

Enabling Lives Initiative (ELI) Grant

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

General

1. Who are the target beneficiaries of projects¹ supported by this Grant?

The main target beneficiaries of the project supported by the Grant are persons with disabilities and their caregivers.

2. What are the disability profiles supported under this Grant?

The Grant funds projects that benefit at least one of these 4 disability types:

- Physical Disabilities
- Sensory Disabilities (Visual Impairment and/or Deaf or Hard of Hearing)
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Autism

3. When must an approved project needs to start and be completed?

All approved projects should start within six months of being approved and must be completed within the stated funding period.

¹Refers to development and adaptation of products, prototypes and toolkits, online platforms and applications

Eligibility Criteria

1. Can individuals apply?

The Grant only accepts applications from registered Social Service Agencies, non-private Hospitals, Social Enterprises (registered under Singapore Centre for Social Enterprise (raiSE)), Institutes of Higher Learning, Research Institutes and Commercial Entities.

2. Can sole proprietors apply for the ELI Grant? Who would I need to collaborate with if my organisation is a commercial entity?

Yes, sole proprietors can apply for the grant and they must partner at least one user group from the local disability community to be eligible for the grant. If your organisation is a commercial entity, partner with at least one user group from the local disability community to be eligible for the grant.

3. Can I apply jointly with another partner organisation?

Yes, applicants that seek collaboration with another organisation, especially target beneficiary/user groups will be evaluated more favourably.

4. I am a past/existing Grantee of the ELI Grant. Can I re-apply for funding for my completed project?

Yes, the Grant supports a stepped-down funding of up to 70% co-funding for projects that have performed well and require a second round of funding. The stepped-down funding will support the enhanced version of the solution developed/created in the previous Grant Call and addresses the needs as specified.

Projects must be completed before they can receive the subsequent round of funding in the new Grant Call.

5. I am a past/existing Grantee of the ELI Grant. Can I still put in an application for a new project idea?

Yes, you can submit an application for a new project even if you are an existing grantee at the point of application.

6. I am a past unsuccessful Grantee of the ELI Grant. Can I still try again with the same or a similar project?

Yes, we suggest that you align the proposal with the Grant Call's Theme and address the Challenge Statements accordingly.

7. What types of projects are not eligible for funding?

Funding will not be extended to:

- Projects/programmes that do not benefit persons with disabilities in Singapore
- Projects/programmes that involves investments or are speculative activities/transactions
- Existing mainstream government projects/programmes or services
- Projects/programmes that are already receiving other funding from Tote Board or other government agencies
- Projects/programmes that do not directly benefit persons with disabilities (e.g. projects/programmes that are solely research-based, or projects/programmes used solely for internal organisation capability-building)
- Projects/programmes that only benefit an individual
- Projects/programmes that promote a religion, or a certain political ideology or party
- Commercial projects/programmes that are solely for profit-making

Funding Guidelines

1. What are the eligible expenses that are claimable under the Grant?

Eligible expenses for claims are costs directly related to project development such as Expenditure on Manpower (EOM) and Other Operating Expenditure (OOE) such as marketing and outreach, equipment, software and consumables, third-party research and consultancy. Daily and recurring operating costs of the organisation and manpower costs that are not related to the project or which would have been incurred regardless whether the project is awarded, will not be funded.

2. What is the funding duration for projects?

All projects must be of a **minimum duration of 1 year** and up to a **maximum of 3 years**.

3. Can I charge beneficiaries for the products/programmes/services that will be supported under the Grant?

Subject to approval, applicants may charge a nominal fee for their project. The fees charged must be kept affordable, and any revenue made should only be used towards payment of the project overheads and running costs as well as expenses not covered by the Grant.

Details of the pricing model, income derived from such fees charged and what it will be used for will have to be declared in project progress reports.

4. How will the fund be disbursed if two parties are collaborating and applying for the ELI Grant?

The funds will be disbursed only to the main applicant who is fronting the application. Hence, the distribution of funds would have to be decided between the two parties.

5. Does the type of entity applying to the ELI Grant determine the type of costs supported by the Grant?

No, the type of entity applying to the Grant does not determine the type of costs supported by the Grant. If the applicant meets the grant eligibility criteria, direct costs incurred in developing the solution, including equipment and manpower costs, can be supported.

6. Does the ELI Grant fund research conducted during the project?

Yes, the ELI Grant supports research costs if the research serves to validate and/or confirm the efficacy of the proposed solution. Research results and findings will be KPIs expected of the grantee. However, do note that projects that are solely research-based will not be supported.

Application for the Grant

1. Can I submit more than one application during each Grant Call?

Yes. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to focus their efforts on developing one project idea and to put up a strong proposal. Each application should also be of a different project idea.

2. Can I submit an application for projects that do not fall under the current Grant Call theme and challenge statements?

Yes, applications that do not fall under the current Grant Call theme and challenge statements will still be accepted. However, priority will be given to applications that fall under the current theme.

3. When will I know the outcome of my application?

We have two outcome notifications: the first occurs 2-3 months after the Grant Call closes for the shortlisting of applicants for the Incubation Phase, and the second takes place about 2-3 months after the Incubation Phase for the award of the ELI funding.

Others

1. Can my organisation apply to the Grant for projects that benefit persons with disabilities located in other countries?

No, beneficiaries must be located in Singapore.

2. Who owns the intellectual property rights of ELI Grant-funded projects?

The intellectual property rights belong to the grantee. The Grant does not affect intellectual property rights (including but not limited to its patents, copyrights, trademarks, design rights and programmes) belonging to or licensed by the grantee prior to the funding ("Background IP"). However, the grantee shall allow SG Enable the right to reproduce or use the grantee's Background IP which are required to be used together with any intellectual property it creates ("Foreground IP"); and shall allow SG Enable to reproduce, use and modify the grantee's Foreground IP for non-commercial and research purposes with no detrimental effect to the project.

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