GRANTMAKING ENTITIES IN SINGAPORE

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1 INTRODUCTION: GRANTMAKING IN SINGAPORE

Philanthropy in Singapore is defined as the giving of money and resources for worthy social causes, thereby forging strong community bonds in society. In Singapore, members of the philanthropic community include individuals, family and corporate foundations, clan associations and religious, community and business groups\(^1\).

The National Volunteer and Philanthropy Centre (NVPC) sets apart *philanthropy* from *volunteerism*, where the former refers to the giving of money while the latter, that of time. Philanthropists may be further divided into 3 types of givers, namely individuals, corporations and grantmakers\(^2\). This study will focus on only the last group – the grantmakers.

1.1 What is a Grantmaker?

A *grantmaker, or grantmaking organisation*, is a registered entity whose primary purpose is to make grants to unrelated institutions or individuals in pursuit of its charitable objectives (such as poverty relief, education advancement, and religious advancement, amongst others). Grantmakers play an important role in assessing needs, providing solutions and improving lives within the communities they serve.

Grants are usually initiated through an application by the grantseeker and awarded upon review by the grantmaking entity, based on its grantmaking guidelines. Generally, a grantmaker disburses grants from assured sources of income (such as an endowment fund or property, or regular long-term contributions from one or two main sources). An *endowment fund* consists of assets, funds or properties, which are held in perpetuity and that produce an annual income flow for a foundation to disburse as grants. Some grantmakers do not have endowment funds, but act as conduits for *pass-through funds*. This


is often the case with corporate foundations, which typically rely on a percentage of a company’s annual dividends to provide a continuous source of funds³.

### 1.2 Types of Grantmakers in Singapore

Some common types of grantmakers in Singapore include:

- **Private/family foundation**: A private entity that carries a family name and where the founder and their relatives play a major role in the governance and management, as well as in the contribution, of funds;

- **Corporate foundation/fund**: A private entity whose Board comprises independent company officials. Funds are typically, but not exclusively, derived from the corporation, and the grantmaking focus may or may not be related to the parent company’s core business;

- **Government-related/-affiliated organisations**: A philanthropic institution established either by statute or under the purview of particular Ministries or statutory boards; or

- **Special interest/affinity groups**: An entity set up by a special interest or affinity group (examples include ethnic and religious groups as well as advocacy movements). Funds are derived from either a single constituency (excluding families and corporations) or multiple donors.

The motivational factors in setting up a foundation in Singapore for the different types of grantmakers may be generally stated as follows:

- **Private/Family Foundation**:
  
  - Personal attachment of individual/family to a cause;
  
  - Passion for giving back to society (especially for a founder who rose from modest means to become a wealthy business leader);

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To provide a means to pass down good values (such as generosity and humility) to the next generation.

- **Corporate Foundation/Fund:**
  - As part of the corporation’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes;
  - To organize the company’s philanthropic activities in a more structured and sustainable manner through a distinct entity.

- **Government-related/-affiliated Organisations:**
  - As part of nation building efforts to build a cohesive community with higher standards of living for all;
  - To level the playing field for the disadvantaged in society.

- **Special Interest/Affinity Groups:**
  - Individual attachment to a particular cause;
  - To support and further the niche interests of its members and other groups.

In the report that follows, a more specific grouping of the various grantmakers into 13 different categories will be done.

**1.3 The Grantmaking Landscape in Singapore: The Statistics**

Based on available data, the earliest grantmaker in Singapore was established in the 1940s. On average, one new foundation is established each year thereafter, except between 1991 and 2000, when about 16 grantmakers were established. Past research has shown that 52%
of grantmakers give on an on-going basis, 34% give at pre-determined frequencies, while 14% donate only when sufficient funds are available\(^4\).

In recent years, though, Singaporeans from all walks of life are seen donating more generously. Individuals and groups are slowly diversifying their choice of causes to support, and are becoming more directly involved in the actual operations of various grantmaking entities, some of which are part of broader philanthropic programmes, as is usually the case for corporate grantmakers. In fact, when the economy was in the doldrums in 2008-2009, the Republic saw an increase in the amounts donated. In response to this, the NVPC’s chief executive said Singaporeans “saw needs more obviously” during deep economic uncertainty\(^5\).

At the same time, according to the latest biennial survey conducted by the NVPC, the average donations per person in 2010 have gone up to S$331 from S$300 in 2008. The total amount of money donated has also increased from S$958 million to S$1,067 million in the same period. In particular, there was a notable increase in amounts donated of almost three-fold from S$341 million in 2006 to S$958 million in 2008. These indicate a general increase in people’s willingness to give, which will likely have positive implications on the development of the local grantmaking scene. In addition, a separate study conducted in 2009 reported that the majority of grantmakers in Singapore are family foundations (47%) and special interest/affinity groups (38%). 14% are corporate foundations and only 1% are government-based grantmakers\(^6\).

