

Government Funding Schemes at a Glance

1. For Enterprises

No.	Funds / Schemes	Objectives	Target recipients	Contact
Financing and Guarantee				
1.	SME Loan Guarantee Scheme	Help SMEs secure loans from participating lending institutions for acquiring business installations and equipment or meeting working capital needs of general business uses	SMEs ¹ (except lending institutions and their associates) with substantive business operations in Hong Kong	Trade and Industry Department Tel: 2398 5129 Email: sgs_enquiry@tid.gov.hk Website: https://www.smefund.tid.gov.hk/sgs/eng
2.	Microfinance Scheme	Assist people who wish to start their own businesses, become self-employed or achieve self-enhancement through training, upgrading of skills or obtaining professional certification	Individuals aged 18 or above and holders of Hong Kong Identity Card (with the right of abode, right to land or stay in Hong Kong without restrictions)	Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Tel: 2536 0707 Email: mf_enquiry@hkmc.com.hk Website: http://www.hkmc.com.hk/eng/#Corporate
3.	SME Financing Guarantee Scheme	Help SMEs and non-listed enterprises obtain financing from participating lenders for meeting business needs	Enterprises registered in Hong Kong (except listed companies, lending institutions and affiliates of lending institutions) and operating for at least 1 year	HKMC Insurance Limited Tel: 2536 0392 Email: sfgs_enquiry@hkinci.hk Website: http://www.hkmc.com.hk/eng/#Corporate
Market Development/Business Upgrading				
4.	SME Export Marketing Fund	Encourage SMEs to expand markets outside Hong Kong by participating in export promotion activities	SMEs ¹	Trade and Industry Department Tel: 2398 5127 Email: emf_enquiry@tid.gov.hk Website: https://www.smefund.tid.gov.hk/emf/eng
5.	Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales (BUD Fund)	Assist Hong Kong enterprises in undertaking projects to develop brands, upgrade and restructure their business operations and promote sales in the Mainland / ASEAN markets	Non-listed local enterprises	Hong Kong Productivity Council Tel: 2788 6088 Email: bud_sec@hkpc.org Website: https://www.bud.hkpc.org/en
6.	Retail Technology Adoption Assistance Scheme for Manpower Demand Management (ReTAAS)	Provide funding support for retail enterprises to adopt technologies for manpower demand management purposes and help enhance productivity	Non-listed enterprises (except catering industry) with substantive retail business operations in Hong Kong	Hong Kong Productivity Council Tel: 2788 6262 Email: retaas_sec@hkpc.org Website: https://www.retaas.hkpc.org/en/index.aspx
Supporting Research & Development (R&D)				
7.	Innovation and Technology Support Programme (ITSP)	Supports research and development (R&D) projects undertaken by designated local public research institutes and R&D Centres.	R&D Centres and designated local public research institutes	Innovation and Technology Commission Tel: 3655 5678 Email: enquiry@itf.gov.hk Website: https://www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/ITSP.asp
8.	Partnership Research Programme (PRP)	Support research and development (R&D) projects undertaken by private companies in collaboration with local universities and public research institutions	Locally incorporated companies, or industry support organisations/trade and industry associations/professional bodies having the legal capacity to enter into contracts	Innovation and Technology Commission Tel: 3655 5678 Email: enquiry@itf.gov.hk Website: https://www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/PRP.asp
9.	Enterprise Support Scheme (ESS)	Encourage the private sector to invest in research and development (R&D)	Locally incorporated companies	Innovation and Technology Commission Tel: 3422 3700 Email: ess@itc.gov.hk Website: http://www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/ESS.asp
10.	Research and Development Cash Rebate Scheme (CRS)	Reinforce the research culture among private companies and encourage them to establish stronger partnership with designated local public research institutions	Enterprises registered in Hong Kong	Innovation and Technology Commission Tel: 3655 5678 Email: crs-enquiry@itc.gov.hk Website: http://www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/crs.asp
Facilitating Technology Adoption				
11.	Technology Voucher Programme (TVP)	Support projects in the form of technological services and solutions to improve productivity, or upgrade or transform the business processes of enterprises	Non-listed local enterprises with substantive business operations in Hong Kong	Innovation and Technology Commission Tel: 3523 1170 Email: tvp-enquiry@itc.gov.hk Website: https://tvp.itf.gov.hk

¹ Manufacturing enterprises with fewer than 100 employees and non-manufacturing enterprises with fewer than 50 employees are regarded as small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Hong Kong.

