



Joint Funding Scheme for FDCT-GDST Projects

I. Objectives

In line with the planning of the Greater Bay Area (GBA), the construction of the GBA international innovation and technology hub, as well as the development needs of society, economy and technological innovation in Guangdong and Macao, this Scheme is devised to achieve the complementary strengths of research capability, facilitate the Industry-University-Research cooperation between the two places, strive to make technical breakthroughs in strategic emerging industries so as to increase the international competitiveness of Guangdong and Macao. The Department of Science and Technology of Guangdong Province (hereinafter referred to as “GDST”) and the Science and Technology Development Fund (hereinafter referred to as “FDCT”) signed the *Action Plan for GDST and FDCT on Jointly Funding Cooperative R&D Projects between the two regions* on 27 May 2019. FDCT formulated this Joint Funding Scheme according to the aforementioned Action Plan and *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* as approved by the Chief Executive’s Dispatch No. 64/2021 on 4 May 2021.

II. Applying Entities

Entities that meet the requirements prescribed in paragraphs (1) to (4) of Article 2 of the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Chief Executive’s Dispatch No. 64/2021 are eligible to submit application for project funding.

III. Application Requirements

1. One party in the jointly-led application must be an enterprise. If it is a Macao enterprise, the corresponding investment must be self-



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funded, which shall not be less than the funding approved by FDCT. If the party is a higher educational institution or a scientific research institute in Macao, there is no self-funding requirement.

2. The applicants and their partners shall assume their respective responsibilities and have specific R&D cooperation among them.
3. The mainland partners must declare to GDST.
4. The name of the project and the names of the applicants on both sides must be consistent. The contents of the research plan shall reflect the complementary advantages of both sides.

IV. Funding Type

No repayment required.

V. Eligible and Ineligible Spending

Please refer to Article 3 of the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* as approved by the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 64/2021.

VI. Funded Amount and Project Duration

1. For the FDCT-GDST Projects, the amount funded by FDCT per year shall not exceed MOP30,000,000 (thirty million patacas), of which the amount for the projects in the GBA cities shall not exceed MOP10,000,000 (ten million patacas).
2. The maximum amount for each project is MOP1,300,000 (one million three hundred thousand patacas).
3. Each project has a maximum duration of two years.

VII. Declaration Guideline

The FDCT's Administrative Committee will negotiate with GDST each year on the requirements and details of key support areas, mutual cooperation, research findings and application plans, and prepare the corresponding declaration guideline.



VIII. Application Period

The period designated by the FDCT's Administrative Committee.

IX. Application Documents

Supporting documents shall be submitted in accordance with Article 6 of the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 64/2021.

X. Applying Method

The applying entities shall submit all the application documents mentioned in the preceding article in the manner designated by FDCT prior to the deadline of application.

XI. Form Review

1. FDCT and GDST will respectively conduct a form review after the deadline for application to verify that the application documents are correct and complete, and to review whether the subject project meets the requirements to be funded.
2. FDCT will require the applying entity to submit additional documents within 15 days as needed.
3. FDCT and GDST will jointly check the list of projects from their respective reviews. The projects will be considered as "FDCT-GDST Projects" when such projects are included in both FDCT and GDST lists.

XII. Assessment Method

1. FDCT and GDST conduct their respective assessments on the projects accepted.
2. The assessment is performed according to the *Financial Aid Grant Regulation* approved by the Chief Executive's Dispatch No.



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3. Key considerations will be given to the followings:

- (1) The value of the project;
- (2) Qualifications of the applying entity;
- (3) Project feasibility and work plan;
- (4) Foundation for cooperation.

XIII. Funding Allocation

1. The funded applying entities shall sign the Funding Agreement with FDCT.
2. The fund will be allocated in installments, and shall be reimbursed for the actual amount in accordance with the conditions provided for in the Funding Agreement.

XIV. Reports

The funded applying entities shall submit an annual report of their execution of the funded projects and the final work report for annual and final assessments by FDCT.

XV. Other Funding

Projects funded by FDCT shall not accept funding from other public funding schemes or programmes.

XVI. Right to Interpretation

FDCT reserves the right to offer the final interpretation of this Scheme.