It is important to note, however, that although government-based grantmakers made up only 1% of the total grantmakers in Singapore, they contributed an overwhelming 74% to the total grant amount, as compared with family foundations (19%), special interest/affinity groups (3%) and corporate foundations (3%). Further, despite seeing one of the fastest-growing rates of millionaires in the Asia-Pacific region and having the highest concentration of millionaires worldwide (11.4%, as per a study conducted by the Boston Consulting Group in 2010), Singapore still has relatively few grantmaking foundations. In 2003, Singapore’s 79

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grantmakers paled in comparison to Hong Kong’s 1,000. A 2006 Straits Times article also reported that Singapore has only 20 grantmakers per million population, as compared to 221 in the United States and 128 in Britain.

Even then, looking forward, the number of grantmakers in Singapore is expected to increase steadily, as an increasing number of individuals and organizations recognize it as a structured and sustainable means to give back to society or to support various causes. This is particularly the case for corporations, in response to public pressure for greater social responsibility efforts.

At the same time, recent statistics provided by the NVPC reflects that public confidence in charities has grown post-2006 (the year that saw controversies involving some charities), with 40% of respondents having ‘above moderate to complete confidence’ in 2008, up from 28% in 2006. Although seemingly bearing little relation to grantmaking activities, such public confidence is, in fact, important in supporting, and thus ensuring the continuity of, grantmaking in aid of various causes in society. This is because many grantmaking entities rely on public donations as a possible source of funds. Coupled with the growing awareness of grantmaking as a way to give, these represent positive developments for Singapore’s grantmaking landscape.

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7 “Extinction is their goal.” March 27, 2010. The Straits Times.
2 RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND RESEARCH METHOD

This report presents a cross-sectional study on the grantmaking landscape in Singapore. Although grantmaking is one of the primary means through which individuals and organizations provide assistance to needy persons and worthy causes, there has been little research conducted on the local grantmaking scene to date. At the same time, as an increasing number of grantmakers emerge, each of these employs different models and focuses of giving, with each presenting a unique case on charitable giving in Singapore. Through this study, we thus aim to produce a monograph on the various grantmaking entities in Singapore that will cover the establishment of these entities, the causes they support, as well as the manner in which their grantmaking activities are administered.

In this study, secondary sources of data will form the main basis of our research. Specifically, each grantmaking entity will be classified into one of the following 13 categories, based on the nature and characteristics of that particular entity:

- Private foundations;
- Charitable trusts;
- Corporate foundations;
- Corporate funds;
- Ethnic self-help organizations;
- Chinese clan associations;
- Religious organizations and affiliated foundations;
- Healthcare-related funds;
- Politically-affiliated foundations;
- Government-run grantmaking entities;
- Government-run funds;
- Tertiary education-related funds; and
- Social interest and advocacy groups.

Based on this categorization, significant trends within each category, as well as for the local grantmaking landscape as a whole, will then be identified. The implications of these trends on the development of grantmaking activity in Singapore will also be discussed.
3 PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

Private Foundations play an integral role in the grantmaking landscape of Singapore. Many of the grantmakers, such as Tan Kah Kee, Tan Ean Kiam and Chew Hua Seng were not born into wealthy families, and successfully built their fortune from scratch. This history often played an integral role in shaping their grantmaking efforts, as the grantmakers felt a strong sense of responsibility to give back to the community.

The grantmaking focus of private foundations is often education, as many of the grantmakers fervently believe that the continued success of the nation depends on our future generations. These grants take the form of scholarships, usually without any strings or bonds attached. Another cause that private foundations pledge their support to is healthcare and sanitation, both locally and in the region. Another cause that has become increasingly popular would be eldercare. This can probably be attributed to a greying population that Singapore is tending towards, resulting in a greater need for assistance in eldercare.

All the private foundations take after either the grantmakers' name, or the family name. Most of the family and individual grantmakers were often either entrepreneurs or involved in the Banking & Finance industry, and their funds usually come out of their own pockets, with little fundraising efforts. In terms of administering the funds, there is a stark contrast in the approach of the various foundations. For instance, the Goh Keng Swee Foundation intends to remain as anonymous as possible, whereas the Lien Foundation takes a step further to actively promote the importance of palliative care amidst our ageing population in Singapore, through their life-before-death campaigns.

The foundations are generally managed by the family, even after the initial founder and grantmaker has passed on.
3.1 Chew Hua Seng Foundation

Grantmaker : Chew Hua Seng

Foundation Launch : November 2007

Address : 99 Beach Road Singapore 189701

Contact Number : (65) 6338 5288

Contact Email : contactus@chewhuaseng-foundation.org

Website : http://www.chewhuaseng-foundation.org

Source of Funds : S$70 million pledge

Grantmaking Focus : Education for underprivileged youths (through improvements in basic social services, such as healthcare, water, sanitation, nutrition, disaster relief, and housing)

About Chew Hua Seng:

Growing up from a humble background, Mr. Chew Hua Seng, the founder and chief executive officer of Raffles Education Corporation Limited (“REC”), naturally found his design sensibilities and love for beautiful things. It was a God-sent gift when he was presented with a chance to invest in design - a topic close to heart, the love for it cultivated since his simple childhood days.

