Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

General Questions

Q: What is the BETA Catalyst Funding programme?

A: The BETA Catalyst Funding programme is an initiative launched to drive a collaborative Built Environment (BE) sector led by progressive alliances and supported by firms with specialised capabilities. By providing co-funding, the programme supports BE alliances in their industry-led research and innovation (R&I).

Q: How much funding support can my project receive?

A: Eligible projects can receive up to 50% co-funding on qualifying costs, matched dollar-for-dollar with cash contributions from participating industry firms. However, for non-Singaporean private entities as research performers, the co-funding is capped at 30%. The quantum of support scales with the ambition and size of the project. In general, industry participants carry most of the total project cost.

Eligibility

Q: Who can apply for the BETA Catalyst Funding?

A: The programme is open to alliances of at least 2 Built Environment-related companies working together with public research performers (local universities or research institutes). The firms must be business entities registered in Singapore and must have undertaken and/or participated in construction and building-related projects in Singapore in the past 3 years.

Q: What types of projects are eligible for funding?

A: Eligible projects must:

- Fall under one (or more) of the key transformation areas under the Built Environment (BE) Industry Transformation Map:
- Align with participating firms' strategic business goals
- Fall within the spectrum of TRL 4-7 and show strong potential for product development (i.e. TRL 8-9), local adoption, and/or potential for export
- Have a duration not exceeding 3 years

Q: Can overseas companies based in Singapore participate in the programme?

A: Yes, but non-Singaporean private entities as research performers will receive a lower co-funding cap of 30% instead of 50%.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of submissions/applications by a project team?

A: No, there is no limit. However, the project team will need to ensure that there is no overlap in project scope with any of their other projects supported by other funding programmes.

Q: What are the key transformation areas under the BE Industry Transformation Map?

A: The three key transformation areas are:

- Integrated Planning & Design (IPD)

- Advanced Manufacturing & Assembly (AMA)
- Sustainable Urban Systems (SUS)

Q: What does TRL 4-7 mean?

A: TRL (Technology Readiness Level) 4-7 refers to technologies that have moved beyond basic research into development and demonstration phases, showing clear potential for commercialisation.

<u>Application Process</u>

Q: How do I apply for the funding?

A: Interested firms can approach BCA's BETA Project Office (BETA PO) for assistance.

Q: How long is the processing and approval timeline for a project proposal?

A: The processing and approval timeline for each project is estimated to be about 3 – 6 months, depending on the readiness of the proposal.

<u>Others</u>

Q: What is the IP arrangement for BETA Catalyst Funding projects?

A: The project team is required to enter into an RCA (Research Collaboration Agreement) that will determine the IP and commercial arrangements between project stakeholders. The Singapore government reserves the right to use the IP free-of-charge for statutory, non-commercial, R&D and/or educational purposes.