



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

# APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE GRANT FUND FACILITY FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED MANUFACTURERS

The **Grant Fund Facility** established by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago provides new opportunities to develop small businesses producing high value-added products and services that can compete in export markets.



## CRITERIA

- ▶ Sole proprietors, partnerships and companies wholly owned by Trinidad and Tobago nationals and registered and operating in Trinidad and Tobago are eligible.
  - ▶ Grants will be for the acquisition of new capital requirements/expenditure by small and medium-sized enterprises that are:
    1. Export oriented; or
    - 2 Producing an import substitute; or
  - ▶ Otherwise identified to support diversification of the economy.
- Applicants will be required to meet at least 50% of the cost of the acquisition.
- ▶ Businesses must be registered and in operation for a minimum of two (2) years.

**Each applicant can access up to \$250,000 in funding**

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE GFF

Areas eligible for funding under the Grant Fund Facility include:

## MANUFACTURING

Food and drink processing  
Leather and other craft products  
Textile, garments, footwear and headwear  
Chemical products including cleaning items  
Beauty and personal care products  
Environmentally friendly packaging  
Printing, publishing and paper converters  
Wood, furniture and related products.

## AGRICULTURE & AGRO PROCESSING

Cocoa, vegetable and fruit, meat/fish and coffee processing; dehydration  
Agricultural equipment and chemical manufacturing  
Sugar and confectionery; chocolate; dairy and sauces  
Beverages (tea, non-alcoholic beverages, fruit juices and alcoholic beverages)  
Food packaging  
Oil extraction

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

Asset Management  
Accounting  
Business process outsourcing/shared services  
Investment banking and professional services

## FISH & FISH PROCESSING

The acquisition of new machinery, equipment, and software technology including, aquaponics systems for businesses involved in nursing, growing and processing of fish.

## MARITIME SERVICES

Ship building, repair and maintenance  
Servicing of vessels, including yachts, such as fiberglass work, welding, woodwork, upholstery services, sail making, electronics and electrical work, painting and rigging  
Hospitality services,  
Travel agency services  
Yacht brokerage

## CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

The development/sale of intellectual property of a cultural nature such as: film (including animation), fashion, music, dance, theatre, visual and performing arts, broadcasting, literature and publishing, heritage festivals including Carnival

## AVIATION SERVICES

The acquisition of new equipment, tools and software applications for businesses involved in aircraft servicing and maintenance.

## SOFTWARE DESIGN & APPLICATIONS

Costs to cover new software, patents for new technology, and the creation of new applications and designs for businesses that conceive and develop computer related programs and frameworks.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

The criteria for assessing applicants are based on:

- ▶ The specific areas of eligibility;
- ▶ Quality and completeness of the documentation submitted;
- ▶ Export orientation/import substitution;
- ▶ Financial capacity of the business; and
- ▶ The projected impact of the investment on the business' export growth or import substitution or diversification support.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- i. Complete the application form available on the Ministry of Trade and Industry's website.
- ii. Submit the application and all supporting documents to the Ministry of Trade and Industry - Investment Directorate.
- iii. An officer will make contact to conduct a site visit.
- iv. The proposal will be assessed and sent to an Evaluating Committee for consideration.
- v. Official notification of the approval/non-approval of applications will be sent to ExporTT Ltd and the applicant.
- vi. Execution of a Grant Agreement between ExporTT and the Applicant which governs the disbursement of funds
- vii. Effect of payment by ExporTT Limited directly to the supplier of the machinery or equipment through the bank

## INTERESTED? VISIT

[www.tradeind.gov.tt](http://www.tradeind.gov.tt) | [www.exporTT.co.tt](http://www.exporTT.co.tt)

For more information on eligibility criteria or how to apply please contact  
Investment Directorate: **868- 623-2931/4 ext 2231**