Today, REC has grown to become Asia’s largest private education provider, operating three universities and 24 colleges spanning across ten countries in the Asia Pacific region. Establishing the Group’s first design college - Raffles Design Institute (“RDI”) - in 1990, Mr. Chew has nurtured the RDI brand name into Asia’s leading design institute today.

A staunch advocator of moral values like “paying it forward” and “compassion through the generations”, it comes as no surprise that the set up of the Chew Hua Seng Foundation was due to Mr. Chew’s motivation to provide young people with equal opportunities, granting
underprivileged youths the necessary resources to succeed in school and unlock their potential in life.

Renowned for his unwavering emphasis on the importance of education, Mr. Chew’s belief has been transposed onto the Chew Hua Seng Foundation, where education is perceived as a valuable gift that the Foundation can bestow to the youth. Having established a global company built on education, Mr. Chew firmly believes that the best avenue to pay back to society is to provide educational opportunities to the underserved communities.

**About the Chew Hua Seng Foundation:**

The Chew Hua Seng Foundation was established as a charity in November 2007 with S$100 million pledge, and has since contributed to various charity organizations in Singapore and the region, through providing underprivileged youths the resources they require to succeed in school and life. The Foundation was officially launched in conjunction with the UBS Global Philanthropy Forum in Singapore in September 2008. The Foundation is thus active in alleviating poverty in communities where it operates in through projects in basic social services such as health, water, sanitation, nutrition, housing, and disaster relief. The Foundation was also established as an outlet for the corporate social responsibility efforts of the Raffles Education Corporation, of which Chew Hua Seng is founder and CEO. His wife, Doris, is Director. The funds are aimed to be donated over 10 years for causes in Singapore and the region. Until 2009, the foundation has donated at least S$3.3 million.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

- 2010 World Expo, Life Sunshine Three on the Bund Charity Drive, Shanghai China

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9 [http://www.chewhuaseng-foundation.org/abtfounder.html](http://www.chewhuaseng-foundation.org/abtfounder.html)
• Donation to set up Psychology Clinic in the Lakeside Family Centre (which provides of services for individuals and families in distress)

• Financial assistance to a student (initiated by the Asian Women’s Welfare Association (AWWA))

• Sponsorship of the Dyslexia Forum 2008

• Financial assistance for two school children at the request of the Central Community Development Council

• Contribution to the Annual fundraising event of the Mainly I Love Kids (MILK) Dinner 2008 (a charity for disadvantaged children)

• Dover Park Hospice Charity Ball

• Langfang Municipal Chew Hua Seng Bursary (to support the education of needy local junior and senior students)

• Donation to Children-At-Risk Empowerment Association (CARE Singapore)

• RMB 100 000 to Sichuan Earthquake Relief

Note: This list is not exhaustive.
3.2 DS Lee Foundation

Grantmaker : Dr Della Lee
Foundation Launch : 2004

About the DS Lee Foundation:

The DS Lee Foundation was established in 2004 by Della Suantio Lee (D.S. Lee), wife of Lee Seng Gee, the long standing chairman of the Lee Foundation and the Lee Rubber Group, and son of prominent businessman and philanthropist Lee Kong Chian.13

Grantmaking Contributions:

- S$50,000 and above to the SingHealth Foundation in 200614
- Established the Tan Chin Tuan Nursing Award15
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16 http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/nursing/prg_scholarship.shtml
3.3 Goh Foundation

Grantmaker : Goh Cheng Liang

Foundation Launch : 2007

Address : 81 Victoria Street Singapore 188065

Contact Number : (65) 68280100

Grantmaking Areas : Medicine, Education and Development

About the Goh Foundation:

The Goh Foundation was established in 1994\textsuperscript{17} by Mr. Goh Cheng Liang, a well known philanthropist in Singapore\textsuperscript{18}, and founder of Wuthelam Holdings, a diversified conglomerate.\textsuperscript{19} The Foundation organizes various community-based initiatives in the areas of medicine, education and development, through supporting programmes that improve the quality of human lives.\textsuperscript{20}

Grantmaking Contributions:

- Established the Goh Foundation Scholarship, a financial aid scholarship, in 2005 at the Singapore Management University with a S$1.2 million pledge\textsuperscript{21}

- S$3 million to the National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS) in 2005 in memory of the late former President of Singapore Wee Kim Wee, who was the chairman of Goh Foundation\textsuperscript{22}

\textsuperscript{17} http://newshub.nus.edu.sg/ke/0802/articles/pg06.php
\textsuperscript{20} http://newshub.nus.edu.sg/ke/0802/articles/pg06.php
\textsuperscript{22} http://www.nccs.com.sg/news/2005/articles/050509.htm
• S$10 million to construct the NCCS building to house clinics, wards, offices and research laboratories\(^{23}\)

• S$6 million endowment for the Goh Foundation Scholars Programme to support talented local and international students pursuing the medical degree at Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School\(^{24}\)