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Nurturing Technology Talent				
12.	Reindustrialisation and Technology Training Programme (RTTP)	Subsidise local companies to train staff in advanced technologies, especially those related to "Industry 4.0"	Enterprises registered in Hong Kong	Vocational Training Council Tel: 3907 6660 / 3907 6681 Email: rttp@vtc.edu.hk Website: https://rttp.vtc.edu.hk/
Supporting Technology Start-ups				
13.	Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities (TSSSU)	Provides funding to designated local universities to support their teams in starting technology businesses and commercialising their research and development (R&D) results	Locally incorporated technology start-ups established for not more than two years, and the teams of the start-ups having any mix of the students and professors of the designated universities	Innovation and Technology Commission Tel: 3655 5678 Email: enquiry@itf.gov.hk Website: https://www.itf.gov.hk/l-eng/TSSSU.asp
Patent Application				
14.	The Patent Application Grant	Assist local companies and individuals to apply for patents of their own inventions to capitalise their intellectual work	Locally incorporated companies or Hong Kong permanent residents which/who have never owned any patents in any countries or territories	Hong Kong Productivity Council Tel: 2788 5958 Email: ipsc@hkpc.org Website: http://www.itc.gov.hk/en/funding/pag.htm
Creative Industry				
15.	Design Incubation Programme	Nurture design start-ups at the early stage of their business development, with hardware and software support	Locally incorporated companies for not more than three years (and Hong Kong permanent residents)	Hong Kong Design Centre Tel: 3793 8418 Email: dip@hkdesigncentre.org Website: https://www.hkdesignincubation.org/?lang=1
16.	Fashion Incubation Programme	Foster local fashion creative economy and strengthen the positioning of Hong Kong design and fashion development in both pan-Asian and global contexts	Fashion design-oriented business either incorporated in Hong Kong or overseas for more than 3 years	Hong Kong Design Centre Tel: 3793 8407 Email: fip@hkdesigncentre.org Website: https://hkfip.org/en/
Travel Industry				
17.	Pilot Information Technology Development Matching Fund Scheme for Travel Agents	Promote the adoption of information technology among SME-sized travel agents for upgrading their productivity and service quality, as well as strengthening their competitiveness in the local or overseas market.	Small and medium sized travel agents (employing fewer than 50 persons in Hong Kong) holding a valid travel agent's licence under the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218) with substantive travel agent business in Hong Kong	The Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong Tel: 2969 8127 Email: pilotscheme@tichk.org Website: http://www.tichk.org/public/website/en/industry_subsidy_scheme/IT_matching_fund/IT_matching_fund/html
18.	Development Fund for the Travel Industry	Enhance the overall competitiveness of the local travel industry through subsidizing the training and promotional activities beneficial to travel agents	Small and medium sized travel agents (employing fewer than 50 persons in Hong Kong) holding a valid travel agent's licence under the Travel Agents Ordinance (Cap. 218)	The Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong Tel: (852) 2969 8157 Email: dfund@tichk.org Website: http://www.tichk.org/public/website/en/industry_subsidy_scheme/development_fund/training_activities/html
Science Park Programmes				
19.	Science and Technology Entrepreneur Programme (STEP)	Nurture tech-focused entrepreneurs to become successful startups and help them turn their brilliant ideas into reality.	Companies incorporated in Hong Kong for less than 1 year or Hong Kong permanent residents aged 18 or above	Hong Kong Science and Technology Park Corporation Tel: 2629 6872 Email: step@hkstp.org Website: https://www.hkstp.org/en/how-we-serve/pre-incubation/science-and-technology-entrepreneur-programme/
20.	Incu-Tech Incubation Programme	Provide a range of business and professional services to assist technology startups during their inception stages	Hong Kong registered technology start-up companies limited by shares and established for not more than 2 years	Hong Kong Science and Technology Park Corporation Tel: 2629 6873 Email: biadmin@hkstp.org Website: https://www.hkstp.org/en/how-we-serve/incubation-programmes/incu-tech/
21.	Incu-Bio Incubation Programme	Support the growth and development of biomedical tech start-ups in Hong Kong.	Hong Kong registered biomedical technology start-up companies limited by shares and established for not more than 2 years	Hong Kong Science and Technology Park Corporation Tel: 2629 6869 / 2629 7091 Email: incubio_enquiries@hkstp.org Website: https://www.hkstp.org/en/how-we-serve/incubation-programmes/incu-bio/
22.	Incu-App Incubation Programme	Provide startup support to companies working on business innovation during their inception stages.	Hong Kong registered technology start-up companies limited by shares and established for not more than 2 years	Hong Kong Science and Technology Park Corporation Tel: 2629 6873 Email: biadmin@hkstp.org Website: https://www.hkstp.org/en/how-we-serve/incubation-programmes/incu-app/

