

2009 KINDERGARTEN INNOVATION GRANT (PHASE 2)

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Can a kindergarten submit more than one project proposal at Phase 2?

Yes. A kindergarten can submit more than one project proposal. However, only the best project proposal will be considered for funding. Nevertheless, to benefit children's learning at the kindergarten, we encourage the kindergarten to seek other avenues to pursue the other innovation projects.

2. Can a kindergarten that was awarded the Innovation Grant in Phase 1 submit another project proposal?

Kindergartens awarded a grant of less than \$5,000 in Phase 1 may submit a new project proposal. The total grant for approved projects in both Phase 1 and 2 will be subject to a maximum cap of S\$5,000 per kindergarten. For example, a kindergarten awarded \$3,000 for a project in Phase 1, may apply for a grant of up to \$2,000 for a new project proposal.

3. Can a kindergarten re-submit a project proposal that had been submitted before in Phase 1 or in 2008?

Project proposals that have not been awarded the innovation grant in Phase 1 or in 2008 will be considered as fresh applications.

4. Can two or more kindergartens collaborate on a project?

Yes. Two or more kindergartens can collaborate on a project. The application should be submitted through the lead kindergarten. MOE will fund up to 95% of the project cost, subject to a maximum of \$5000 (inclusive of GST). The funds will be made to the lead kindergarten.

5. Is purchasing and using a product available in the market be considered an innovation project?

Kindergartens that purchase and adapt/modify existing products available in the market in innovative ways that benefit the children's learning, are welcome to submit the project proposals in the applications.

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- 6. Can kindergartens apply to the Innovation Grant to support the purchase of IT products/solutions and Teaching & Learning resources showcased at the Exhibitions of 2009 Kindergarten Conference held on 04 Jun 09?**

Kindergartens applying to the Innovation Grant to support the purchase of IT products/solutions and Teaching & Learning resources must explain clearly in the application form, how the kindergarten intends to use the items purchased in innovative projects to enhance children's learning.

- 7. Who is responsible for the monitoring of projects?**

The Project Team leader, Supervisor or Branch Administrator, and Principal of the kindergarten are responsible for the monitoring of projects.

- 8. Can a kindergarten request for extension of the project deadline in the event that the project is delayed?**

The kindergarten is expected to adhere to the proposed action plan and complete the project by the proposed end date. In the event of an imminent project delay, the kindergarten must write to MOE Pre-School Education Branch, at least one month in advance, to request for an extension of the project deadline. Valid reasons must be provided with supporting documents. Consent will be given on a case-by-case basis.

- 9. Would the kindergarten still receive the second payment of grant if the project is delayed?**

The kindergarten must write in to MOE to request for an extension of the project deadline. All requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and MOE will advise the kindergarten of the second payment of grant.

- 10. What happens to the grant if, at the end of the project, the project cost exceeds, or falls below, the original budgeted amount?**

All additional project cost would be fully borne by the kindergarten. Should the project cost falls below the original budgeted amount, the second payment of grant will be adjusted accordingly.

- 11. What happens if the project is stalled, shelved or abandoned?**

In the event that the project may be stalled or be shelved, the kindergarten must immediately contact MOE Pre-School Education Branch to work out a contingency plan. Kindergartens found to be negligent may have to re-fund to MOE, all, or part of the grant.

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- 12. Are kindergartens still expected to share at the Annual kindergarten Learning Forum in Nov 09 if their projects have not been completed?**

Kindergartens whose projects are still in progress may share on what they have achieved so far. They may also be invited to share at subsequent kindergarten sharing sessions after the projects are completed.