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

### 3.4 Goh Keng Swee Foundation

Grantmaker : Dr. Goh Keng Swee (1919 – 2010) & wife Dr. Phua Swee Liang  
Foundation Launch : 2008  
Source of Funds : Dr. Goh & wife Dr. Phua’s personal savings, and voluntary contributions from several others  
Administered by : Rajah & Tann LLP  
Grantmaking Focus : Education & Healthcare

### About Dr. Goh Keng Swee:

Dr. Goh Keng Swee was the second Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore between 1973 and 1984, and a Member of Parliament for the Kreta Ayer constituency for a quarter of a century. Born in Malacca in the Straits Settlements into a Peranakan family, he came to Singapore at the age of two years. Educated at Raffles College and the London School of Economics and Political Science, his interest in politics began during his time in London, where he met fellow students seeking independence from British Malaya, including Lee Kuan Yew and Toh Chin Chye. From 1945 onwards, he worked for the Department of Social

\(^{24}\) [http://newshub.nus.edu.sg/ke/0802/articles/pg06.php](http://newshub.nus.edu.sg/ke/0802/articles/pg06.php)
Welfare, eventually rising to become its director. In 1958 he resigned from the Civil Service to work full-time for the People’s Action Party (PAP), becoming a key member and later vice-chairman of its Central Executive Committee. The following year he successfully contested the Kreta Ayer seat in the 1959 general election for the Legislative Assembly, and joined the first government of Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew as Minister for Finance. Upon Singapore’s independence on 9 August 1965, Goh became the nation’s first Minister for the Interior and Defence. He subsequently served as Finance Minister, and Minister for Education.

Following his retirement from politics, Goh continued to be active in public life, serving as Deputy Chairman of the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Institute of East Asian Philosophies, Chairman of the Singapore Totalisator Board, along with several other boards as well.

In 1972, Goh was the recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Services, and was conferred the Order of Sikatuna by the Philippine Government. Following his retirement from politics, in 1985 Goh was awarded the Darjah Utama Temasek (Order of Temasek), First Class, Singapore’s highest civilian honour. He was also made the first Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Development Board Society in 1991.

Goh died in the early morning of 14 May 2010, leaving behind his wife, son, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren at the age of 91.

**About the Goh Keng Swee Foundation:**

The Goh Keng Swee Foundation was established in 2008 by Dr. Phua Swee Liang, wife of former Deputy Prime Minister Goh Keng Swee. The Foundation provides financial assistance (including grants, bursaries and scholarships) to disadvantaged young Singaporeans, as well as to impoverished patients in need of medical or healthcare. Dr. Phua hopes that the Foundation will keep Dr. Goh’s legacy alive and perpetuate among young Singaporeans his values and selfless efforts to build up the nation. Since retiring from politics in 1984, Dr. Goh

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has shunned the limelight. Similarly, the fund did have an official launch and Dr. Phua hopes that word of the fund would spread through the newspapers and by word-of-mouth.  

### 3.5 Hsieh Fu Hua – Binjai Tree Foundation

**Grantmaker**: Hsieh Fu Hua  
**Source of Funds**: Initial donation of S$5 million  
**Grantmaking Focus**: Needy in society

#### About Hsieh Fu Hua:

Hsieh Fu Hua was a National University of Singapore Business Administration graduate. He started his career with Morgan Grenfell Asia, where he stayed for 20 years. He subsequently established PrimePartners Asset Management, a boutique fund management firm, with three other partners. In 2003, Hsieh then joined SGX as Chief Executive Officer.

Hsieh has always been said to have a heart for charity, even though his philanthropic contributions are rarely publicized. He is said to have championed the SGX’s annual fundraiser – The SGX Bull Charge – that has since risen more than S$12 million for various beneficiaries since it was established in 2004. On top of championing the event, he also personally approached companies to donate to the Bull Charge. In November 2008, Hsieh donated one million SGX shares worth S$5.24 million to an unidentified charity.  

#### About the Binjai Tree Foundation:

The Binjai Tree Foundation was established by the Singapore Exchange (SGX) Chief Executive Officer Hsieh Fu Hua in end 2008, with an initial donation of S$5 million. This

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charity is privately run and focuses on giving out grants to various organizations, in particular the needy in society.  

3.6 Khoo Foundation

Grantmaker : Khoo Teck Puat (1917 - 2004)

Foundation Launch : 1981

Contact Number : (65) 6737 7411

Source of Funds : Initial grant of S$20 million

Grantmaking Areas : Education, Healthcare and Medical Research

About Khoo Teck Puat:

Khoo Teck Puat was born in Singapore in 1917, and studied at St Joseph’s Institution in Singapore. He joined OCBC bank as an apprentice bank clerk in 1933, and later rose to become deputy general manager. However, due to differences with then chairman Tan Chin Tuan, Khoo left OCBC in 1959 when he was not promoted to the board. He then became a founder of Malayan Banking (now known as Maybank) in Kuala Lumpur, one of the first locally-owned banks to build a branch network throughout peninsular Malaysia and Singapore.