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23.	Leading Enterprises Acceleration Programme (LEAP)	Caters to startups' distinctive needs for growth and accelerates their innovation onto the global stage.	Either be a current incubation company or a tenant of HKSTP	Hong Kong Science and Technology Park Corporation Tel: 2629 6685 Email: join.leap@hkstp.com Website: https://www.hkstp.org/en/how-we-serve/enterprise-acceleration/leading-enterprises-acceleration-programme/
24.	Corporate Venture Fund (CVF)	Give early-stage Hong Kong technology startups a chance to fully develop their ideas and create revolutionary new tech products and services	Hong Kong registered technology companies who are either HKSTP incubatees, Incubation Programme graduates or current Science Park tenants	Hong Kong Science and Technology Park Corporation Email: cvf@hkstp.org Website: https://www.hkstp.org/en/how-we-serve/investment/corporate-venture-fund/
Cyberport Programmes				
25.	Cyberport Creative Micro Fund	Encourage innovation and creativity by sponsoring high potential digital tech start-up projects and business ideas.	Locally incorporated limited companies or Hong Kong permanent residents aged 18 or above	Cyberport Tel: 3166 3900 Email: cmf_enquiry@cyberport.hk Website: https://www.cyberport.hk/en/about_cyberport/cyberport_youth/cyberport_creative_micro_fund
26.	Cyberport Incubation Programme	Support entrepreneurs and start-ups with resources that aim to accelerate their growth.	Locally incorporated limited companies	Cyberport Tel: 3166 3900 Email: cip_enquiry@cyberport.hk Website: https://www.cyberport.hk/en/about_cyberport/cyberport_entrepreneurs/cyberport_incubation_programme
27.	Cyberport Accelerator Support Programme	Prepare Cyberport incubatees and alumni for international markets and investors	Cyberport incubatees or alumni	Cyberport Tel: 3166 3735 Email: casp@cyberport.hk Website: https://www.cyberport.hk/en/about_cyberport/cyberport_partners/cyberport_accelerator_support_programme
28.	Market Development Support Scheme	Provide a financial subsidy for graduates of Cyberport Incubation Programme (CIP) and Cyberport Creative Micro Fund (CCMF) to develop Mainland and Overseas market	Graduates or alumni from CIP and CCMF	Cyberport Tel: 3166 3846 Email: mdss@cyberport.hk Website: https://www.cyberport.hk/en/about_cyberport/cyberport_partners/marketing-development-support-scheme
29.	Cyberport Macro Fund	To invest in information and communications technology start-ups in Cyberport by providing them with seed to Series A funding, thereby fostering the development of venture capital and angel investments in Hong Kong	Digital technology companies with operation based in Hong Kong, which are either (i) incubatees or graduates of Cyberport's other programmes, (ii) Cyberport Smart-Space companies, or (iii) Cyberport office tenants	Cyberport Tel: 3166 3800 Email: macrofund@cyberport.hk Website: https://www.cyberport.hk/en/about_cyberport/cyberport_macro_fund
Environmental Protection				
30.	Cleaner Production Partnership Programme	Encourage and facilitate Hong Kong-owned factories in Hong Kong/Guangdong to adopt Cleaner Production technologies and practices	Enterprises registered in Hong Kong and owning and operating a factory in Hong Kong/Guangdong	Hong Kong Productivity Council Tel: 2788 5588 Email: enquiry@cleanerproduction.hk Website: https://www.cleanerproduction.hk/en_index.asp
31.	Recycling Fund (Enterprise Support Programme)	Provide funding support for individual Hong Kong enterprises to upgrade and expand their waste recycling operations in Hong Kong	Enterprises registered in Hong Kong and involved in recycling related operation	Hong Kong Productivity Council Tel: 2788 5658 Email: enquiry@recyclingfund.hk Website: https://www.recyclingfund.hk/en/index.php
32.	Pilot Green Transport Fund	Subsidise the testing of green innovative technologies applicable to the public transport sector and goods vehicles	Existing transport operators based in Hong Kong (including cross-boundary transport) and operating in the relevant transport service for more than 1 year	Environment Protection Department Tel: 2824 0022 Email: pgtf@epd.gov.hk Website: https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/english/environment/hk/air/prob_solutions/pilot_green_transport_fund.html

