A resource guide on Workplace Safety and Health Technology GRANTS AND INNOVATION CHALLENGES



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About this resource guide

In 2019, Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) 2028 was launched to guide medium term WSH strategies. The WSH 2028 vision acknowledges that both workplace safety and workforce health are of equal importance, and reaffirms Singapore's aspiration to be a global leader in WSH practices.

Along with Strengthening WSH Ownership and Enhancing Focus on Workplace Health, one of the key strategies in the WSH 2028 is to Promote Technology-Enabled WSH. There is immense potential for technology to transform the practice of WSH. They can come in various forms, from sensors, wearables, Artificial intelligence (AI), Augmented Reality (AR) / Virtual Reality (VR) to robotics, and centralized dashboard and data analytics to support operations and decision making to improve WSH.

Adoption of new technology can be challenging and tedious for some companies. This is especially so for SMEs with limited awareness and resources. This resource guide aims to provide guidance on some of the government funding support and programmes that the industry can tap on for test-bedding and adoption of WSH Tech solutions.

Please note that the information contained in this resource guide is compiled by WSH Institute, with input from WSH Council. While we strive to ensure information is accurate, please refer to the respective links provided to access further information and latest updates.

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Overview	The Productivity Solutions Grant (PSG) supports the adoption of pre-scoped IT solutions, equipment and consultancy services that improves productivity, aligned to the industry roadmaps such as the Industry Transformation Maps (ITMs) and Industry Digital Plans (IDPs).
Eligibility	 You are: A local Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) looking to continue your digitalisation and productivity upgrading efforts. You need to: Be registered and operating in Singapore. Have a least 30% local shareholding¹ (for selected solutions only). Purchase/lease/subscribe the IT solution(s) or equipment(s) to be used in Singapore. 1. Have at least 30% local equity held directly or indirectly by Singaporean(s) and/or Singapore PR(s), determined by the ultimate individual ownership.
Support level	 Support level: Up to 50% of funding support for eligible costs. What is covered: Sector-specific solutions² including retail, food, logistics, precision engineering, construction, marine & offshore and landscaping industries. Solutions that cut across industries such as customer management, data analytics, financial management and inventory tracking. These solutions have been pre-scoped by various government agencies such as Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG), Building and Construction Authority (BCA) and Singapore Tourism Board (STB). The list of readily adoptable solutions can be found on GoBusiness Singapore here.
WSH Tech solutions pre-approved on PSG	For Building & Construction E-Permit-to-Work (ePTW) Integrated and Smart Worksite Monitoring and Inspection Digital Wearables for Workers' Health and Safety For All Sectors Fleet Safety Management Systems (FSMS) More will be added progressively
Useful links	For more details about the grant: Productivity Solutions Grant

Overview	To strengthen Singapore's competitiveness enabled by a robust and advanced connectivity backbone, IMDA's 5G Innovation Programme will be supporting and encouraging enterprises and industries to adopt and implement new 5G applications in live operating environment. The programme will also be supporting solution providers and technology developers commercialising 5G solutions, by making the benefits of 5G more accessible to companies.
Eligibility	 You are: A Singapore-registered enterprise that is interested to deploy or adopt new 5G solutions to harness the potential of 5G technology may apply for the grant. Non-Singapore registered companies may partner with Singapore companies to form consortiums to participate in the grant. All proposals should: Indicate a significant value and impact to enterprises and industry. Include the operationalisation plan, commercialisation plan and business model of the 5G-enabled solutions. Definition of Commercial Deployment - For End-user enterprises, solution should be deployed in live environment, where scale of deployment would be as per defined by Applicant at application stage. For Solutions Providers, solutions should be deployed at first customer's operations.
Support level	 Support level: IMDA will support up to 70% of qualifying costs for approved projects. What is covered: Specific domain areas (i.e. Robotics & IoT, AI & Data, AR/VR) Commercialisation and deployment of 5G solutions. Priority will be given to the domain areas identified. Other domains will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
Relevance to WSH Tech	Companies seeking to develop tech solutions involving Robotics & IoT, AI & Data, AR/VR, with the use of 5G.
Useful links	For more details about the grant: <u>5G Grant</u> For more queries, please write to <u>5GSG@imda.gov.sg</u>

