

Refreshed President's Challenge Grant Call 2025

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Ethos and Objectives of Refreshed President's Challenge

Why

Our Purpose: Build a culture of **unity** and **respect for all**

How

1. Catalyse a **broader environment of social initiative**, public and private
2. Promote **volunteerism, multiracialism and cross-cultural appreciation** as a way of life

What

1. **Social Impact:** Uplift aspirations, abilities and potential of those who start with greater odds.
2. **Arts and Sports:** Nurture talents across all segments, and sustain development.

Key Public

Agencies/Sector Admins
NCSS | MSF | MCCY | NAC
| SPORTSG | YRSG | MOE |
MOH | PRISON |
SGEnable

Partners

Philanthropic partners
Impact partners

Fellowships

To develop future civic leaders
To promote second chances

Media

To promote
President's Challenge
causes and underlying
ethos, for e.g., by
featuring role models

President's Challenge 2025 Grant Call application criteria

Grant call to support 2 project categories:

Category 1 (Cat 1)

- *Up to 3 years, up to \$100k/annum*

Projects that have good project design and relevant team experience to deliver good results in uplifting aspirations, abilities and potential, and nurturing talent in the arts and sports, especially for those who face greater odds; and require funding **to pilot or stabilise and move to the next stage of growth**

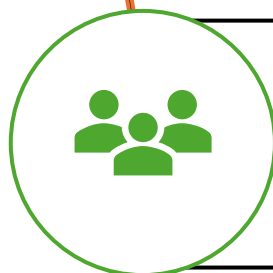
Category 2 (Cat 2)

- *Up to 5 years, up to \$300k/annum[^]*

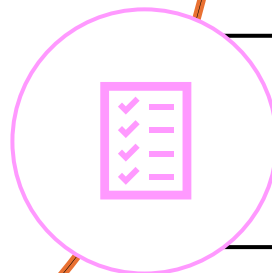
Projects that are endorsed by relevant government agency or are nominated by President's Challenge Sector Admin# to have consistently achieved good results in uplifting aspirations, abilities and potential, and nurturing talent in the arts and sports, especially for those who face greater odds; and have **potential to scale** and become **self-sustaining**



Proposals shall uplift aspirations, abilities and potential of those who start with greater odds, including nurturing talents in the arts and sports, through upstream preventive and/or direct interventions.



It will be helpful if proposals activate the community by involving volunteers, and/or promoting multiracialism, cross-cultural appreciation etc, where practical.



Eligibility criteria: Open to all IPCs.*

[^]Except for 4th and 5th year, where funding will be stepped down to \$200k and \$150k respectively to encourage entities to plan for sustainability.

*Interested non-IPCs can partner with an IPC entity to submit application for the grant call.

#MCCY, MOE, MOH, MSF, NAC, Singapore Prison Service, SG Enable, SportSG, Yellow Ribbon Singapore

President's Challenge 2025 Grant Call Assessment Criteria

Section A: Assessment Criteria for Cat 1 and 2 projects	
Clear Objective of Supporting Upliftment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal clearly describes the sustained impact and development it aims to deliver and produces credible evidence to justify the need for this project.
Project Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal clearly describes how the activities/ interventions lead to the intended outcomes. Project's timelines to achieve the intended outcomes are realistic.
Team's Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project team understands or has experience serving the target group.
Community Activation	It will be helpful if the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> involves volunteers and clearly describes how the use of volunteers will benefit the service users, or promotes multiracialism and/or cross-cultural appreciation, where practical
Section B: Additional criteria for Category 2 Projects only	
Endorsement from government agency/ PC Sector administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project receives support from a relevant government agency or PC Sector Administrator that the project is <ol style="list-style-type: none"> performing/ delivering good outcomes <u>and</u> addressing a clear need within the community or the target population and is a value-add to existing landscape of support.
Project Past Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project has consistently shown good outcomes.
Project Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal identifies suitable output and outcome indicators to measure the impact to beneficiaries.
Project Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal clearly articulates how the project will be sustainable beyond the funding period.

All projects would be funded at *up to* 100% of Total Operating Expenditure that is not covered by other income sources for up to first 3 years.

Funding quantum for Category 2 projects at 4th and 5th year is *up to* 75% and 50% respectively to encourage entities to plan for sustainability.

All proposals must be submitted on [Form.sg](#) by ~~22 Nov 2024~~ **29 Nov 2024**

- **Compulsory attachments to be uploaded:**
 - i. Proposal Budget Form
 - ii. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions Form
 - iii. Audited Financial Statements for the latest 2 Financial Years
 - iv. Letter of endorsement (*For Category 2 applicants only*)
- All forms can be downloaded via President's Challenge website > Links > [Forms](#)
- Applicants may only submit one application form, even if your agency is applying for funding for more than one project. Only the latest application form will be assessed in event there are multiple application forms submitted by the same agency.
- Results will be released in Q2 2025 (*indicative*) if your application is successful. Funding will commence subsequently.
- For queries, please contact pc_enquiries@ncss.gov.sg.

