

AGRI-FOOD CLUSTER TRANSFORMATION (ACT) FUND

Capability Upgrading (CU) Grant

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION

Objective

1. The Capability Upgrading (CU) Grant supports local farms in strengthening their production and operational capabilities through the following:
 - (i) Productivity Solutions Grant (PSG) for the Agri-Food Sector
The PSG for the agri-food sector provides funding support for farms to adopt pre-scoped farming solutions and equipment.
 - (ii) Standards Adoption and Technical Consultancy
Funding support is provided for farms to engage consultancy services that enhance operational efficiency and business viability, such as technical consultancy to facilitate the adoption of relevant standards, such as the Clean & Green (C&G) Standard, Singapore Good Agricultural Practice (SG GAP), or Singapore Good Aquaculture Practice (SG GAqP), including certification where applicable. Eligible expenses include consultancy and certification fees.

Application Period

2. Applications for the CU Grant will remain open until 31 March 2031.

Eligibility Criteria

3. To qualify for the CU Grant, applicants must meet all the following criteria:
 - (i) The applicant must be a local farm holding a valid farm licence issued by SFA.
 - (ii) The applicant must have a secured farm site for the implementation of the proposed project.
 - (iii) For existing farms, the farm must be free of ongoing unauthorised or illegal activities for at least 1 year prior to the Application Date. Where there have been past offences, these must have been satisfactorily resolved and closed prior to the application being considered.
 - (iv) For expenses relating to the adoption of the C&G Standard and SG GAP / SG GAqP certification, the maximum total funding cap is **\$15,000** per company. This comprises:
 - Up to \$10,000 for qualifying consultancy-related fees
 - Up to \$5,000 for qualifying certification-related fees

Funding Support

Farm Type	Funding Support	Qualifying Cost
Projects in primary production of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leafy vegetables - Fruited vegetables - Beansprout - Mushroom - Food fish - Shrimp - Hen egg 	Co-funding of up to 70% for SMEs¹ and up to 50% for non-SMEs , capped at \$100,000 per project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase price of pre-scoped farming solutions and equipment. - Consultancy fees to support operational efficiency and standards adoption. - Consultancy and certification-related fees incurred for the adoption of C&G Standard and SG GAP / SG GAqP certification, subject to a combined cap of \$15,000 per company, comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10,000 for consultancy-related fees • \$5,000 for certification-related fees
Projects in primary production of other food types	Co-funding of up to 50% for SMEs and up to 30% for non-SMEs , capped at \$50,000 per project	

Note:

(i) All qualifying costs are exclusive of GST.

Application Process

4. Applications should be submitted via the Business Grants Portal (BGP), together with the following documents:
 - (i) Valid farm licence
 - (ii) Latest ACRA BizFile
 - (iii) Latest 1-year financial statements
 - (iv) Farm and project layout plans
 - (v) Project outcomes
 - (vi) Lease agreement
 - (vii) Brochures and quotations for project items
5. Applications will only be processed upon complete submission of all required documents. The submission date on BGP will be taken as the Application Date.
6. SFA may request additional quotations from more than one supplier, where necessary, to assess the reasonableness of cost.

¹ An SME is defined as a company with group annual sales turnover not exceeding S\$100 million, OR group employment size not exceeding 200 employees.

Project Implementation

7. The project implementation period is **6 months** from date of Letter of Offer.
8. Only expenses incurred from the Application Date to the end of project implementation period are eligible for reimbursement.

Claims and Disbursements

9. Claims may only be submitted after the issuance of the Letter of Offer and upon applicant's acceptance of the offer on the BGP.
10. Funding is disbursed on a reimbursement basis.
11. Claims must be supported by the following documents:
 - (i) Invoices or receipts for qualifying cost items
 - (ii) Proof of payment
 - (iii) Delivery orders
 - (iv) Progress report
 - (v) Certification documents for C&G / SG GAP / SG GAqP (where applicable)
12. Final claims must be submitted before the Claim Due Date stated in the Letter of Offer.
13. Disbursements will be made to the fund recipient via interbank GIRO.

Other Information

14. Concurrent applications by an applicant and its related companies are allowed, provided these are not repeat projects funded previously on the same site. Projects should be substantially different from previous applications, whether through scope, technology or outcome. Projects similar to earlier applications may be considered repeat projects and would generally not be supported.
15. SFA reserves the right to reject any applications or claim. All decisions by SFA are final.

Contact Information

16. For further enquiries, please contact SFA (Local Production Planning Department):
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Timeline of Project