Grants – Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) – Product Development

Overview	The Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) helps Singapore companies to upgrade, innovate, grow and transform. Companies would need to submit individual project proposals with details on their business plans and project outcomes for evaluation. This EDG component helps companies commercialise innovative technology and products.
Eligibility	 You are: Looking to improve your company's core product innovation. You need to: Be registered and operating in Singapore. Have a minimum of 30% local shareholding¹. Be in a financially viable position to start and complete the project. Engage management consultant(s) that the Singapore Accreditation Council -accredited TR 43 or SS 680 certification, if you are applying for support for consultancy-related costs. 1. Have at least 30% local equity held directly or indirectly by Singaporean(s) and/or Singapore PR(s), determined by the ultimate individual ownership.
Support level	Support level: Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs): Up to 50% support for EDG (sustainability-related projects may be supported at up to 70% from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026). Note: There are no pre-approved vendors for the EDG. Qualifying costs: Development of product roadmap and proposed functionalities for the product. Demonstration of market validation. Development of commercialisation plan. Development of prototype and small batch production, where relevant. What is not covered: Development of first product. Projects with low levels of technology innovation in relation to industry norms.
Relevance to WSH Tech	Companies seeking to develop WSH tech solutions.
Useful links	For more details about the grant: <u>EDG - Product Development</u>

Grants – Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) – Process Redesign



Overview	The Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) helps Singapore companies to upgrade, innovate, grow and transform. Companies would need to submit individual project proposals with details on their business plans and project outcomes for evaluation. This EDG component helps companies review existing processes and identify areas for efficiency, before the introduction of automation or technology.
Eligibility	 You are: Looking to improve your company's operational efficiency. You need to: Be registered and operating in Singapore. Have a minimum of 30% local shareholding¹. Be in a financially viable position to start and complete the project. Engage management consultant(s) with the <u>Singapore Accreditation Council</u> -accredited TR 43 or SS 680 certification, if you are applying for support for consultancy-related costs. Have at least 30% local equity held directly or indirectly by Singaporean(s) and/or Singapore PR(s), determined by the ultimate individual ownership.
Support level	 Support level: Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs): Up to 50% of support for EDG (sustainability-related projects may be supported at up to 70% from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026). Note: There are no pre-approved vendors for the EDG. Qualifying costs: Review and streamlining of workflow and processes to reduce or remove redundant processes. Explore the use of technology to automate processes. Review and/or development of performance measures. Development of tracking and measurement system. Development of detailed roadmap of actions for further improvement.
Relevance to WSH Tech	Companies seeking to optimize processes and explore the use of tech to reduce or replace risky work activities.
Useful links	For more details about the grant: <u>EDG - Process Redesign</u> To see a list of available centres: <u>Productivity Centres</u>

Overview	The Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) helps Singapore companies to upgrade, innovate, grow and transform. Companies would need to submit individual project proposals with details on their business plans and project outcomes for evaluation. This EDG component provide support to company's usage of automation and technology which can result in tangible benefits and significant growth.
Eligibility	You are: Looking to adopt/develop sophisticated hardware/software solutions to improve your company's productivity.
	 You need to: Be registered and operating in Singapore. Have a minimum of 30% local shareholding¹. Be in a financially viable position to start and complete the project.
	1. Have at least 30% local equity held directly or indirectly by Singaporean(s) and/or Singapore PR(s), determined by the ultimate individual ownership.
Support level	 Support level: Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs): Up to 50% support for EDG (sustainability-related projects may be supported at up to 70% from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026). Note: There are no pre-approved vendors for the EDG.
	 Qualifying costs: 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 covered: 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).
Relevance to WSH Tech	Companies seeking to adopt tech solutions involving robotics and IT to improve WSH and productivity.
Useful links	For more details about the grant: <u>EDG – Automation</u>

Overview

The Advanced Digital Solutions (ADS) was announced during the Resilience Budget 2020 to help enterprises deepen their digital capabilities, strengthen business continuity measures and build longer term resilience. ADS is an initiative under the SMEs Go Digital programme in collaboration with the ITM Lead Agencies. It supports the adoption of advanced technologies (e.g., AI, Robotics, Blockchain and Internet of Things) and integrated solutions (e.g., B2B solutions that integrate inventory management, e-invoicing, and e-payments) that address common enterprise-level challenges at scale.

