

MEDIA RELEASE

SFA LAUNCHES GRANT CALL FOR 30X30 EXPRESS TO RAMP UP LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has launched an open grant call for the '30x30 Express' today. The grant will provide \$30 million of funding support for the local agri-food industry to ramp up local production in eggs, leafy vegetables and fish over the next six to 24 months.

2 As part of the '**30x30 Express**' grant call, local agri-food players producing any of the three food types listed above are invited to submit proposals that make use of highly productive farming systems that can be constructed and implemented quickly to achieve high production levels.

3 The new grant will support successful applicants by co-funding up to 85% of the qualifying project costs. These include infrastructure and building costs (e.g. retrofit and/or installation of electrical systems), purchase of equipment, and installation of productivity-enhancing technology and farming systems. Successful applicants can receive up to 20% of the approved funding amount upfront to kick-start their production plans.

4 Proposals will be assessed based on their i) certainty and speed of implementation; ii) level of production and productivity; iii) project feasibility and economic viability; and iv) track record, capability and capacity to execute the project.

5 "We have been investing in local production as it is one of our key strategies to ensure food security. Since 2014, we have been supporting farmers through our Agriculture Productivity Fund and in recent years, awarded agriculture land to agri-food companies with promising technologies. In view of the COVID-19 circumstances, the Government is committing even more resources, such as through the new '30x30 Express' grant to help farms ramp up their production and increase our momentum in achieving our '30 by 30' goal. We encourage local agri-food players with productive and innovative farming systems to participate in the grant call and expand their production capabilities. Concurrently, we also urge consumers to play their part in enhancing our food security by supporting local produce," said Mr Melvin Chow, Senior Director of SFA's Food Supply Resilience division.

Eligibility and application

6 Farms that are or will be based in Singapore to produce eggs, leafy vegetables or fish are eligible to apply. Successful grant applicants are required to complete their projects and increase the production of any of the three food types for local consumption over the next 6 to 24 months.

7 All proposals must be submitted by 29 May 2020, 11.59pm. To facilitate the quick ramp up of local production, SFA will carry out two rounds of evaluation to expedite the evaluation and award process. The first evaluation will be carried out on 8 May 2020 (before the grant call closing date) to assess the proposals that have been submitted early. A second evaluation will be carried out on 5 June 2020, after the grant call has closed. The list of successful applicants will be announced at a later date.

8 More details of the '30x30 Express' grant call and application process are available on the SFA website at www.sfa.gov.sg/food-farming/funding-schemes.

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