

## DIGITAL FOR LIFE FUND FAQs (May 2022)

### 1. What is Digital for Life Fund?

The Digital for Life Fund is established as the flagship fund as part of the Digital for Life movement. It provides an avenue for those who are keen to contribute financially to the Digital for Life cause. All donations received will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Government.

The donations will be used to support community projects as part of the Digital for Life movement, as well as co-payments of more needy beneficiaries under IMDA's Digital Access Programme.

### 2. What is the impetus for setting up the Digital for Life Fund?

COVID-19 has disrupted Singaporeans' daily lives and made evident the importance of closing the digital gap, especially among low-income families with school-going children and seniors. During the COVID-19 period, we have seen growing public and industry interest to contribute to such a cause. To harness this interest, the Digital for Life Fund is set up as an avenue for those who are keen to contribute financially to the digital inclusion cause. The funds raised will support 3P efforts and ground-up initiatives as part of the Digital for Life movement.

## DONATIONS

### 3. How do I contribute to the Fund?

To make an online donation to the Digital for Life Fund, visit <https://www.giving.sg/community-chest/digitalforlife2022>.

For corporate donation to the cause, please contact Community Chest at [ncss\\_comchest@ncss.gov.sg](mailto:ncss_comchest@ncss.gov.sg) or at 1800 210 2600.

### 4. Is there a minimum donation amount to qualify for tax deduction?

Donations of \$10 and above to Digital for Life Fund are eligible for 250% tax deduction.

### 5. Will my organisation receive a tax deduction for the donation to the cause?

If the donation was made by your organisation, your organisation will qualify for tax deduction.

### 6. Who will issue the tax-deductible receipt for my donation?

IMDA has partnered Community Chest to facilitate community donations to the Digital for Life Fund. Regardless of the donation amount, Community Chest will help to submit your tax deduction to IRAS as long as you provide your identification number when making a donation, or as advised by personnel from Community Chest for corporate donation.

### 7. Does Digital for Life solicit funds from individuals?

No, the Digital for Life Fund will not solicit funds from individuals. Donations must be made through giving.sg.

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### A. Eligibility

#### **8. Who are eligible for funding support?**

A non-profit organisation that is a Public Company Limited by Guarantee with the 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 Co-Operative registered with the Registry of Co-operative Societies, or Trade Union registered with Registry of Trade Unions.

#### **9. Why is the Digital for Life Fund restricted to charities and non-profit organisations?**

With the Fund comprising donations and government matched grant, it will not be used to fund projects by commercial, for-profit organisations. Therefore, only charities and non-profit organisations are eligible to apply for the Fund.

### B. Funding Scope

#### **10. How much funding is given?**

The Digital for Life Fund provides funding of up to 95% of supportable costs, capped at \$500,000 per year, and project duration for up to 2 years.

#### **11. What kind of projects can the Digital for Life Fund support? What are some examples of projects that can be supported by the Digital for Life Fund?**

Projects and activities in the following areas can be supported:

- **Digital Technology and Inclusion** – building digital resilience, and excite different segments of society on how new digital technologies can enrich their daily lives; or
- **Digital Literacy and Wellness** – promoting good digital habits as society engages in the digital domain, including in the areas of cyber safety, media literacy and mitigating the risks of online harms.

Examples of projects can be found at [Digital for Life \(Stories\) website](#).

#### **12. Can I apply for other funding support for the same project?**

The Digital for Life Fund does not prohibit applicants from seeking other sources of funding. However, applicants will need to declare any other funding sources and/or grant(s) applied for or received, and ensure no double funding on the project cost items.

#### **13. Can I apply for block budget while I work on the project design?**

Applicants must present the project design clearly in the application form including justifications on the need for project, project execution plan and outcome, and a detailed breakdown of cost items with quotations for review.

#### **14. What are the types of expenses that can be supported under the Digital for Life Fund?**

**TABLE 1**

Supportable Costs	Non-Supportable Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manpower</li> <li>• Equipment (hardware and software)</li> <li>• ICT services (fee-based charges for data storage and internet connectivity e.g. hosting, data subscription fee)</li> <li>• Materials and consumables (e.g. production of publicity materials)</li> <li>• Professional services (services provided by third parties and the contractors shall not be staff of the applicant eg. event management, editorial)</li> <li>• Venue rental</li> <li>• Transport and logistics costs</li> <li>• Volunteers' meals and transport costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indirect manpower costs (e.g. founder, senior management, clerical staff, ex-gratia, retrenchment, termination salary)</li> <li>• Bonuses and increment (under manpower costs)</li> <li>• Operational cost (e.g. office rental, utilities charges of office space, bank charges, legal fees)</li> <li>• Organisation's assets and capital expenditure, including company registration and start-up cost</li> <li>• Cash prizes</li> <li>• Entertainment costs</li> <li>• Travel and accommodation costs</li> <li>• Expenses incurred for fund-raising activities</li> <li>• Goods and Services Tax (GST)</li> </ul>

**15. Can Digital for Life fund support projects that have commenced?**

Funding will cover the qualifying period of the approved project. It is recommended that projects commence after award of funding.