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Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation				
33.	Sustainable Agriculture Development Fund	Support practical, application-oriented projects, schemes or research work that enhance farmers' productivity and output, as well as contribute to fostering the sustainable development and enhancing the overall competitiveness of the agricultural industry	Company incorporated in Hong Kong having a close connection with the agricultural industry in Hong Kong or farmers seeking grants under the Farm Improvement Scheme.	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Tel: 2150 6829 Email: sadf@afcd.gov.hk Website: https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/sadf/sadf.html
34.	Farm Improvement Scheme	Provide direct grants to local farmers for acquisition of farming equipment and materials to improve their farming efficiency and productivity	Residents or incorporated companies/organisations of Hong Kong operating a crop farm engaged in commercial production of not less than 1 dau chung (d.c.) or licensed livestock farms in Hong Kong.	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Tel: 2150 6829 Email: sadf@afcd.gov.hk Website: https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/sadf/sadf_fis.html
35.	Vegetable Marketing Organization Loan Fund	Grant loans to local crop farmers for agricultural production and development	Local crop farmers	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Tel: 2476 2424 Email: mailbox@afcd.gov.hk Website: http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/agr_loan/agr_loan_vmolf/agr_loan_vmolf.html
36.	Kadoorie Agriculture Aid Loan Fund	Grant loans to individual farmers, pond fish operators and mariculturists for development and working capital	Individual farmers, pond fish operators and mariculturists	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Tel: 2476 2424 (Agriculture) / 2150 7097 (Fisheries) Email: mailbox@afcd.gov.hk Website: http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/agr_loan/agr_loan_kaalf/agr_loan_kaalf.html
37.	J.E. Joseph Trust Fund to grant loans	Grant loans to farmers' co-operative societies and individual farmers for use either as development or working capital	Farmers' co-operative societies and individual farmers	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Tel: 2476 2424 Email: mailbox@afcd.gov.hk Website: http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/agr_loan/agr_loan_jtf/agr_loan_jtf.html
38.	Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund	Help the local fishing community move towards sustainable or high value-added operations, assisting the trade to enhance its overall competitiveness and cope with new challenges	Company incorporated in Hong Kong having a close connection with the fisheries industry in Hong Kong	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Tel: 2150 7158 Email: sfd@afcd.gov.hk Website: http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/fisheries/sfd/SFDF.html
Construction				
39.	Construction Innovation and Technology Fund	Provide funding support to enterprises and practitioners of the construction industry to wider adoption of innovative constructive methods and new technologies in the construction industry with a view to promoting productivity, uplifting built quality, improving site safety and enhancing environmental performance	Construction-related enterprises in Hong Kong	Construction Industry Council Tel: 2100 9000 Email: enquiry@cic.hk Website: http://www.citf.cic.hk/en/
Chinese Medicine				
40.	Chinese Medicine Development Fund (Enterprise Support Programme)	Offers matching fund to practitioners and institutions to facilitate the development of Chinese Medicine Industry in Hong Kong	Licensed proprietary Chinese medicine manufacturers or proprietary Chinese medicine wholesalers under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap 549).	Hong Kong Productivity Council Tel: 2788 5632 Email: enquiry@cmdevfund.hk Website: https://www.cmdevfund.hk/content-en.php?mid=3