Eligibility

You need to:

- · Be registered and operating in Singapore.
- Have a minimum of 30% local shareholding¹.
- Group sales turnover less than S\$100 million per annum, or group employment less than 200 employees.

Enterprises can contact the project leads of the ADS projects they are interested in. More will be added progressively.

1. Have at least 30% local equity held directly or indirectly by Singaporean(s) and/or Singapore PR(s), determined by the ultimate individual ownership.

Support level:

• Enterprises can receive up to 70% funding support for the qualifying costs of digital solutions.

Support level

Qualifying costs:

• Funding support can cover the costs for hardware, software, infrastructure, connectivity, cybersecurity, integration, development, enhancement and project management. The programme will also cover the cost of deploying these solutions (e.g. acquisition, subscription, lease, transaction, training and professional services like programmers and project managers).

WSH Tech solutions listed on ADS

Construction sector

- COVID-Safe Restart Digital Package by Novade Solutions Pte Ltd
- Drone Inspection System by Avetics Global Pte Ltd

Facilities Management sector

 AXIOBOTS – Robotic cleaning, painting visual inspection and water tightness test solution by Elid Technologies International Pte Ltd

For all sectors

 WorkSafe by Vulcan Al Pte Ltd - Vision Al and wearable sensors to detect slips, trips and falls incidents and near misses in real time

Security sector

- Co-lab: Indoor security & inspection robot with telepresence capabilities by Kabam Pte. Ltd
- iSmart Command Centre by Kyly CST Pte Ltd
- RoboGuard: Contactless and Integrated Security for Buildings by Oneberry Technologies Pte Ltd
- Integrated Security Solution Augmented with Autonomous Robots by OTSAW Digital Pte Ltd
- Security Collaboration Platform Smart Command Centre solutions by Spectra Innovations Pte Ltd
- Security Robot Solutions by ST Engineering Land Systems Ltd

More will be added progressively

Useful links

For more details about the grant: <u>Advanced Digital Solutions</u>
If you need other support, please visit <u>www.imda.gov.sg/SMEsGoDigital</u> for information on SMEs Go Digital.

Overview	The Lorry Crane Stability Control System Grant (SCSG) of \$4 million supports local business entities in their adoption of SCS to improve the safety of lifting operations.
Eligibility	 You need to: Be a business entity registered and operating in Singapore. Purchase and install SCS on new or existing lorry cranes that fulfil all of the following conditions: Lorry cranes under Lifting Equipment classification codes 631, 632, 633, 638 or 639 Lorry cranes aged 17 years or less from year of manufacture to calendar year of application Acceptable SCS from the crane manufacturer or authorised agents based on the brand of lorry crane Purchase SCS only after grant approval. Use the SCS in Singapore.
Support level	 Funding Support: Lorry crane owners can claim up to 70% of the qualifying costs on a reimbursement basis. The grant is capped at \$7,000 per lorry crane and \$20,000 per business entity. Qualifying costs: The purchase and installation of SCS hardware and software. What is not covered: Administrative fees/charges relating to the purchase and installation of the SCS, including charges for repair/replacement of the defective SCS, design fees, freight charges, Goods and Services Tax (GST), shipping charges, port charges, bank charges, charges for assembly and dismantling, service charges and maintenance fees.
Grant period	The grant will be available until 31 March 2025 for owners of lorry cranes, subject to fund utilisation and availability.
Relevance to WSH Tech	Companies seeking to improve the safety of lorry crane lifting operations with the installation of SCS.
Useful links	For more details about the grant: SCSG

Grants – Business Improvement Fund (BIF)

