- Compelling Social Objective
- Viable Business Proposition
- Committed Team

What expenses are covered under the Grant?

The Grant can be used for the following:

- Manpower and operating expenses
- Purchase of equipment, software, materials and consumables
- Acquisition of intellectual property (IP) rights
- Professional services
- Marketing and promotional activities

Each successful application may receive up to 80% of qualifying expenditure, capped at \$20,000 per social enterprise venture.

Can I generate profit for my project?

Over the contractual period, grant recipients are encouraged to generate profits; however, they may not withdraw these profits. All profits should be re-channelled to the business to sustain operations, or for expansion purposes.

Can my project receive other forms of government grants in addition to the VentureForGood (Youth) Grant?

Yes, you may. However, you are required to disclose the necessary information of the grant in your application. The grants should also not be used for the same purposes.

VENTUREFORGOOD (YOUTH) GRANT (VFGYG)

Before I apply

How do I apply for the VentureForGood (Youth) Grant?

In order to support aspiring youth social entrepreneurs as much as possible, applications for the VentureForGood (Youth) grant must be made through [raiSE's VentureForGood \(Youth\) administration partners](#).

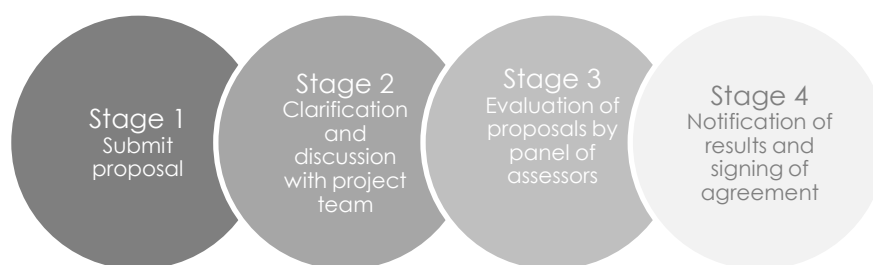
Administration partners will work closely with the applicants to first assess the eligibility of the proposal and then strengthen and ready them for final approval.

After I submit my application

When is the application period and notification of results?

You may apply for VentureForGood (Youth) Grant all year round.

————— The entire application period can take up to 2 months —————>



Apply for VentureForGood (Youth) Grant via administration partner

Administration partners will work closely with the applicants to first assess the eligibility of the proposal and then strengthen and ready them for final approval.

Final approvals must come from [raiSE's grant evaluation panel](#), which meets on a monthly basis

Upon approval, a contract will be signed between [raiSE](#) and the approved applicant.

How much funding will I receive?

The Grant provides up to 80% of the total projected capital expenditure and first year operating expenditure, capped at \$20,000.

Reimbursement will be in tranches, released upon meeting of pre-determined key milestones. Supporting documentation must be submitted as evidence of having met milestones, and evidence of expenditure of released funds must be submitted before the next tranche is disbursed.

VENTUREFORGOOD (YOUTH) GRANT (VFGYG)

**After I
submit my
application**

Can funds be used to cover past expenditures?

Funds will only cover expenditures that have been incurred after fund agreement has been signed. Past expenditures will not be covered.

**After I
know the
decision
on my
application**

What is the duration of the funding agreement?

Depending on the funding quantum, the contractual period can range from 1 to 3 years.

Can I apply for the Grant more than once?

Yes you may, as long as it is a new venture. However, you should complete the grant milestones for the approved ventures successfully before submitting a new application.

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