



FOOD FUND FARM CAPABILITY UPGRADING

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION

OVERVIEW

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| Focus Area(s) | <p><u>Farm Capability Upgrading (FCU):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Basicb) Advancec) Technical Boosters |
| Applications to be sent to | <p>Formal applications must be made on the prescribed application forms.</p> <p>All applications and relevant documents are to be submitted via email to:</p> <p>AVA_Food_Fund_Applications@ava.gov.sg</p> <p>Attn: Mr Alan Ong Rui Rong</p> <p>Mrs Wu-Mok Yin Fong</p> <p>Ms Tan Ling Ling</p> |
| Other instructions | <p>Information can be obtained at AVA website:</p> <p>www.ava.gov.sg/FoodFund.htm</p> <p>For further information, please contact:</p> <p>Email: AVA_Funds_Enquiries@ava.gov.sg</p> <p>Telephone: 63257692 / 63257324</p> |

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Purpose

- 1 To upgrade the farm productivity and production capability of local farms (e.g. tonnage per hectare, manpower efficiency and process improvement), in order to enhance Singapore's food supply resilience.

Eligibility Criteria

- 2 Applicant shall be a farm licensee with a valid licence and a farm based in Singapore, producing any of the 3 key food items namely, eggs, fish and leafy vegetables. Farm shall also be free of unauthorized or illegal activities for the last 3 years from time of application.

Application Procedures

- 3 Completed application form with a copy of applicant's NRIC, valid farm license, latest income statement of the farm and Farm Productivity Improvement Plan (for fish and vegetable farms) to be submitted to AVA.
- 4 Applicant applying for the Advance Capability Upgrading must submit the latest audited financial statement for 2 years.
- 5 Claims are permitted for equipment bought after date of application.

FUNDING SUPPORT

- 6 The Fund provides assistance to cover 3 areas of farm capability upgrading to be applied to eggs, fish and leafy vegetable production.
 - a) **Basic**
 - b) **Advance**
 - c) **Technical Boosters**

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| | Funding Type | Fund Information |
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| 1 | Basic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This incentive provides funding of basic equipment that would help increase productivity. • AVA will fund 50% of eligible cost, capped at \$25,000 per farm per year, whichever is lower. • Applicant shall propose the equipment to be co-funded based on its Farm Productivity Improvement Plan (for fish and vegetable farms to be endorsed by AVA) and the list of pre-approved equipment provided in Annex A. |
| 2 | Advance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This incentive provides funding of advance equipment, machinery and farming systems that would help increase productivity. • AVA will fund 70% of eligible cost, capped at \$500,000 per farm per year, whichever is lower. • Fund will only be disbursed in 2 stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 50% of the approved funding will be disbursed upon claim reimbursement. ii) The remaining 50% of the approved funding will be disbursed upon proven productivity. • Farms will be tracked by its Farm Productivity Improvement Plan (for fish and vegetable farms to be endorsed by AVA) and productivity records. |
| 3 | Technical Boosters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose is to encourage the use of new sources or better quality seed (leafy vegetable varieties and food fish fry). • AVA will fund 30% of vegetable seed cost, capped at \$1,500 per farm, whichever is lower. • AVA will fund 30%, capped at \$5,000 for fish fry per farm or whichever is lower. • Fish fry must be from accredited source. • Vegetable seed supply must be from new sources or of better quality from what is currently used. |

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Farm Capability for Fish Farms - List of Pre-Approved Equipment

Basic Farm Capability

Farming Facilities

- High density polyethylene or metal cages
- Special nets eg anti-fouling, anti-predator
- Pollution containment eg oil deflection boom

Farm Equipment

- Auto feeder
- Fish sorter/ grader
- High pressure washer
- Solar panels
- Generators
- Live Fish Pumps
- Air blower/ compressor/ aerator
- Water quality monitoring equipment
- Microscope
- Chest freezer
- Workboat (AVA registered)
- Mechanical lifting equipment eg motorised winch

Farm Capability for Vegetable Farms - List of Pre-Approved Equipment

Basic Farm Capability

Farming Facilities

- Netted growing house
- Growing house with PVC Roofing & Side Netting

Irrigation System

- Overhead mist sprinklers
- Irrigation System (including PE pipe, overhead mist sprinklers, accessories, pumps etc)

Farm Equipment

- Tilling machine
- Foot path machine
- Motorized sprayer
- Small agricultural tractor
- Excavator
- Bobcat
- Auto packaging machine
- Mechanized mixer for growing media
- Refrigerator for seed and vegetable storage
- pH meter
- EC meter
- Solar pest trap
- Pallet jack and forklift
- Scissor lift

Cold Chain Facilities

- Cold room for vegetables storage (infrastructure)