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$100,000 Award to Improve Lives of Persons with Disablities

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The Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) and SG Enable will be offering $100,000 to five teams as jumpstart awards for new ideas to improve the lives of persons with disabilities. This Award is part of the inaugural "Enabling Community coLAB", to be launched by MSF and SG Enable on 5 April 2014.

The Enabling Community coLAB (Annex A) invites the community to learn, connect and come up with innovative solutions to some of the everyday challenges faced by persons living with disabilities. Through coLAB, participants will understand the challenges that persons with disabilities face in their daily lives. Through the ideas generated from the coLAB, the hope is to improve the lives of persons with disabilities and foster greater inclusion of them in society.

The event, to be held at *SCAPE from 5-6 April 2014, is a two-day workshop for participants to develop their ideas with the help of facilitators and like-minded peers. At the finals in May 2014, up to five selected teams will be awarded up to $20,000 each to turn their ideas into reality with the help of mentors and community partners (Annex B). DBS is the main corporate partner for the event.

Proposals that could eventually become social enterprises may be considered for funding under MSF's ComCare Enterprise Fund and Youth Social Entrepreneurship Programme for Start-ups (Annex C).

MSF and SG Enable would like to invite all interested parties to be a part of the Enabling Community coLAB and work towards the creation of impactful ideas to benefit the lives of persons with disabilities. Prior to the main workshop, participants will get to learn from relevant experts in the disability sector as well as hear first-hand the aspirations and challenges of inspiring individuals living with disabilities. Registration is now open at www.enablingcommunitycolab.sg.

For more information please refer to the following Annexes:

Annex A: Enabling Community coLAB: Objectives, process and event details, website link for more information

Annex B: Enabling Community coLAB community partners

Annex C: Funding options for viable business models: ComCare Enterprise Fund and YSEP for Start-Ups,

SG Enable

SG Enable is an agency dedicated to enabling persons with disabilities. The agency seeks to empower persons with disabilities and their caregivers by providing easy access to information and referral services, enhancing employability and employment options for persons with disabilities, and engaging the larger community in enabling them to live in a more inclusive society. For more information, visit www.sgenable.sg.
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                                                                    Annex A

Enabling Community coLAB
A pilot project by MSF and SG Enable

What is a "coLAB"?

"co" stands for co-create, co-design and co-develop, while LAB represents the "laboratory" for ideas. When put together the "coLAB" is essentially a collaboration between interested parties, coming together to develop ideas to solve a problem. Open to all – from social entrepreneurs, developers, designers, industry experts, researchers to

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students – you are invited to learn, play, collaborate and network, be empowered and empower others through your energy and ideas!

Learn

The workshops, featuring industry and technology experts, will provide a backdrop to the coLAB. It will dive into the challenges facing people with disabilities, the technologies and solutions currently available to them as well as first-hand experiences from people living with disabilities.

Connect

Meet passionate people working in the disability sector. Also connect with technology gurus and expert developers. Share your expertise with the less experienced. Form new connections with like-minded innovators.

Collaborate

Find partners, swap ideas, and discover opportunities. You may just end up starting your own social enterprise after this coLAB! You could be selected to receive support and funding to take your idea further and become a reality.

Get rewarded

Up to ten teams will be given a "spur award" (a total of $15,000 to be won) at the end of the two-day workshop weekend. These teams will qualify for free workshops and services to help them refine their solutions to compete in the finals in May. Up to five "jumpstart awards" (a total of $100,000 to be won) will be awarded. Winning teams will be further incubated by the coLAB's partners.

Visit our website (www.enablingcommunitycolab.sg) to find our more!

Annex B

Community Partners

Co-organisers	MSF	SG Enable
Main corporate sponsor	DBS	
Programme partner	*SCAPE	
Social Innovation partner	UP Singapore	
Community partners	Autism Resource Centre	
	Microsoft	
	Movement for the Intellectually Disabled Singapore (MINDS)	
	NUS Entrepreneurship Centre	
	Ngee Ann Polytechnic	
	Republic Polytechnic	
	SMU Institute of Innovation & Entrepreneurship (IIE)	
	Singtel	
	Social Enterprise Association	
	Society for the Physically Disabled	
	START Centre	
	SUTD Opportunity Lab	
	Temasek Polytechnic	
	OneMap	

Annex C

Available Funding Options

MSF's ComCare Enterprise Fund (CEF)

CEF aims to provide seed funding for sustainable new and existing social enterprises that train and employ the needy disadvantaged in Singapore to help them become self-reliant. CEF is open to all new and existing social enterprises within the social service sector. It does not fund social enterprises with objectives that fall in the arts, cultural, health or environmental sectors.

Approved social enterprises can get up to 80% of the total project cost (start-up and operating costs for up to two years), subject to a maximum of S$300,000.

Eligibility for CEF

To be considered for CEF funding, the proposal must address 3 key areas:

1) A Compelling Social Objective(s)
2) A Viable Business Proposition
3) A Committed Team

Youth Social Entrepreneurship Programme (YSEP) for Start Ups

YSEP for Start Ups provides funding support to youths aged between 17 – 35 years in developing and implementing their social enterprise start-ups within the local social services sector. It does not fund applications within the arts, health or environment sectors. Start-ups can get up to 80% of the total projected capital expenditure and first year operating expenditure, capped at $50,000.

Interested youths may apply to MSF through any of our administrating institutions of higher learning.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated in the following key areas:

1) Compelling social objective
2) Feasibility and sustainability
3) Quality of management team

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Special Needs Savings Scheme for parents to set aside CPF Funds for children with disabilities »

SG Enable - An Agency Dedicated to Enabling Persons with Disabilities »

New Enabling Masterplan to build on progress and development in disability sector »

Studying the efficacy of early intervention for special-needs children »

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MCYS Awards $3.1 M Grant to SMRT to Operate 30 Wheelchair Accessible Taxis »

Addenda to President's Address: Caring Society »

Chan Chun Sing: Posters aimed at helping disabled to regain confidence »

MCYS to Offer Grant for Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Fleet »

Grants for wheelchair-friendly taxis »

Disabled to get over $1b in aid over next 5 years »

Occupational Therapy Day 2013 cum Launch of Bizlink Cafe@Institue of Mental Health »

Singapore's decision to accede to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities »

How do you sign a local word like durian? »

More services for disabled adults »

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More subsidised day care facilities for adults with special needs »

More subsidy to buy disabled-friendly devices; fund also open to more students »

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New Drop-in Disability Programme »

Social enterprises hiring persons with disabilities helps create a more inclusive society »

More Support for Early Intervention Services and Transport for Persons with Disabilities »

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New ministry to provide better support for social enterprises »

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Children born with development impairments »

Government, healthcare professionals to collaborate to fulfill needs of the deaf »

Unique shop run by the elderly and less-abled »

Maid on leave? Ministry provides solution »

SMRT gets grant to run London cabs »

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$1.7m boost to get more disabled to work »

Raising the bar for welfare groups »

More jobs for people with disabilities »

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Minister Chan Chun Sing to attend 8th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development in Siem Reap, Cambodia »

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