

Have a brilliant idea for an initiative strong in  
VOLUNTEERISM and/or PHILANTHROPY?  
Tell us. You may get up to \$200,000 in funding.



### 1. QUALIFYING CRITERIA\*

The initiative must be able to achieve <b>all</b> of the following:	
a. Meet community needs in Singapore	This refers to the community at large in Singapore. Excludes any initiative aimed at meeting needs outside Singapore
b. Be new, ie significantly different from anything offered by other parties	Example of “new”: a new idea to meet an existing need or an existing idea executed in a new way to give improved results. Excludes any initiative that does not show significant difference
c. Have a strong component of volunteerism and/or philanthropy and meet agreed deliverables (eg number of volunteers, amount of funds raised)	For example, an initiative that involves only philanthropy must raise at least \$100,000 before NVPC would consider making a grant of \$100,000. Excludes any initiative that does not involve strong volunteerism or philanthropy
d. Be sustainable, not one-off/ ad hoc, not purely social/ recreational	Excludes once-a-year activities or regular performances / outings for beneficiaries
e. Have other confirmed sources of funding	The initiative must be able to attract funding from elsewhere besides NVPC
f. Be carried out by an organisation that is secular, non-political, non-profit and be registered in Singapore or is part of such an organisation	Excludes individual persons or private companies

### 2. FUNDING

Subject to a cap of \$200,000, the grant covers up to 80% of start-up and/or 24 months of costs related to volunteerism and philanthropy only.

### 3. APPLICATION PROCESS

<p>Applications are open twice a year.</p> <pre> graph TD     Enquiry[Enquiry] --&gt; Application[Application]     Application --&gt; Evaluation[Evaluation]     Evaluation --&gt; Decision[Decision]     Decision --&gt; Offer[Offer]     Offer --&gt; ProgressReport[Progress Report]             </pre> <p>Please refer to the FAQs overleaf.</p>	<p><b>NIG Secretariat</b> National Volunteer &amp; Philanthropy Centre 6 Eu Tong Sen Street #04-88 The Central Singapore 059817 Phone: 1800 325 0965 Fax: 6221 0625 Email: <a href="mailto:feedback@nvpc.org.sg">feedback@nvpc.org.sg</a> <a href="http://www.nvpc.org.sg/grants">www.nvpc.org.sg/grants</a></p>
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## Frequently-asked questions

### **Q1 My organisation has started a programme. Can we apply for a grant?**

A1 Yes, if the programme meets all the NIG criteria. For example, just because an initiative is new to the applicant (eg a start-up) does not in itself mean it is new in Singapore.

### **Q2 How do I apply for NIG?**

A2.1 Please check that your initiative meets all of the criteria. As the grant process is a competitive one, only the most suitable applications per intake will be funded.

A2.2 There are two intakes per year. Completed grant applications must reach NVPC by the deadline stated for each intake. For calendar year 2009, the deadlines are 15 Jan and 6 Jul.

A2.3 Please contact NIG Secretariat regarding application details if your initiative meets all the criteria.

### **Q3 How much will be granted? Is the grant restricted to specific uses?**

A3.1 The grant is strictly for volunteerism and philanthropy-related costs eg salary for staff who manage volunteers, fundraising-related expenses. NIG does not cover rent, equipment or manpower costs not related to volunteerism and/or philanthropy.

A3.2 If a grant is made, the amount depends on several factors eg volunteerism and philanthropy-related costs, deliverables and how the application compares with other applications.

### **Q4 Is the grant paid as a lump sum? Is there an “expiry date”?**

A4.1 The grant covers up to two years' costs, which may be drawn down by grantee over a maximum of three years.

A4.2 The grant is paid in several disbursements, based on progress reports every six months from grantees and subject to NVPC's assessment of whether progress is satisfactory.

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