

MND RESEARCH FUND FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

Eligibility

Q1: Can the principal investigator be a specialist supplier or manufacturer?

A1: The MND research fund for the built environment supports applied research and welcomes private companies to submit their proposals during the Request-for-Proposal (RFP) exercise. Hence, suppliers and manufacturers with relevant experience and expertise, who are capable of delivering the milestones, can be the principal investigator.

Q2: Can an individual be a lead organisation?

A2: No. Individual who wish to submit proposal for this research fund must partner with a lead organisation. Typically, lead organisation can be tertiary or research institutions, public sector agencies or private companies that have interest in the research topic and may or may not have research expertise.

To increase the implementation potential, we strongly encourage collaboration between public and private sector.

Evaluation Process

Q3: The proposal submitted may contain sensitive information. How can this information be protected from other competitor?

A3: Relevant privileged or confidential information should be disclosed to help convey a better understanding of the project. However, such information must be clearly marked in the proposal.

The proposal will be reviewed by Technical Evaluation Panel members, who have signed the letter of non-disclosure so that such privileged information will not be released to competitor.

Funding

Q4: What is the funding support level?

A4: The fund provides an assistance to cover 30-75% of the qualifying cost of the project (subject to a cap of \$2 mil/proposal), depending on the quality of proposal and implementation potential.

Q5: Is GST supported?

A5: GST incurred from purchase of equipment, materials, software and professional services are supportable cost.

Funding (cont'd)

Q6: Does the fund support manpower cost of overseas researchers from the parent company?

A6: The fund does support a portion of the manpower cost that is working in Singapore. This is to help build up local expertise in key areas such as sustainable development. The parent company should consider funding the overseas-based researchers.

Project Duration

Q7: Can companies submit request for extension of qualifying period after the project completion date?

A7: Companies are required to submit the request for an extension with reasons before the project completion date. Typically, requests for extensions (if granted) will not exceed more than six months if granted.