# SPRING Start-Up Enterprise Development Scheme (SPRING SEEDS) 标新局起步企业投资计划 and

# Business Angel Scheme (BAS) 商业天使投资人计划

#### What it is

SPRING SEEDS and BAS provide seed money for start-ups by co-matching funding. SPRING SEEDS is targeted at third-party investments in general while BAS is open only to pre-approved business angel groups.

	Current	Enhancements
Source of Funds	Government capital, matched with 3 <sup>rd</sup> party investment	No change
Use of Funds	Start-up equity funding	No change
Maximum Investment Quantum	SPRING SEEDS: \$300,000	SPRING SEEDS: \$1 million
	BAS: \$1 million	BAS: \$1.5 million
Eligible Companies	SPRING SEEDS	SPRING SEEDS
	<ul> <li>Qualifying age of start-ups up to 3 years from date of incorporation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Qualifying age of start-ups up to 5 years from date of incorporation</li> </ul>
	Paid-up capital of maximum \$500,000 prior to SEEDS investment	Paid-up capital of maximum     \$1 million prior to SEEDS     investment, minimum     \$50,000
	Minimum investment of \$75,000 from 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	No change
	BAS	BAS
	Qualifying age of start-ups up to 5 years from date of incorporation	No change
	Minimum investment of \$75,000 from pre-approved business angel groups	No change
		Minimum paid up capital of \$50,000
Dollar matching ratio by government	1:1	2:1

#### Micro Loan Programme 微型贷款计划

## What it is

The Micro Loan Programme under the Local Enterprise Finance Scheme (LEFS) is a fixed interest rate financing programme for enterprises with no more than 10 employees. Administered by SPRING Singapore, Micro Loan is offered through 14 participating financial institutions.

	Current	Enhancements
Source of Funds	Government capital	No change
Use of Funds	Unsecured working capital	No change
Maximum Loan Quantum	\$50,000	\$100,000
Eligible Companies	SMEs with no more than 10 employees	No change
Risk Share	Govt: 50%	Govt: 80%
	PFI: 50%	PFI: 20%
Qualifying criteria	<ul> <li>company with no more than 10 employees</li> <li>at least 30% of local shareholding</li> <li>group fixed assets are below \$15 million (for manufacturing sector)</li> <li>group has no more than 200 employees (for services sector)</li> </ul>	No change

# Bridging Loan Programme (BLP) 过渡性贷款配套

## What it is

The Bridging Loan Programme is a new interim fixed interest rate financing programme offering loans of up to S\$500,000 to local enterprises. It is administered by SPRING Singapore and offered through participating financial institutions.

	Current Programme	Enhancements
Source of Funds		Government Capital
Use of Funds		Unsecured working capital
Maximum Loan Quantum	NA	\$500,000
Eligible Companies	(This is a new programme)	Companies with more than 10 employees
Risk Share		Govt: 50%
		PFI: 50%
Qualifying criteria		at least 30% local shareholding

#### Local Enterprise Finance Scheme (LEFS) 本地企业融资计划

#### What it is

The Local Enterprise Finance Scheme (LEFS) is a fixed interest rate financing programme offering loans of up to \$15 million to encourage and assist local enterprises to modernise and upgrade their operations. Administered by SPRING Singapore, LEFS is offered through 14 participating financial institutions.

	Current	Enhancements
Source of Funds	Government capital	No change
Use of Funds	Secured factory loan	No change
	Machinery term loan	
	Hire Purchase	
Maximum Loan Quantum	\$15 million	No change
Eligible Companies	SMEs	SMEs Non-SMES
Risk Share	Govt: 50%	Govt:80% Govt: 50%
	PFI: 50%	PFI: 20% PFI: 50%
Qualifying Criteria	<ul> <li>at least 30% local shareholding</li> <li>group fixed assets are below \$15 million (for manufacturing sector)</li> <li>group has no more than 200 employees (for services sector)</li> </ul>	No change  • at least 30% local shareholding • no limit on group fixed assets • no limit on number of employees
Scope		<ul> <li>Expanded to provide term loans using fully-paid assets as collaterals</li> <li>Expanded to include financing of more types of construction equipment and heavy vehicles</li> </ul>

#### Loan Insurance Scheme (LIS) 贷款保险计划

## What it is

The Loan Insurance Scheme (LIS) provides SMEs and Singapore-based internationalising companies working capital financing and trade facilities by getting them insured against default. The insurance premiums are co-shared between the government through SPRING Singapore and International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore), and the SMEs.

