

30 November 2020
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Dear Sir/Madam

CO-FUNDING SUPPORT FOR SAFE MANAGEMENT OFFICERS (“SMO SUPPORT”)

The \$1.36 billion Construction Support Package was announced on 27 June 2020. One component of the Construction Support Package is the co-funding of 50% of salaries of SMOs (SMO Support) who are Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents (SC/SPR) for six months from September 2020 to February 2021, provided the firms adhere to COVID-Safe Worksite practices.

2 The Government also further announced an extension of the Jobs Support Scheme (JSS) on 17 August 2020 to provide 50% and 30% support for the Built Environment sector from September to October 2020; and November 2020 to March 2021, respectively. In addition, the Jobs Growth Incentive (JGI) was announced on 4 September 2020 to provide salary support for each new local hire by employers that managed to increase their local workforce from September 2020 to February 2021 (inclusive).

Support level, funding cap and qualifying costs for SMO Support

3 Given that the extended JSS support will be provided till March 2021, **there will be a SMO Support “top up” of up to 20% from November 2020 to February 2021, to maintain a 50% support level for the salary of SMOs who are not eligible for salary support under the JGI.** Please see Annex A for more details including eligibility for the support, the amount and how to apply. We seek and require cooperation from firms to ensure and declare that they have not tapped on other funding support (including JGI) for the SMOs they are seeking the SMO support for.

Application and disbursement

4 **The application for SMO Support “top up” has closed on 11 March 2021 as BCA has contacted all eligible firms.**

5 The SMO Support will be credited directly to eligible firms through GIRO. To receive the one-off disbursement by 30 September 2021:

- **Firms should have a valid bank account registered with Vendors@Gov by 20 August 2021.**

6 Firms that do not have a bank account registered with Vendors@Gov can do so at <http://www.vendors.gov.sg>. **A login user guide can be found [here](#).** Please note that firms require a CorpPass to register with Vendors@Gov. Details on CorpPass can be found at <http://www.corppass.gov.sg>.

7 As this funding support is aimed at encouraging the implementation of SMM, employers whose project worksites have received COVID-Safe related Stop Work Orders (SWOs) based on BCA's records may be deemed to be ineligible for the SMO support.

Yours faithfully,

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ANNEX A: FACTSHEET ON CO-FUNDING SUPPORT FOR SAFE MANAGEMENT OFFICERS (SMOs) (SMO SUPPORT)

About the Scheme

One of the restart criteria is the appointment of SMO on project site. The Government will co-fund the wages of SMOs to provide support to employers on the compliance costs incurred.

To help firms defray the cost of deploying SMOs, the Government will co-fund 50% of salaries of SMOs who are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents (SC/SPR) for six months from September 2020 to February 2021, provided that the firms adhere to COVID-Safe Worksite practices.

- Government will co-fund 50% of the first \$4,600 of gross monthly wages for each SC/SPR SMO. This will be effected through a combination of the extended Jobs Support Scheme (JSS) and the SMO co-funding “top up” as follows:

Salaries for SMOs paid in:	JSS Support (from IRAS)	SMO Co-funding “Top Up” (from BCA)	Total Govt Support
Sep 2020 – Oct 2020	50%	Nil	50%
Nov 2020 – Feb 2021	30%	Up to 20%	
Mar 2021	30%	Nil	30%

- BCA’s SMO co-funding “top up” amount, also known as SMO Support, is capped at:
 - Up to \$3,680 split equally over 4 months (up to \$920 per month) from November 2020 to February 2021;
 - 1 unique SMO for each construction project

Qualifying Criteria

- SMO must be SC/SPR
- SMO is not eligible for salary support under the JGI
- Eligible firms are main contractors with ongoing construction projects:
 - approved by BCA to restart as at 1 November 2020;
 - require SMOs as per BCA’s COVID-Safe Worksite requirements; and
 - yet to obtain Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) or Certificate of Statutory Completion (CSC) during the SMO co-funding “top up” period (Nov 2020 to Feb 2021).

Key dates to note:

Application

Application had closed on 11 March 2021.

Disbursement

By 20 Aug 2021 – Firms should have a valid bank account registered with Vendors@Gov

By 30 Sep 2021 – One-off disbursement credited directly to eligible firms through GIRO