Khoo was a Malaysian senator in 1964-1965. However, when Singapore separated from Malaysia to become independent in 1965, he fell from favour with the Malaysian government and was pushed out of Malayan Banking. He then took over some of its

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Singaporean assets, including the Goodwood Park Hotel - one of Singapore's most historic buildings, as well as its nearby York Hotel\textsuperscript{31}.

The Khoo family then built a hotel portfolio in Singapore and London, and also controlled the Australian-based Southern Pacific Hotel Corporation for a period of time. Other properties Khoo owned at some point in time include the Ming Court Hotel (Orchard Parade) and Holiday Inn (Royal Plaza on Scotts), as well as Hotel Malaysia, Cuscaden House, Ladyhill and Connaught Hotel, which no longer exist\textsuperscript{32}. The Khoo family also had interests in laundry, printing and car distribution, and was also involved in the setting up and running of the National Bank of Brunei\textsuperscript{33}.

In 1986, Khoo became the single largest shareholder of Britain's Standard Chartered Bank with approximately 13.5\% stake\textsuperscript{34} in a bid to stop the acquisition of Standard Chartered through a hostile bid by Lkoyds Bank, in which a part of this stake was later sold off to Temasek Holdings.

In 2003, Khoo was listed as the richest businessman in Singapore by the Forbes Magazine with his S$3.62 billion fortune\textsuperscript{35}, and had 14 children. He continued giving back to Singapore through charities and philanthropic projects, and set up the Khoo Foundation with a S$20 million grant in 1981\textsuperscript{36}.

**About the Estate of Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat / Khoo Foundation:**

Following Khoo Teck Puat’s death in February 2004, the trustees of the Estate of Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat (currently headed by Ms. Mavis Khoo) continued his philanthropic donations. The Khoo Foundation was set up in 1981 with an initial grant of S$20 million. The focus of its donations is on medical (including research projects), healthcare and education. Some of the Estate’s philanthropic projects include the Autism Resource Centre,
the National University Hospital Centre for Advanced Surgery Training, National Neuroscience Institute (NNI) Integrated Operation Suites, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, St. Joseph’s Institution (International), Peking University, the Kidney Dialysis Foundation (KDF), and the 9th Century Tang Treasure for Singapore’s Maritime Heritage Foundation.\(^{37}\) The foundation was also honoured with the Arts Supporter Award by the National Arts Council in 2001.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

- S$80 million to the Duke-National University of Singapore (NUS) Graduate Medical School Singapore (GMS) to develop the School’s biomedical research initiatives\(^ {38}\)

- S$5 million to SJI International scholarships for promising low income students from Singapore and the Asian region\(^ {39}\)

- Establishment of the Economic Studies Unit in the National University of Singapore (NUS)\(^ {40}\)

- S$52 million Duke-National University of Singapore Graduate Medical School to enhance research programs on health care problems in Singapore and Asia\(^ {41}\)

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

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\(^ {37}\) http://www.dukehealth.org/HealthLibrary/News/9996
\(^ {40}\) nt2.fas.nus.edu.sg
\(^ {41}\) http://www.newsobserver.com/145/story/533573.html
3.7 Lee Foundation

Grantmaker : Dr. Lee Kong Chian (1893 – 1967)

Foundation Year : 1952

Address : 65 Chulia Street OCBC Centre Singapore 049573
(Mailing Add: Maxwell Road P O Box 1273 Singapore 902523)

Contact Number : (65) 65354055

Source of Funds : Initial amount of S$3.5million and income derived from the Lee Rubber Company

Grantmaking Focus : Education, healthcare, and culture, as well as social aid to the poor and needy

About Dr. Lee Kong Chian:

Lee Kong Chian was born in 1893 in Fujian, China. He stayed in China until he was 10, before he came to Singapore with his father in 1903. After studying at the Anglo-Indian School where he learnt English, he then enrolled into Yeung Chia School (the predecessor of Chung Cheng School), where he was a top student. In 1908, Lee then got a Manchu government scholarship to study in Chi Nan School in Nanjing and graduated as its top student. He then went to the Ching Hwa High School in Peking, and subsequently to the College of Mining and Communication in Tang Shan to study engineering. However, due to the political turmoil in China, Lee came back to Singapore in 1912.

After working as an assistant in the Survey Department, as a translator at Lat Pau Chinese Press, and teaching at the Tao Nan School and Chung Cheng School, Lee finally ventured into business when Lee’s talent was noticed by Cheng Hee Chuan who invited Lee to join China National Products Company, to import goods from Malaya into China. Two years later, Tan Kah Kee (then the rubber tycoon in Singapore) offered Lee to manage his rubber
company, Khiam Aik. Lee was able to expand Khiam Aik significantly, and was thus taken to be part of the Tan Kah Kee family when he married Tan’s eldest daughter, Tan Ai Leh.

