

# **BETC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

## **Scope of the BETC Grant**

### **1. What are the supportable items under the grant?**

The supportable items may include equipment, software, materials, consultancy and professional services for initiatives implemented in Singapore Built Environment sector.

### **2. What are some examples of such supportable items under the grant?**

The grant supports initiatives in three key areas: (i) Enterprise, (ii) Technology, and (iii) Manpower.

In Enterprise Development, we are focusing on enhancing overall business capabilities, such as lean construction and collaborative contracting to streamline project processes, optimise resource allocation, and promote collaboration leading to more effective operations.

In the area of Technology Development, the grant supports capability building in the implementation of Advanced Manufacturing & Assembly (AMA) technologies such as prefabrication, modularisation, standardisation, robotics and automation, to improve productivity and quality in the construction sector.

We also support Integrated Planning and Design (IPD) technologies, such as building information modelling, virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), digital twin, Remote Site Supervision (RSS), and data-driven performance monitoring, to enhance project coordination and operational efficiency.

We will also support technologies that enhance facilities management and maintenance, such as Remote Monitoring and Diagnostics (RM&D), to improve productivity and reliability of maintenance.

For Manpower Development, we support initiatives such as alternative sourcing method for higher skilled workers, consultancy and implementation for job and process redesign, curation of specialised courses and establishment of training arms to help BE firms enhance workforce capabilities.

Please note that these are examples of supportable initiatives. The list is not exhaustive; other relevant initiatives aligned with the ITM and how firms demonstrate the potential to grow and commitment to improve processes, may also be considered.

**3. Do firms need to develop capabilities across all three areas to qualify for the grant?**

While it is not a requirement, we encourage firms to develop capabilities across all three areas to achieve a holistic transformation.

**4. Can the BETC grant provide support for BE firms that intend to internationalise?**

Firms looking to internationalise can reach out to Enterprise Singapore directly to determine their eligibility of grants, such as the Market Readiness Assistance (MRA) Grant, Enterprise Development Grant (EDG).

**5. Can the BETC grant provide support for initiatives related to Research and Development (R&D)?**

BETC grant does not support R&D initiatives. Firms may refer to [go.gov.sg/btf](https://go.gov.sg/btf) for R&D grant/incentive schemes.

**6. What funding support is available for companies looking to implement basic digital solutions like Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems?**

For generic digital solutions such as Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems etc, firms may consider the [Productivity Solution Grant](#).

### **Eligibility Criteria and Application Process**

**7. How can firms apply for the BETC grant? Can you provide an example of what the application process entails?**

Firms may submit their applications through the [Business Grants Portal \(BGP\)](#). If eligible, BCA officers will reach out to firms to assess their proposals further.

During the application, firms would need to provide details about their proposed initiatives, expected outcomes, investment costs, and demonstrate how they plan to implement and sustain the new capability building beyond just an individual project. Additionally, they would also need to outline how the new capabilities they aim to develop align with their company's longer-term goals. The capabilities and transformation outcomes should surpass relevant current industry standards. You may find a template in the application form to provide the details.

**8. Understand that firms need to demonstrate how they plan to facilitate knowledge transfer of capabilities beyond an individual project, to subsequent projects. Can firms apply for the BETC grant if they only have one project now and no subsequent projects planned?**

Yes, firms can still apply if they have only one current project.

However, firms should demonstrate how the capabilities to be built would align with the company's longer-term transformation goals. They would also need to outline potential applications of these capabilities in future work. The capabilities and transformation outcomes should surpass relevant current industry standards.

**9. What are the current industry standards, and what capabilities or technologies surpass these standards?**

Current industry standards refer to practices and technologies that are already commonly adopted or available in Singapore. To surpass these standards, applicants should propose new capabilities and technologies that go beyond the norm. Firms may write to BCA for assessment [here](#).

**10. Can firms submit more than one application and when is the last day to submit application?**

Yes, firms may submit more than one application. However, each application should develop new capabilities. The application to BGP should be submitted not later than 31 Mar 2030 by 5pm. The earlier deadline for submission is to allow time for assessment and approval.

**11. When should firms implement and complete the proposed initiative(s)?**

Applicants should implement and complete the initiative(s) within the Qualifying Period. Only Actual Qualifying Costs incurred within the Qualifying Period may be considered for reimbursement under the Grant. Actual Qualifying Costs which were incurred outside the Qualifying Period will not be considered for reimbursement.

Please note that the submission of an application does not automatically entitle the applicant to funding. All applications will be subject to evaluation and approval.

**12. Can firms tap on BETC to develop new capabilities in Facility Management (FM) services and Smart FM technologies?**

Applicants are encouraged to apply for the Integrated Facilities Management (IFM) and Aggregated Facilities Management (AFM) Grant for FM services and smart FM technologies. The IFM/AFM grant is specifically designed to support FM companies (FMCs), Service Buyers' in-house FM teams, and Service Buyers in their FM transformation projects and related technologies. Firms may refer to [go.gov.sg/ifm-afm-grant](https://go.gov.sg/ifm-afm-grant) for more information.

**Disbursement**

**13. How is the funding amount determined and disbursed for each application?**

Funding amounts will be determined based on the merits of each proposal, taking into account expected transformation outcomes, level of innovation and investment costs of the proposed initiatives.

The funding will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis where firms will need to show proof of costs incurred and payment (e.g. invoices, bank statements, receipts) within the qualifying period.

**14. Can firms seek advance payment of the grant to support the implementation of the initiative(s)?**

No, disbursements shall be made on a reimbursement basis.

**15. When is the deadline for firms to submit the Final Claim?**

Firms may submit the Final Claim after the end of the Qualifying Period and no later than (i) three months after the expiry of the Qualifying Period or (ii) 30 September 2031, whichever is earlier. Any Final Claim submitted beyond the said timeline will be disqualified.

**16. Is GST supported?**

As government grants are not meant to offset the tax liabilities of companies, GST will not be supported.

**17. What is the Human Capital Diagnostic Tool (HCDT), and do I need to pay for the assessment?**

HCDT is a national framework for workforce optimisation. It assesses firms' human capital capacity to support their business goals, outlines an action plan, and prioritises resources to optimise competencies, processes, and practices.

Firms must submit both the HCDT Self-Assessment and Moderated Assessment by their Final Claim. The HCDT report must be dated no more than two (2) years prior to BETC application date, and if exceeding two (2) years, a new HCDT report must be submitted by final claim.

You may register for an assessment [here](#). Please note that the assessment fees would not be claimable under the Grant.

**Project Outcomes**

**18. Is it necessary for the applicant to meet all the BETC project outcomes?**

The applicant must meet the BETC project outcomes that are specific to their applications, which are determined by the scope of the initiative(s).

For instance, if an applicant applies for the BETC grant to support the adoption of advanced technologies and build manpower capabilities through specialised training, the applicable outcomes would be to achieve productivity improvement and develop a group of upskilled PMETs.

**19. How will the BETC project outcome(s) be measured?**

The outcomes will be assessed by comparing metrics before and after the implementation of the initiative(s).

For instance, if an applicant applies for the BETC grant to support the adoption of advanced technologies and build manpower capabilities through specialised training, the firm's productivity should show significant improvement post-implementation, above the current industry standards. There should also be a measurable increase in the proportion of upskilled PMETs compared to the baseline.

**20. What if the BETC project does not meet all the committed criteria by the end of Qualifying Period?**

BCA shall be entitled to forthwith withhold the disbursement of any Grant Monies, and/or recover from the Company the total amount of Grant Monies disbursed to the Company.