

EMERGING STRONGER TOGETHER



BUDGET
2021



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Dear Fellow Singaporeans

We will not let this pandemic overcome us. We must emerge stronger as an economy, as a society, as a home, as one people.

The \$107 billion Emerging Stronger Together Budget is how we will continue to fight this crisis in 2021. This Budget will support all of you - our workers, businesses, families - through these difficult times.

We will redouble our efforts to create good jobs and to help those who require additional support before landing a job. The Household Support Package will provide additional support to our families. I hope that these measures and the extraordinary support rolled out in 2020 will help you and your family.

This Budget is also about investing for the future. Together, we will build a vibrant and innovative economy, an inclusive and compassionate society, as well as a green and sustainable city for future generations.

Let us support one another and go the extra mile to care for our home and loved ones. We will overcome COVID-19 and emerge stronger, together.



Heng Swee Keat

Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies, and Minister for Finance

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SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESSES



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FOR HIGH-GROWTH ENTERPRISES

- Extend and enhance the **Enterprise Financing Scheme – Venture Debt Programme**
- Increase cap on loan quantum from \$5 million to **\$8 million**
- We expect about **\$45 million** of venture debt to be catalysed over the next year





SUPPORTING OUR BUSINESSES



FOR MATURE ENTERPRISES: SMEs AND LARGE ENTERPRISES

- New **Emerging Technology Programme** will co-fund costs of trials and adoption of frontier technologies like 5G, artificial intelligence, and trust technologies
- **CTO-as-a-Service** to provide firms with access to professional IT consultancies
- **Digital Leaders Programme** to help promising firms hire a core digital team, and develop and implement a digital transformation roadmap
- Continued support for enterprises to **innovate, transform, and scale**
 - Extend **enhanced support levels of up to 80%** for enterprise schemes, such as Scale-up SG, Productivity Solutions Grant, Market Readiness Assistance and Enterprise Development Grant, from end-Sep 2021 to end-Mar 2022





FOR LARGE LOCAL ENTERPRISES

- Co-invest **\$500 million** with Temasek in a \$1 billion **Local Enterprises Funding Platform**, to help LLEs enter their next bound of growth

TO TRANSFORM VALUE CHAINS

- **Growth and Transformation Scheme** for the Built Environment sector
 - Bring developers, consultants, contractors, and suppliers together as an ecosystem to transform and innovate, as the sector recovers



CREATING PLATFORMS FOR NURTURING CREATIVE IDEAS

- Pilot **Corporate Venture Launchpad (CVL)** to provide co-funding for corporates to build new ventures
- Enhance **Open Innovation Platform (OIP)** to match problems faced by companies and public agencies with solution providers, with co-funding for prototyping and deployment of solutions
- Enhance **Global Innovation Alliance (GIA)** to catalyse cross-border collaboration between Singapore and major global innovation hubs
 - Expand from 15 city links today to **more than 25 cities** around the globe over the next 5 years
- **Singapore Intellectual Property Strategy 2030** will equip businesses with tools to value and commercialise their intellectual property (IP) and intangible assets (IA), and train skilled professionals in these fields

SUPPORTING OUR **WORKERS** AND **JOBSEEKERS**



JOBS SUPPORT SCHEME (JSS)

- Extend support for **Tier 1 sectors (Aviation, Aerospace, and Tourism)**
 - 30% for wages paid from Apr to Jun 2021, and 10% for wages paid from Jul to Sep 2021
- Extend support for **Tier 2 sectors (such as Retail, Arts and Culture, Food Services, and Built Environment)**
 - 10% for wages paid from Apr to Jun 2021
- Continue support for **firms in other sectors** till Mar 2021, as previously announced





COVID-19 RECOVERY GRANT

- Support workers who have lost their jobs or experienced significant income loss
 - Up to **\$700** per month for 3 months for employees who have lost their jobs or are placed on involuntary no-pay leave for at least 3 consecutive months
 - Up to **\$500** per month for 3 months for employees and self-employed persons who are facing average income loss of at least 50% for at least 3 consecutive months