In 1927, Lee started his own business, the Lee Smoke House in Johor, Malaysia, which was later renamed to Lee Rubber Company in 1928. The company managed to survive through the 1930s Depression, and later expanded into Indonesia and Southern Thailand. The business was later diversified to include pineapple, coconut oil, saw mills, biscuits and raw material trading. Lee then also set up Lee Pineapple, Lee Produce, Lee Sawmills, Lee Printing and Lee Biscuits in 1931.

Lee became chairman of the Overseas-Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC) in 1938 until his death in 1967 when he persuaded the Ho Hong Bank and the Chinese Commercial Bank to merge with the Overseas-Chinese Bank, where he was then director. The OCBC Bank then became the largest bank in Singapore then. Apart from this bank, Lee also invested in Great Eastern Life Insurance, Sime Darby (Singapore), Singapore Cold Storage and Straits Trading Company.

In his life, Lee was also President of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce for two periods, was President of the Rubber Trade Association of Singapore, and was also a lecturer for Columbia University, educating the US military and civil officers on Southeast Asia. Due to his contributions to society, Lee was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Malaya in 1958, the Chancellor of the University of Singapore in 1962 (the highest honour for a civilian)\(^4\), as well as the title Panglime Mangku Negara by the Agong of Malaysia in 1964.\(^5\) Due to his progressive business style, shown in his successful transformation of a traditional rubber business into a modern corporation, Lee was known as “the first modern towkay in Singapore”.\(^6\)

Lee devoted the last fifteen years of his life to charity work under the Lee Foundation, before he passed away in 1967. He was survived by his wife (Madam Tan Ai Leh), three sons

(Seng Gee, Seng Tee, Seng Wee), three daughters (Seok Kheng, Seok Tin, Seok Chee) and several grandchildren.45

Currently, Lee’s legacy lives on, with several landmark institutions and initiatives named after him, including the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library (National Library Board)46, the Lee Kong Chian School of Business (SMU), the Lee Kong Chian Building (SMU), and the Lee Kong Chian Scholars Programme (SMU)47.

About the Lee Foundation:

The Lee Foundation was established as a philanthropic institution in 1952 with an initial amount of S$3.5 million, with its focus on education, health, social aid to the poor and needy, welfare, and cultural activities. The Lee Foundation is currently Singapore’s largest foundation. When Lee Kong Chian passed away in 1967, he left half of his shares in the Lee Rubber Company to the foundation. Income earned from those assets continues to finance the Foundation48. Lee Kong Chian’s son, Lee Seng Gee is currently Chairman of the Foundation.

A management committee headed by Lee Seng Gee currently runs the Foundation.

Grantmaking Contributions:

Many education institutions in Singapore benefitted from the Foundation. An example would be The Chinese High School, which under Lee Kong Chian’s chairmanship from 1934 – 1957, was able to refocus its attention on providing quality education to its students.49 Besides, Lee also donated to education institutions back in China, these included the Guozhuan Primary School (Furong) founded in 1939, and Guoguang Secondary School.

47 http://www.business.smu.edu.sg/giving/features.asp
49 http://www.business.smu.edu.sg/giving/features.asp
founded in 1943. Apart from these schools, the Lee Foundation also contributed to educational institutions such as the Singapore Chinese High School, Nanyang University, University of Malaya, and the Amoy University in Fujian.

By March 1967, the Foundation had also donated a total of S$10 million to the Institute of Medical Specialties (through the Singapore Medical Research Funds) which Lee Kong Chian had set up 15 years earlier. He also donated S$60 million to the National Library Board, of which the building was named Lee Kong Chian Reference Library in memory of Lee. Besides, he also gave US$2.5 million in two instalments to create the Lee Kong Chian NUS-Stanford Initiative on Southeast Asia, and established the Lee Foundation Landmark Gift of S$50 million at the Singapore Management University, for the betterment of the tertiary institution.

### 3.8 Lien Foundation

Grantmaker : Lien Ying Chow (1906 - 2004)

Foundation Launch : 1980

Address : 1 Raffles Place #51-00 OUB Centre Singapore 048616

Contact Number : (65) 6536 1310

Website : http://www.lienfoundation.org

Source of Funds : Close to half of Dr. Lien’s wealth was used to start up the Foundation

Grantmaking Focus : Education, eldercare and environmental projects in developing countries

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50 http://www.business.smu.edu.sg/giving/features.asp
54 http://www.business.smu.edu.sg/giving/features.asp
About Dr. Lien Ying Chow:

Dr. Lien Ying Chow was a prominent businessman, banker and hotelier, with leadership not only in the private sphere but also in the public sphere where he completed a stint as a diplomat.

Dr. Lien was born in 1906 and was a native of Guangzhou. Orphaned at age 14, he moved to Singapore in 1920 and never had the opportunity to receive formal education.

Dr. Lien made significant contributions to Singapore. He began dealing in ship supplies and later supplied food and drinks to the British army in Singapore and Malaysia. During World War II, he helped to organize the civil defence in Singapore, and went to London in 1945 as China’s special commissioner to discuss post-war rehabilitation. After the war ended, he became a municipal commissioner under the British regime, and served on various committees to oversee Singapore’s economic recovery. In 1957, Dr. Lien became one of the first immigrants to be given Singapore citizenship, and served as High Commissioner to Malaysia in 1966 as a diplomat, while fighting for political rights for immigrants as a civil leader.