Overview	The Business Improvement Fund (BIF) aims to encourage technology innovation and adoption, redesign of business model and processes in the tourism sector to improve productivity and competitiveness.
Eligibility	The BIF is open to all Singapore-registered businesses/companies embarking on projects with a clear tourism focus. You are: A Small Medium Enterprise (SME) or non-SME. A tourism company taking on capability development initiatives. A technology company that create innovative technology products and services for tourism businesses.
Support level	 Support level: Funding support varies for Small Medium Enterprise (SME) and non-SME. Successful applicants will receive funding support for qualifying costs, subject to STB's evaluation of the scope and merits of the project. Check if your project met the eligibility conditions with the Grant Eligibility checker Funding support for qualifying 3rd Party project-related cost Consultancy fees (which can include costs involved in sustainability certification) Hardware/equipment and software Materials and consumables Training costs (if training is an intrinsic component of the project) Travel costs associated with the project
Relevance to WSH Tech	 Companies seeking to optimise processes and explore the use of tech to improve WSH and productivity. Companies seeking to develop WSH tech solutions for the hospitality sector.
Useful links	For more details about the grant: <u>Business Improvement Fund</u> Interested applicants are advised to declare if they are SME or non-SME and provide an executive summary of the proposed project to <u>STB_Incentives@stb.gov.sg</u> . (Download executive summary template_here.) An STB officer will be in touch to assist you further. The STB officer incharge of your project will advise if your proposed project is eligible for BIF support and to proceed with the application.

Overview	 The objectives of the MINT Fund are to: Develop competitive edge for Singapore's port (i.e. a world-class port and port services that are smarter, safer, more efficient and sustainable). Build up technological capabilities within the maritime industry in key niche areas. Transform maritime sector into a highly productive and innovative cluster by leveraging leading-edge technologies.
Eligibility	You are: • A SME or non-SME (local and overseas). Refer to Mint Fund Criteria for more details.
	 Support level: MINT-Startup Grant (MINT-STARTUP) This scheme encourages the maritime industry to accelerate innovation and venture into adjacent/ new growth areas through working with tech start-ups. Start-ups that have completed the PIER71™ or other relevant maritime programmes from the Accelerator Partners of MPA in Singapore can apply for a grant of up to S\$50,000 to pilot their projects. Promising start-ups looking to scale up their offerings or projects can also apply for a project grant of up to S\$100,000.
Support level	 MINT-Research & Development (MINT-RD) This scheme promotes applied R&D and encourages development of maritime technology and IP/patent and capabilities development, and is relevant to maritime technology developers, marine and port equipment makers and maritime companies with in-house R&D outfit in Singapore. MINT-Product Development (MINT-PD) This scheme encourages product and solution development, value creation, and translation of technologies for maritime applications. It is relevant to technology developers, marine and port equipment makers, systems integrators and maritime companies with in-house technology product development (for industry) outfit in Singapore.
Relevance to WSH Tech	Companies seeking to develop WSH tech solutions for the maritime industry.
Useful links	For more details about the grant: MINT Fund For more queries, please write to: mint@mpa.gov.sg

Useful links

For more details about the grant: Startup SG Tech

The Startup SG Tech grant fast-tracks the development of proprietary technology solutions and catalyses the growth of startups based on proprietary technology and a Overview scalable business model. It is a grant that supports Proof-of-Concept (POC) and Proof-of-Value (POV) for commercialisation of innovative technologies. Companies may apply for POC or POV grants depending on the stage of development of the technology/concept. You are: A startup company registered within the past 10 years, with core R&D activities to be carried out in Singapore. Your solution must: Clearly demonstrate how science/technology is applied. • Be of a breakthrough level of innovation (i.e. distinctly different or new technology which either (i) has the potential to disrupt an existing market; or (ii) to replace, or create, a new market/purpose/niche.). **Eligibility** Lead to or build on proprietary know-how/IP. · Be commercially viable. Your project must either be a: Proof-Of-Concept (POC) Project (Involves the development of viable technological ideas/concepts) or • Proof-Of-Value (POV) Project (Builds on a technology or idea that has been proven to work (i.e. the technical feasibility is established)). Refer to Startup SG Tech Eligibility for more details. Support level: For POC, startups needs to inject a paid-up capital of 10% of the POC grant. The grant cap for POC is at \$250,000. • For POV, startups needs to inject a paid-up capital of 20% of the POV grant. The grant cap for POV is at \$500,000. Your project should fall under one of the following areas to qualify for support: · Advanced Manufacturing / Robotics · Biomedical Sciences and Healthcare Support level Clean Technology Information & Communications Technologies · New Industries (Augmented reality/ virtual reality technologies, Smart Packaging related technologies) · Precision Engineering Transport Engineering / Engineering Services Food Science and Technology Agritech Companies seeking to develop WSH tech solutions for the selected sectors mentioned above. Relevance to **WSH Tech**

