



MINISTRY OF HEALTH
SINGAPORE

**Application Guide for Traditional Chinese Medicine
Development Grant (TCMDG)**

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I. Goals and Objectives

To further develop the Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) sector so as to better meet the evolving needs of the Singapore population, the Ministry of Health (MOH) has set up a \$5 million TCM Development Grant (TCMDG) to support capability and capacity building of the TCM sector. Administered by MOH, the TCMDG aims to provide funding support for training (professional development) and overall improvement on the delivery of TCM services especially in the areas of infection control and elderly patient safety.

- i. Individuals: Training and professional development of all registered TCM practitioners (TCMPs)¹, TCM allied healthcare workers such as herbal dispensers listed with TCM Practitioners Board (TCMP Board) and TCM clinic assistants.
- ii. Organizations: To increase the quality of TCM courses, funding support would also be extended to TCM course providers that are accredited by the TCMP Board to conduct local TCM conferences, seminars and workshops for professional development of TCM practitioners and related personnel.
- iii. Organizations: Funding support would also be extended to TCM service providers to strengthen operating capabilities through adoption of IT solutions, and to enhance clinic facilities for better infection control and to meet the needs of elderly patients.

II. Scope of support and funds available

Category	Programmes supported	Quantum supported
Individuals	Courses organized by TCMPB-accredited providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TCMPs: 80% of total course fees/year or capped at \$200/year • Herbal dispensers and clinic assistants: 80% of total course fees/year or capped at \$100/year
Organizations (CPE training providers)	<p><u>Funding support limited to one event or programme / accredited CPE provider/year.</u></p> <p>Examples of events supported but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Expenses incurred for organising local conferences, seminars and workshops such as rental of premises, travel and accommodation expenses for overseas expert speakers 	<p>Approved applications are co-funded up to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of cost incurred Or up to \$50,000 whichever is lower
Organizations (TCM clinics)	<p><u>Funding support limited to one-off support/TCM company or VWO regardless of number of clinics.</u></p> <p>Examples of items supported, but not limited to the following:</p> <p><u>Facilities enhancement²</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Installation of sinks, grab bars in toilets, ramps for wheelchair access etc <p><u>IT enhancement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Patient Management Systems •Software to support data 	<p>Approved applications are co-funded up to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of cost incurred; Or up to \$10,000 whichever is lower • 50% of cost incurred

¹ TCM Practitioners (TCMPs) include all registered TCM physicians and acupuncturists

² Prior approval from relevant government agencies e.g. HDB, URA should be obtained, if necessary

	collection and statistical analysis •Establishment of online portals to provide information and provide online platform for patients' feedback <u>Only where related to the IT capability enhancements:</u> •Computers (Desktops, Laptops) •Printers, scanners	Or up to \$20,000 whichever is lower • 50% of cost incurred Or up to \$5,000 whichever is lower
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III. Assessment Criteria

Individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding support to attend CPE courses accredited by TCMP Board
Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to fulfil the objectives and outcomes of the TCMDG; Track record and potential of the organization; Reasonableness of budget and Relevance of the event/programme (for TCM courses)
<p><u>Exclusion Criteria:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating expenses (e.g. consumables, manpower, equipment) Maintenance and renovation works to existing facilities Tertiary education programmes that are subsidised by the Ministry of Education (i.e. NITEC, Higher NITEC, Diploma, Bachelor's Degree) Full-time degree programmes (i.e. Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree or Doctorate). Individuals seeking support for such programmes should apply for scholarships offered by e.g. The Academy of Chinese Medicine, Singapore (ACMS). Cost components of programmes/IT enhancement that are already subsidised by other government agencies such as the Workforce Development Agency (WDA), SkillsFuture, IMDA etc. Retrospective cost of training programmes, upgrading facilities and IT enhancement (hardware and software) before 1 Jan 2018 	

IV. Eligibility Requirements

Individuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TCMPs on full registration and herbal dispensers listed with TCMP Board. TCM clinic assistants must be employees of TCM clinics listed with TCMP Board.
Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private TCM clinics must be registered with ACRA and listed with TCMP Board. TCM VVO clinics must be registered charities and listed with the TCMP Board. TCM course providers must be accredited by the TCMP Board.

V. How to apply

Individuals - Registered TCMPs	Submit through the online application form before 31 Dec, for courses attended in that same calendar year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attach CPE "Detailed Report for Current QP" from TCMP Board Professional Registration System
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attach receipts of payment
Individuals - Herbal dispensers and TCM clinic assistants	<p>Submit through the online application form before 31 Dec, for courses attended in that same calendar year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attach certificate of attendance • Attach receipts of payment
Organizations - TCM clinics and CTE course providers	<p>Submit through the online application form, at least 3 months before renovations/purchase or event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill in and attach the prescribed budget form (available on TCMDG website go.gov.sg/moh-tcmdg-main); • Attach organization's latest audited financial statement • Attach certified true copy of vendor's quotation/proforma invoices • 70% will be disbursed upon award and acceptance of the grant. Balance 30% upon completion and submission of invoices and evidence of payment to vendor.

VI. Contact Details

For submission of applications and enquiries, please contact the TCMDG secretariat at TCMDG_Secretariat@moh.gov.sg

Application Forms

Individuals	 go.gov.sg/moh-tcmdg-individual-2020
Organizations (Training)	 go.gov.sg/moh-tcmdg-cpeprovider-2020
Organizations (Facilities and IT enhancement)	 go.gov.sg/moh-tcmdg-clinic-2020