	Current	Enhancements
Source of Funds	Financial Institution	No change
Use of Funds	Secured working capital (e.g. against receivables)	No change
Maximum Loan Quantum	No limit but insurer has veto rights over \$1 million	No change
Eligible Companies	SMEs	All companies
Risk Share	Insurer: 75% PFI: 25% Government supports 50% of insurance premium on loans	No change
Qualifying criteria	<ul> <li>For domestic facilities</li> <li>at least 30% local shareholding</li> <li>group fixed assets are below \$15 million (for manufacturing sector)</li> <li>group has no more than 200 employees (for services sector)</li> <li>For export facilities</li> <li>Company must be Singaporebased</li> <li>Presence of at least 3 strategic business functions in Singapore. Strategic business functions refer to activities such as banking &amp; financial; marketing &amp; business planning; procurement/logistics; training &amp; personnel management; investment planning/coordination; R&amp;D technical support and manufacturing.</li> <li>Group turnover not exceeding S\$200 million (S\$500 million for trading companies) for non-listed companies. For listed companies, turnover not exceeding S\$100 million (S\$200 million for trading companies)</li> </ul>	For domestic facilities  removal of group fixed assets limit removal of group employee limit all other criteria as per existing  For export facilities removal of group turnover limit all other criteria as per existing

## Internationalisation Finance Scheme (IF Scheme) 国际化融资计划

#### What it is?

The IF Scheme is a financing scheme to assist Singapore-based companies to expand overseas. Companies can tap on the IF Scheme to acquire fixed assets for use overseas and/or to finance the working capital expenses of <u>secured</u> overseas projects.

	Current	Enhancements	
Source of Funds	Financial Institution	No change	
Use of Funds	Overseas fixed assets, structured project financing	No change	
Maximum Loan Quantum	\$15 million	No change	
Eligible Companies	Turnover caps	Turnover caps	
	Non-Trading	Non-trading	
	■ Listed: <\$100m	<ul> <li>\$300m for both listed and</li> </ul>	
	<ul><li>Privately-held:</li><li>&lt; \$200m</li></ul>	privately-held	
	<u>Trading<sup>1</sup></u>	Trading	
	■ Listed: < \$200m	■ Listed: < \$300m	
	■ Privately-held: < \$500m	<ul><li>Privately-held: No change</li></ul>	
Risk Share	Govt: 70%	Govt: 80%	
	PFI: 30%	PFI: 20%	
Qualifying criteria	PFI: 30%  Borrower must be a Singapore-based_company with at least 3 strategic business functions² in Singapore.  Borrower can tap on the IF Scheme to purchase fixed assets and/or purchase factories for use by its overseas subsidiary company, which is at least 50% equity owned by the Singapore-based company.  Borrower with no physical set-up overseas but is exporting services to overseas market (such as leasing companies) can also tap on the IF Scheme to finance the purchase of fixed assets for use overseas.  Borrower with secured overseas contract can tap on the IF Scheme to finance the working capital expenses associated with the confirmed contract.  Overseas business must complement the Singapore company's core operations and result in economic spin-offs to Singapore.		

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<sup>1</sup> It refers to companies that derive more than 50% of turnover from trading activities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Strategic business functions refer to activities such as banking and finance, marketing and business planning, procurement/logistics, training and personnel management, investment planning/coordination, research and development, technical support and manufacturing.

#### List of participating financial institutions

#### Bridging Loan, Micro Loan and Local Enterprise Finance Scheme (LEFS)

- 1. DBS Bank Limited
- 2. GE Commercial Financing (Singapore) Ltd
- 3. Hong Leong Finance Limited
- 4. IFS Capital Limited
- 5. Indian Bank
- 6. Maybank
- 7. ORIX Leasing Singapore Ltd
- 8. Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited
- 9. RHB Bank
- 10. Sing Investments & Finance Limited
- 11. Singapura Finance Limited
- 12. Standard Chartered Bank
- 13. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
- 14. United Overseas Bank Limited

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- 4. Maynbank
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- 6. Standard Chartered Bank
- 7. The Bank of East Asia, Limited
- 8. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
- 9. United Overseas Bank Limited

#### Internationalisation Finance Scheme

- 1. ABN AMRO
- 2. DBS Bank Limited
- 3. GE Commercial Financing (Singapore) Ltd
- 4. Hong Leong Finance Limited
- 5. IFS Capital Limited
- 6. Maybank
- 7. ORIX Leasing Singapore Ltd
- 8. Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited
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