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Overview	The OIP is a crowd-sourcing platform that connects and matches real business challenges or digitalisation opportunities of Problem Owners to Problem Solvers. IMDA will launch Innovation Calls on the OIP every few months. Each Innovation Call comprises a set of challenges from different Problem Owners from different sectors. Each challenge is accompanied with prize monies for the best solutions that are selected based on the criteria of Problem Owners. The aim of OIP is to bring tech solutions to more businesses quickly and enable digital transformation on a greater scale.
Eligibility	 You are: All Enterprises, Infocomm Media (ICM) start-ups and innovators are eligible to participate in OIP as Problem Owners, Problem Solvers, or Both. Problem Owners should have an unsolved business challenge, and be willing to put up prize money for quality and innovative ideas. Problem Solvers should have digital technology expertise and innovation capabilities, and an interest to co-innovate with potential customers or partners in Singapore.
Benefits	Problem Owners on the OIP benefit from gaining access to a large community of Solvers with multi-disciplinary expertise, and can crowdsource for innovative ideas to support their digitalisation needs. A structured and iterative open innovation process facilitated by IMDA reduces their search costs and expands overall innovation capacity. Problem Solvers who are part of the OIP benefit from having visibility of potential customers and curated problem statements. They have opportunity to apply to challenges, win prize monies, and co-innovate with Problem Owners to develop, validate and test their solutions. If successful, winning Solvers are also able to go on to commercialise and go to market jointly with Problem Owners, who may serve as reference customers for Singapore or the region.
Relevance to WSH Tech	In 2021, WSHI launched a problem statement to seek innovative technology solutions to detect and prevent Slips, Trips and Falls (STF) and Falls from height (FFH) in the construction sector, with Singapore Contractors Association Limited (SCAL) as supporting partner. Solution info: https://www.openinnovation.sg/login?redirect=/po-product-info/solver/27/WORKSAFE *Requires user account to view information.
Useful links	For more details about the programme: Open Innovation Platform

Innovation Challenge – Cool Ideas Enterprise

Overview	Cool Ideas Enterprise is an open innovation platform for innovators to co-develop solutions that improve the living environment and residents' quality of life. Solutions that focus on these 5 areas (Energy, Urban Greenery, Living Environment, Water and Waste, and Building Technology) can be piloted in HDB's Living Labs island wide. Participants can also benefit from funding support, mentorship, and access to facilities.
Eligibility	 Be a business entity that is registered / incorporated in Singapore; Be physically present in Singapore; Be financially able to see a project through completion
Benefits	 Support level: Funding support by Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG) All successful applicants will receive funding support of up to 70% of their development cost, including: manpower costs, hardware/software, materials and consumables, testing & certification, intellectual property registration. There is no cap on the funding quantum. Mentorship Be mentored by experts in technical and regulatory fields. Testbed opportunities Tap on facilities at HDB's Centre of Building Research, including: access to various test-bedding sites, co-workspace, meeting rooms Industry showcase Pilot test solutions across HDB estates.
Relevance to WSH Tech	Companies seeking to develop WSH tech solutions for the construction and built environment industry.
Useful links	For more details about the programme: Cool Ideas Enterprise For more queries, please write to HDB_CoolideasENT@hdb.gov.sg.