Dr. Lien was also very prominent in the business scene. He was the youngest elected president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, and was also a banker who created the Overseas Union Bank, one of the founding banks of Singapore. Dr. Lien was also a hotelier and opened the Mandarin Hotel in 1972.

Dr. Lien’s passion for education and commitment began early in his life. After being orphaned at 14 years old, he felt for poor people who were deprived a chance of a formal education. As such, since Dr. Lien was 22 years old, he consistently gave a portion of his income to education. In the sphere of education, Dr. Lien co-founded Nanyang University (today’s Nanyang Technological University), and was key in starting Ngee Ann College.

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57 www.lienfoundation.org
58 www.lienfoundation.org
(today’s Ngee Ann Polytechnic). He was also the first Chairman of the National University of Singapore (NUS) Council in 1980 and Pro-Chancellor of NUS in 1992. The Lien Foundation was set up in 1980 by Dr. Lien with close to half of his wealth.

**About the Lien Foundation:**

Dr. Lien Ying Chow founded the Lien Foundation in 1980. The Lien Foundation focuses on social and environmental challenges in the current society. The Foundation opts for a more innovative model of philanthropy, which challenges existing conventions and goes beyond the traditional role of donor-sponsor, but instead attempts to address the root cause of problems. Many of the initiatives and projects Lien Foundation conceptualized and implemented as listed below are the first of its kind in Singapore. Owing to the significant competition for the foundation’s philanthropic resources, they do not consider requests for projects not aligned with the Foundation’s specified focus areas, direct grants, loans, or scholarship for the benefit of specific individuals, general fundraising appeals, construction or maintenance of buildings, and contributions that serve religious or political purposes.

Here are the various categories in which the Lien Foundation renders aid:

1. **Education**
   a. **The Lien Foundation Scholarship for Social Service Leaders**

   The Lien Foundation provides scholarships to support education and professional development. The Lien Foundation for Social Service Leaders is a prestigious postgraduate scholarship open to outstanding staff from voluntary welfare organizations (VWOs) and members of the public. The Foundation specifically targets candidates with academic excellence, a notable performance record, and the potential to take up leadership positions in VWOs. Scholars can pursue full-time or part-time local post-graduate studies in management and selected specialist fields at NUS and NTU, specifically Master in Business

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59 www.lienfoundation.org
60 http://www.lienfoundation.org/aboutus.html
Administration, Master in Public Administration, Master of Public Policy, and Master in Public Policy. Submissions for other courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.\(^6^1\)

b. **Lien Centre for Social Innovation at Singapore Management University (SMU)**

The Lien Centre for Social Innovation is a partnership between the Lien Foundation and SMU, established to advance the thinking and capability of the not-for-profit sector. The centre aims to inspire ideas and innovations, foster new alliances and facilitate solutions to strengthen the non-profit sector.\(^6^2\)

c. **3-in-1 Preschool Project with YWMA and YWCA**

The Lien Foundation brought together the Persatuan Pemudi Islam Singapore (PPIS or the Young Muslim Women’s Association) and the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA) for a joint training and exchange programme to better equip and train preschool teachers. In addition, the Foundation has also created a special fund for preschoolers attending PPIS’s pre-school centres. Besides providing Financial Aid, the LIFE (Low Income Families Empowerment) Fund strengthens these families by imparting parenting skills.

d. **LF-NP Seed Capital Programme with Ngee Ann Polytechnic**

To nurture social change and development, the Lien Foundation-Ngee Ann Polytechnic Social, Environmental & Educational Development (LF-NP SEED) Capital Programme encourages NP Students and lecturers to roll up their sleeves to tackle social and environmental problems, and create goodwill overseas.

2. **Eldercare**

a. **Lien Centre for Palliative Care**

The Lien Centre for Palliative Care is collaboration between the Lien Foundation and Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School. The first of its kind in Asia, it aims to build up a strong pool of palliative healthcare professionals to enhance service delivery through enlightened research.\(^6^3\) The centre has research programmes looking into clinical, social

\(^{61}\) [http://www.ncss.org.sg/career/lienfoundation.asp]
\(^{62}\) [http://www.lcsi.smu.edu.sg/]
\(^{63}\) [http://www.duke-nus.edu.sg/web/research_centers_lien_center.htm]
and cultural aspects of palliative care in Singapore and Asia. It also focuses on palliative care education and development of healthcare professionals.

b. **Lien Foundation- Singapore Hospice Council Palliative Care Medical Scholarship**

The Lien Foundation has given its generous support to a major initiative of the Singapore Hospice Council (SHC) to increase medical manpower in palliative care through scholarships for doctors in Singapore. Over a period of five years since 2006, the Lien Foundation will be funding up to two scholarships each year for local doctors. SHC is responsible for the awarding of the scholarships and the disbursement of funds.

c. **Integrated Care in Place**

The Lien Foundation, in partnership with the Salvation Army, started the Integrated Care in Place (ICP) Programme to promote “ageing in place”, boldly going head to head with the onslaught of early dementia. The ICP programme is piloted at the Bedok Multiservice Centre, managed by The Salvation Army. The centre runs dementia day care and integrated rehabilitation day care programmes to help the elderly clients achieve and maintain a healthy mind and body.

