

Social Enterprise Grant Programme

What is the programme about?

DBS Foundation Social Enterprise Grant programme to support social enterprises on one of their critical needs — capital. The grants enable social ventures enterprises in various stages of growth to develop prototypes around their innovative ideas, improve existing processes or add critical capabilities or scale their existing business that ultimately help enhance their social impact.



Who is this for?

This grant is meant for social enterprises trying to make a difference with innovative and scalable ideas addressing critical and relevant social challenges in Asia.

What are the grant types, sizes and eligibility criteria?



Prototype Grant Up to SGD50,000

Business entity has been registered and in operations for less than 2 years.



Organisational Grant Up to SGD100,000

Business entity has been registered and in operations between 2 to 4 years; Revenue generating for past one year; and there is at least one full time founder.



Scale Up Grant Customised package of grant and other financing instruments

Business entity has been registered and in operations for more than 3 years; There is at least one full time founder; and business has broken even for past two years.



* The social enterprise has to be registered at the country of operations and have neither religious nor political agenda/ affiliations.

DBS Foundation does not fund individual pursuits, general fund-raising drives, charities or NGOs primarily dependent on donations, and election campaigns.

What we look for in our Grantees?



Social Enterprise Model
Robustness of social enterprise model. Plans for sustainability. Clear understanding of the SE's SWOT



Team Strength
Team members' ability and credibility to achieve objectives and growth targets.



Operations Plan
Clear projection / usage of resources, key targets, timelines, milestones and success indicators.



Social Impact
Clear articulation of desired outcomes & impact evidence. Ability to align social impact and business impact.



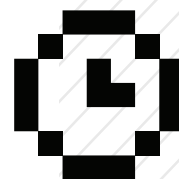
Financial Plan
Clear presentation and projection of financial indicators. Commitment to achieving financial sustainability.



Innovation
Extent to which social enterprise maintains innovation and continuous improvement.



Geography
Operating or impacting social issues in one or more of DBS' 6 focus countries. Have potential for geographic expansion.



What is the timeline?

30 June 2016

0900hours (UTC+8)
Call for Proposal opens

11 Aug 2016

2359hours (UTC+8)
Call for Proposal closes

Sept 2016

Presentation of shortlisted proposals to country offices

Oct 2016

Final evaluation with expert panel

Nov 2016

Public announcement of grant awardees

How does one apply?



Visit DBS Foundation's website at www.dbs.com/dbsfoundation/grant-programme/default.page and follow the instructions available on filling out the application form.