C. Application Process
**16. What do I need to submit during my application for Digital for Life fund?**

Include the following documents as part of your submission:

- Completed project application form
- Curriculum vitae of each member of the entire project team
- Organisation's latest audited financial statements  
*(Audited financial statements that are not more than 2 years from the current financial year end of the company.)*
- Copy of entity registration with the respective regulatory bodies  
*(Latest Organisation's ACRA business profile dated not more than 6 months from the date of application submission, or other forms of registration documents bearing UEN of the organisation that is dated not more than 6 months from the date of application submission, if organisation is not ACRA registered.)*
- Any other relevant supporting documents

**17. Can I submit my application without the complete set of documents and/or after the application window closes?**

Please ensure all required documents stated in the application form are submitted before the application window closes. Application without the complete set of documents and/or submitted after the application window closes will not be accepted by IMDA.

**18. How are applications evaluated?**

The applications are evaluated by a committee comprising representatives from the 3P sectors based on merits of the project, organisation capacity and track records to execute the project. Please refer to [ANNEX A](#) for the list of committee members.

**19. When will applicants receive the results of their applications?**

Results are estimated to be made known 3 months from the end of application window.

**20. What are the disbursement schedules for projects less than 18 months and projects between 18 – 24 months?**

Projects will be reimbursed based on the actual costs incurred.

Disbursement schedules for projects less than 18 months:

- **First tranche:** 30% of total approved project costs will be disbursed upon acceptance of Letter of Offer.
- **Second tranche:** 70% of total approved project costs will be disbursed at the end of the project, following submission of required documents and subject to project meeting outcomes and deliverables.

Disbursement schedules for projects between 18 - 24 months:

- **First tranche:** 30% of approved first 12 months project costs will be disbursed upon acceptance of Letter of Offer.
- **Second tranche:** 70% of approved first 12 months and 30% of subsequent 13 – 24 months project costs will be disbursed following submission of required documents and subject to project meeting deliverables for the first 12 months.
- **Third tranche:** 70% of approved subsequent 13 – 24 months project costs will be disbursed following the submission of required documents and subject to project meeting outcomes and deliverables for the subsequent 13 – 24 months.

**21. How long is the fund disbursement period?**

The disbursement period may take 3 months after all required documents are completed and submitted for claim submission. Refer to [TABLE 1](#) for Supportable and Non-Supportable Costs under the Digital for Life Fund.

**For other enquiries, please email to [DfL\\_Fund@imda.gov.sg](mailto:DfL_Fund@imda.gov.sg)**

**ANNEX A**
**DIGITAL FOR LIFE FUND STEERING COMMITTEE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation, Organisation</b>
<b>Public sector</b>	
Mr Lew Chuen Hong (Chairman)	Chief Executive Officer, Infocomm Media Development Authority
Mr Philip Ong	Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community & Youth
Mr Sim Feng-ji	Deputy Secretary, Smart Nation and Digital Government Office
Ms Tan Li San	Chief Executive Officer, National Council of Social Service
<b>People sector</b>	
Mr John Ang	President, Fei Yue Community Services
Mr Peter Yap	President, SCS Youth, Singapore Computer Society
Mr Tony Soh	Chief Executive Officer, National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre
Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim	President, Singapore Muslim Women's Association
Ms Soh Swee Ping	Chief Executive Officer, Council for Third Age
<b>Private sector</b>	
Dr Mohamed Elmie Bin Nekmat	Associate Professor, Communications and New Media, National University of Singapore
Mr Lien Choong Luen	General Manager, Gojek Singapore
Mr Quek Siu Rui	Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Carousell
Mr William Ang	Chief Technology and Operations Officer, Singapore and ASEAN markets, Standard Chartered Bank
Mr Wong Wai Meng	Chairman, SGTech
Ms Varsha Bipinchandra	Chief Financial Officer, Rekanext Capital
Ms Yeo Lik Khim	Partner, KPMG