2. For Organisations

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Financing				
41.	Trade and Industrial Organisation Fund	Provides financial support to non-profit-distributing organisations to implement projects which aim at enhancing the competitiveness of non-listed Hong Kong enterprises in general or in specific sectors	Non-profit-distributing organisations (such as trade and industrial organisations, professional bodies or research institutes)	Trade and Industry Department Tel: 2398 5128 Email: tsf_enquiry@tid.gov.hk Website: https://www.smefund.tid.gov.hk/tsf/eng
Market Development / Business Upgrading				
42.	Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme	Support Hong Kong's professional services sector to carry out worthwhile projects to spearhead proactive outreaching promotion efforts and to improve service offerings	Non-profit-distributing organisations (such as trade and industrial organisations, professional bodies or research institutes)	Commerce and Economic Development Bureau Tel: 3655 5418 Email: pass@cedb.gov.hk Website: https://www.pass.gov.hk
Promoting IT Culture				
43.	General Support Programme (GSP)	Support non-R&D projects that contribute to the upgrading and development of our industries as well as fostering an innovation and technology culture in Hong Kong	Local unincorporated or incorporated companies, non-profit making trade and industry organisations, public bodies, or universities or other tertiary/post-secondary institutes by statute	Innovation and Technology Commission Tel.: 3655 5678 Email: enquiry@itf.gov.hk Website: https://www.itf.gov.hk/-eng/GSP.asp
Travel Industry				
44.	Pilot Scheme for Characteristic Local Tourism Events	Provides marketing and promotional funding support for visitor-targeted events that are related to arts, culture, festivals, dining and sports, and embody characteristics that are uniquely Hong Kong, with the aims of diversifying the city's tourism product offerings; attracting local and overseas media coverage; increasing visitor arrivals; and enhancing visitors' travel experience in Hong Kong	Hong Kong-registered non-profit organisations (i.e. local bona-fide non-profit organisations, such as sports or non-governmental organisations, arts associations or chambers of commerce) that will host an arts, culture, dining or sports event or a festival in Hong Kong	Hong Kong Tourism Board Tel: 8120 0037 Email: eventsupport@hktb.com Website: http://www.discoverhongkong.com/LocalEventsPilotScheme
45.	Travel Industry Training Fund	Enhance the industry's service quality through subsidising training activities organised by eligible training bodies	Non-profit-making and non-profit-distributing organisations, including training / education institutions, employer / employee associations or professional bodies in the travel industry	The Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong Tel: 2969 8157 Email: trainingfund@tichk.org Website: http://www.tichk.org/public/website/en/industry_subsidy_scheme/training_fund/training_programme_subsidy_scheme/html
Environmental Protection				
46.	Recycling Fund (Industry Support Programme)	Subsidises non-profit making projects for enhancing the operational standards and productivity of the industry, including upgrading the skills and safety of incumbent and potential employees of the local recycling industry and / or expanding its potential workforce, as well as certification and accreditation of recycling operations, etc.	Non-profit-distributing organisations operating as support organisations, trade and industrial organisations, professional bodies or research institutes	Hong Kong Productivity Council Tel: 2788 5658 Email: enquiry@recyclingfund.hk Website: https://www.recyclingfund.hk/en/application_isp.php
Chinese Medicine				
47.	Chinese Medicine Development Fund (Industry Support Programme)	Support training programmes and courses, Chinese medicine promotional activities, and research and studies on Chinese medicine	Non-profit-making organisations, professional bodies, trade and academic associations and research institutions	Hong Kong Productivity Council Tel.: 2788 5632 Email: enquiry@cmdevfund.hk Website: https://www.cmdevfund.hk/content-en.php?mid=4