

MDEC Grant Programs: Complete Guide for Entrepreneurs

Overview

Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) offers comprehensive grant programs to support entrepreneurs and startups at various stages of their digital transformation journey. This guide provides detailed information about all available grants.

Available Grant Programs

1. Digital Content Grant (DCG)

Objective: Support development and production of digital creative content

Three Grant Types:

- **Mini Grant:** Up to RM150,000
- **Prime Grant:** Up to RM500,000
- **Marketing & Commercialization Grant:** Up to RM300,000

Eligible Content Areas:

- Animation (Series & Feature Films)
- Digital Games
- Digital Comics
- Creative Technology Content

Target Recipients: Digital content startups and companies

2. Malaysia Digital Catalyst Grant (MDCG)

Funding: Up to RM1,000,000

- Local companies: Up to 50% of project cost
- Foreign companies: Up to 30% of project cost

Objective: Catalyze disruptive and innovative sustainable solutions aligned with National 4th IR policy

Requirements: Must have end-user partner for co-creation and problem-solving

3. Malaysia Digital Acceleration Grant (MDAG)

Funding: Up to RM5,000,000 (Up to 70% of total cost)

Duration: Up to 3 years

Objective: Accelerate growth of mature digital technology companies to become regional champions

Eligibility:

- Must have Malaysia Digital (MD) or MSC status
- Company operational for at least 1 year
- Minimum paid-up capital of RM50,000

4. Malaysia Digital X-Port Grant (MDXG)

Funding: Up to RM1,000,000

- Local companies: Up to 50% of project cost
- Foreign companies: Up to 30% of project cost

Objective: Support export-ready tech companies to expand globally

Focus: High-value digital exports and global market commercialization

5. MSME Digital Grant MADANI

Funding: Up to RM5,000 (50% of invoice amount)

Target: Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)

Eligible Digitalization Areas:

- Digital Marketing/Sales
- e-POS Systems
- HR Payroll/CRM Systems
- ERP/Accounting & Tax
- Digital Signature
- IoT/Smart Systems
- Cybersecurity

Key Eligibility Requirements

General Requirements (Most Grants):

- Incorporated in Malaysia under Companies Act
- Minimum 51% Malaysian ownership (for local companies)
- Active business operations
- No legal or compliance issues

Specific Requirements:

- **MDAG:** Must have MD/MSC status, operational for 1+ years
- **MDCG:** Must have end-user partner
- **MSME Grant:** 60% Malaysian ownership, 6+ months operation, RM50,000+ annual turnover

Application Process

Standard Steps:

1. Register on GAIN Awards Platform (gain.mdec.my)
2. Complete online application form
3. Upload required supporting documents
4. Submit application
5. MDEC compliance checking
6. Pitching session (if required)
7. Approval process
8. Grant award notification

Required Documents:

- Company registration documents
- Financial statements
- Business plan/project proposal
- Director identification documents
- Technical specifications (where applicable)

Tips for Successful Applications

1. **Alignment:** Ensure project aligns with Malaysia Digital promoted sectors
2. **Innovation:** Demonstrate disruptive or innovative elements
3. **Impact:** Show potential economic and social benefits
4. **Readiness:** Have clear implementation timeline and milestones
5. **Partnership:** Consider end-user partnerships for MDCG applications

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This guide is based on publicly available information as of 2025. Please verify current requirements and deadlines on MDEC's official website before applying.