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From the Ground Up: Over 200 SGPF applications and strong turnout at SGPO's inaugural Community Exchange signal growing citizen interest to co-create community solutions

The Singapore Government Partnerships Office (SGPO) organised its inaugural Community Exchange on 4 July 2026 with about 100 ground-up founders and changemakers. The Community Exchange aims to better understand the needs of ground-ups, foster conversations on available support and resources, and build connections that unlock new opportunities for social impact.

Senior Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth, Ms Low Yen Ling, delivered opening remarks, affirming the Government's deliberate shift in how it approaches community building — moving beyond consultation towards co-creation and enabling citizen-led initiatives.

SGPO has been supporting citizen-led initiatives, engaging with passionate changemakers to better understand their journeys and how they mobilise fellow citizens to take action for the good of the community.

Beyond project guidance and connections, SGPO also empowers ground-up initiatives through the SG Partnerships Fund (SGPF), which offers three funding tiers to enable citizen-led projects at different stages of development to address community needs and grow their impact:

- Seed Tier — nurtures new ideas getting off the ground
- Sprout Tier — for initiatives looking to grow their reach and impact
- Scale Tier — for established organisations looking to make sector-wide impact

All three tiers are currently open for applications at www.sgpo.gov.sg/sgpf

SGPO has received over 200 Seed and Sprout Tier applications, since the launch of SGPF in April 2026.

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SGPO's Inaugural Community Exchange on 4 July 2026

The event featured four segments:

- **Insights Exchange** — A strength-based conversation where changemakers come together to share what they have learnt, what is working, and what would help them go further.
- **Stories Exchange** — A Human Library to hear from five founders and changemakers on their reflections to start, sustain and grow a ground up.
- **Skills Exchange** — A fireside conversation with seasoned practitioners on securing funding, skills development, volunteer management, experience design and navigating the social impact ecosystem.
- **Resource Exchange** — A one-on-one clinic for participants to chat with Singapore Government Partnerships Office (SGPO) officers on their community initiative and seek advice on the resources available.