Reporting and funding timeline – Category 1 projects

Up to \$100k/annum, up to 3 years. Disbursed in two tranches in total.

	Reporting requirements by successful applicant	Amount of disbursement	Timing of disbursement
Tranche 1	Nil. Funding will be given upon approval of application	30% of approved project funding amount	By Q2 2025 (indicative)
Tranche 2	At the end of the first year of the funding period <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual fund utilisation and outcome report*Annual certified Income and Expenditure statements, which must be endorsed by Agency's President, Treasurer and Executive Head, if not their equivalents.	70% of approved project funding amount	At the end of Year 1, by Q2 2026 (indicative)

Notes:

- *Outcome refers to the total number of service users served and number of volunteers involved (if applicable)
- If project ends within Year 1, the final funding amount to be disbursed will be computed based on the actual expenditure as reported in the certified Income and Expenditure statements, capped at 70% of approved funding amount.
- Applicant shall continue to submit the fund utilization and outcome report and certified Income and Expenditure statements annually until the end of approved funding period.
- All unutilised funding shall be returned at the end of the approved funding period.

Reporting and funding timeline – Category 2 projects

Up to \$300k/annum, up to first 3 years. For 4th and 5th year, funding is up to \$200k and \$150k respectively.

- 2 tranches each year – based on the approved budget for the year
- 1st tranche – 30%, 2nd tranche – 70%

Annually	Reporting requirements by successful applicant	Amount of disbursement	Timing of disbursement
Tranche 1 per year	<p><u>First year:</u></p> <p>Within 2 weeks of issuance of Funding Addendum by President's Challenge Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signed Funding addendum and where applicable, self-assessment of National Council of Social Service (NCSS) service standards^ <p>Funding period to start from 1 July 2025 (indicative).</p> <p><u>Second year onwards:</u></p> <p>Nil</p>	30% of approved project funding for each year	Within first three months from the start of each funding year

Notes:

- ^only applicable to projects with direct intervention, which Sector Administrator is NCSS (for MSF/MCCY).

Reporting and funding timeline – Category 2 projects (Cont'd)

Annually	Reporting requirements by successful applicant	Amount of disbursement	Timing of disbursement
Tranche 2 per year	<u>Every six months during project duration (H1 and H2)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Half-yearly reporting of mandatory indicators*. <u>Annually at end of each funding year</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Certified Income and Expenditure statements, which must be endorsed by Agency's President, Treasurer and Executive Head, if not their equivalents.	70% of approved project funding for each year	At the end of each funding year, after the President's Challenge Secretariat has assessed that the reported outcomes (half-yearly) is satisfactory, and verified the certified income and expenditure statements

Notes:

- *This includes number of new cases, total cases and closed cases, client output and outcome indicators.
- PC secretariat or Sector Administrator may conduct random checks on proof of expenditure or project delivery for selected cases, where needed.
- Applicant shall submit audited Income and Expenditure statements annually if the approved funding amount for the first three years averages out to \$250,000 or more a year.
- All unutilised funding shall be returned at the end of the approved funding period.

Reporting and funding timeline – Category 2 projects (Cont'd)

Tranche 2 of final year disbursement

- In addition to typical tranche 2 reporting, agencies shall also submit self-assessment of NCSS Service Standards for applicable projects
- For last disbursement, PC shall disburse funds to cover up to the qualifying expenditure^{1,2} incurred for the project during entire funding period (capped at annual approved budget).

Scenario	Disbursement
Total qualifying expenditure for entire funding period <u>exceeds</u> PC fund disbursed-to-date	PC Secretariat will disburse for the <u>balance qualifying expenditure</u> , capped at 70% of approved funding amount for the final year.
Total qualifying expenditure for entire funding period is <u>less than</u> PC fund disbursed-to-date (i.e. Agency still has unutilised PC funds)	PC Secretariat will require the agency to <u>return the excess PC funds</u> , and will not make further disbursements.

Notes:

1. Qualifying expenditure i.e. Total Operating Expenditure less off other available income for the approved project , applying annual funding quantum % and cap amount
2. Based on Certified Income and Expenditure Statements endorsed by President/Treasurer/ED of the agency if the approved funding amount for the first three years averages out to less than \$250,000 a year. For average funding amount for first 3 years that averages out to \$250,000 or more, computation of qualifying expenditure will be based on audited Income and Expenditure statements.

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