FOR AVIATION

- **\$870 million** to preserve core capabilities and extend cost relief for the Aviation sector

FOR LAND TRANSPORT

- **COVID-19 Driver Relief Fund** for taxi and private hire car drivers
 - **\$600** per vehicle per month from Jan to Mar 2021, and **\$450** per month from Apr to Jun 2021

FOR ARTS & CULTURE AND SPORTS

- **\$45 million** for the Arts & Culture and Sports Resilience Packages to support businesses and self-employed persons in these sectors



SGUNITED JOBS AND SKILLS PACKAGE

- \$5.4 billion for a second tranche of **SGUnited Jobs and Skills Package**
 - On top of **\$3 billion** already allocated last year
 - Of which **\$5.2 billion** to extend **Jobs Growth Incentive's (JGI)** qualifying window to end-Sep 2021, to encourage employers to continue accelerating their hiring
- Extend the **SGUnited Skills, SGUnited Traineeships, and the Mid-Career Pathways Programmes**
- Budget set aside in this next phase to support the hiring of **200,000** locals this year through the JGI, and provide up to **35,000** traineeship and training opportunities to continue to support jobseekers in upskilling and access to employment opportunities



SUPPORTING OUR FAMILIES





HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT PACKAGE

- **\$200 additional one-off GST Voucher – Cash Special Payment** for all eligible Singaporeans
- **\$120 to \$200 in GST Voucher – U-Save Special Payment** for eligible HDB households
- Extended **Service and Conservancy Charges (S&CC) Rebate** for all eligible households for another year, to offset between 1.5 to 3.5 months of charges
- **\$200 additional one-off top-up per Singaporean child** through CDA, Edusave, or PSEA, for families with children below the age of 21
- **\$100 CDC Vouchers** for each Singaporean household, to be used at participating heartland shops and hawker centres





OLDER WORKERS

- Increase budget for the **Senior Worker Early Adopter Grant** and the **Part-Time Re-employment Grant** by over **\$200 million** to support more companies to raise their retirement and re-employment ages earlier

LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES

- Expand **ComLink** to a nationwide programme to eventually cover 14,000 families with children over the next 2 years to provide holistic support for low-income families staying in rental housing

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- Pilot **Inclusive Support Programme** to allow more children with developmental needs to be more meaningfully engaged alongside other children

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SUPPORTING **ONE**
ANOTHER

CHARITABLE GIVING

- Extend **250% tax deduction** for donations to IPCs for another two years, until end-2023
- Extend additional government support for **Tote Board's Enhanced Fund-Raising Programme** by one year with dollar-for-dollar matching on eligible donations
- Extend **ComChest's SHARE as One** matching grant period to FY2023
- **\$20 million Change for Charity Grant** for businesses to do more to facilitate spontaneous acts of daily giving

VOLUNTEERISM

- Extend **Business and IPC Partnership Scheme** for two years, until the end of 2023, to support corporate volunteerism
- **CDCs' \$50 million Care and Innovation Fund** to support bottom-up, innovative initiatives which address the needs of the community





Sustainability



HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY

- **\$60 million Agri-Food Cluster Transformation Fund** to continue supporting tech adoption in the agri-food sector
- Set aside **\$30 million** over the next five years for **Electric Vehicle (EV)-related initiatives**, such as improving charging provision at private premises
- Narrow the cost differential between electric cars and internal combustion engine (ICE) cars
 - **Lower Additional Registration Fee** floor to zero, for electric cars, from Jan 2022 to Dec 2023
 - **Adjust road tax bands** so that mass-market electric cars will have comparable road tax to an ICE equivalent





GREEN FINANCING

- Green finance is an important enabler for sustainability efforts
- Government to issue **green bonds** on select public infrastructure projects
- Catalyse flow of capital towards sustainable development in Singapore and Asia
- Identified up to **\$19 billion** of public sector green projects as a start

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