Innovation Challenge – Built Environment Accelerate to Market Programme (BEAMP)



Overview	The Built Environment Accelerate to Market Programme (BEAMP) was set up to bring inventors and companies together to fast-track the inno process to solve real world industry challenges. This programme was launched by Building and Construction Authority (BCA), JTC Corporation and Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG) on 22 February 2019. Using a two-phase approach, each BEAMP cycle starts with the launch of industry challenge statements. Networking sessions are planned accordingly to allow innovators the opportunity to better understand the needs of industry stakeholders and for industry stakeholders to assess capabilities of potential innovators. Depending on the technical maturity of the solution proposed, shortlisted innovators will be channeled through the control of the solutions of potential innovators.	n (JTC)
Eligibility	Please refer to terms and conditions under <u>BEAMP</u> .	
Benefits	 BEAMP supports innovation under the seven tracks of: Advanced Construction Materials Advanced Design and Fabrication Automation and Robotics Building Inspection, Maintenance and Facility Management Digital Asset Delivery and Project Management Construction Site Safety Smart Estate Management Support level: For industry players, BEAMP assists in problem statement curation, launch on the BEAMP platform and tapping on a wide network for great exposure. Funding for solution developers supports up to 70% of qualifying costs, capped at S\$30,000 for the Accelerate Solution Development (ASD) and S\$250,000 for the Market Development (MD) phase. 	
Relevance to WSH Tech	In 2020, WSHI launched an innovation challenge to seek innovative technology solutions to detect Slips, Trips and Falls (STF) near misses an hazards. The project was led by WSHI and awarded to Vulcan AI Pte Ltd (Vulcan AI) through BEAMP. The solution has been commercialized in 2021 and is currently undergoing further development with additional features in the Market Development phase. Solution info: https://www.mom.gov.sg/-/media/mom/documents/press-releases/2021/0322-annex-cstf-technology-solution.pdf	
Useful links	For more details about the programme: BEAMP For more queries, please write to beamp@padang.co	5

Innovation Challenge – PIER71™ Smart Port Challenge (SPC)

For more queries, please write to enquiries@pier71.sq

Overview	PIER71™ was established in 2018 jointly by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and NUS Enterprise, the entrepreneurial arm of the National University of Singapore. It aims to be a catalyst for acceleration of digital transformation within Singapore maritime industry. Smart Port Challenge (SPC) is an annual competition that calls for ideas and solutions from the global start-up community to address innovation opportunities from maritime corporates in Singapore. Shortlisted start-ups undergo a market validation and customer discovery programme called PIER71™ Accelerate and the top teams go through to a Grand Final for a chance to win cash prizes. All teams that complete PIER71™ Accelerate with secured letters of intent (LOI) with corporates are eligible to apply for a grant from MPA to further develop solution.
Eligibility	 You are: A business owner¹ who is able to make a call to steer their business directions. The business owned should be at the seeding stage before series A. An interested participant who do not own a business but are close to setting one up are welcome to participate. Participants do not have to be based in Singapore at the point of submission. However physical presence is required when they reach certain points of progress. 1. You need to: Be registered for less than 5 years for start-ups. Have group sales turnover less than S\$100 million per annum, or group employment less than 200 employees.
Benefits	 Support level: Participants of PIER71™ Accelerate can get connected to industry partners and mentors to validate their solutions. They can also get connected to investment partners from PIER71™ Venture Capital Network to seek for potential investments. Participants are eligible to apply for the MPA grant with quantum up to SGD50,000 per project. Separate terms and conditions will be applicable for the grant.
Relevance to WSH Tech	 In 2021, WSHI launched tech challenges with the Association of Singapore Marine Industries (ASMI) to seek solutions for : Worker health monitoring https://pier71.sg/about-pier71/our-community/eupnoos/ Detection and prevention of workplace falls https://pier71.sg/about-pier71/our-community/flexosense/ https://pier71.sg/about-pier71/our-community/temus/
Useful links	For more details about the programme: PIER71™ For more queries, please write to enquiries@pier71 sq.

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