3. **Environment**

a. **Lien Foundation – NTU Environmental Endeavour**

The Lien Foundation – NTU Environmental Endeavour comprises of two organizations: Lien Aid and Lien Institute for the Environment (LIFE). Established in 2006, the two organizations often work in tandem on projects in developing countries around Asia. These projects range from water treatment and sanitization, to various community development initiatives.64

b. **Lien i3 Challenge**

The Lien i3 Challenge aims to catalyse social projects that are innovative, implementable and impactful in Singapore and Asia. It has set aside up to $1 million prize fund to spur ideas and make possible new social models.65

A management committee headed by Laurence Lien currently runs the Foundation.

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64 [http://www.lienfoundation.org/eldercare_proj4_txt.html](http://www.lienfoundation.org/eldercare_proj4_txt.html)
**Grantmaking Contributions:**

This is a summary of the grants distributed in 2008. This is not representative of all the grants that the Foundation makes on a year-to-year basis, and is only relevant to the grants disbursed in 2008.

- S$250,000 to the Lien Foundation Scholarship for Social Service Leaders
- S$760,000 to the Lien Centre for Social Innovation
- S$216,500 to the 3-in-1 Preschool Project
- S$350,000 to the LF-NP SEED Capital
- S$224,000 to the Lien Foundation Palliative Care Fellowship & Scholarship
- S$1,500,000 to the Lien Centre for Palliative Care
- S$226,000 to the Integrated Eldercare Services
- S$2,300,000 to the NTU Environmental Endeavour
- S$1,000,000 to the Lien Challenge
- S$100,000 to general operating support of Credit Counselling Singapore

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

### 3.9 Lim Hoon Foundation

*Foundation Launch*: August 2008

*Address*: 271 Bukit Tomah Road #03-05 Balmorals Plaza Singapore 259708

*Contact Email*: limhoonfoundation@gmail.com


*Grantmaking Focus*: Education, medical care, and poverty assistance
**About The Lim Hoon Foundation:**

The Lim Hoon Foundation is a private charitable trust aimed at promoting academic achievement for all students, at all levels, kindergarten through university with a focus on those from low income families through a wide range of philanthropic activities. Helmed with the belief of equal entitlement to education, it hopes to pave the way for disadvantaged students to escape the vicious poverty cycle and have access to a holistic education.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

- **Bursary Scheme**
  Provides education financial assistance for underprivileged students.

- **Lim Hoon Foundation Scholarship at SMU**
  Available to full-time undergraduate students pursuing the Bachelor of Business Management programme at the Singapore Management University. The Scholarship is aimed at motivating the students to achieve greater heights of excellence by providing financial assistance.

- **Pool Maintenance Grant at Cerebral Palsy Centre**
  The Cerebral Palsy Centre is a school designed for children suffering from Cerebral Palsy Syndrome (CP). Part of the Centre's curriculum includes weekly hydrotherapy sessions which allow CP patients to perform movements that are impossible for them to perform on land. The Foundation has sponsored the maintenance of the hydrotherapy pool for an initial 2-year period.

Note: This list is not exhaustive.
3.10 Shaw Foundation

Grantmaker: Sir Runme Shaw (1901-1985)

Foundation Launch: 1957

Address: 1 Scotts Road #13/14-00 Shaw Centre Singapore 228208

Contact Number: (65) 6235 2077

Website: www.shaw.sg

Source of Funds: Prime Properties and other investments donated by the Shaw Family

Grantmaking Focus: Education, Welfare, Medicine, and Arts and Heritage

**About Tan Sri Runme Shaw:**

Tan Sri Runme Shaw was born in 1901 in Ningbo, China, the third of seven children of a Shanghai textile merchant, Shaw Yuh Hsuen. Runme was schooled in traditional Shanghainese education, versed in Confucian classics and classic literature. He began work as a sales manager at his father’s trading company. Soon, his brother, Runje, saw the potential in the production and distribution of films in China, and set up the Unique Film Productions (Tian Yi Film Co) in Shanghai, producing silent films, where Runme worked as distribution manager. However, unsatisfied with the domestic market, the brothers attempted to seek business opportunities in Southeast Asia. Runme was tasked with this venture. As he was denied entry into Indochina, Runme then went to Singapore in 1923, and set up the Shaw Organisation in 1924 in Singapore.66 Two years later, his sixth brother, Sir Run Run Shaw came to Singapore to join him in the business.

Initially, Runme faced a boycott by the Hokkien, Cantonese and the Teochew communities who had a tight control on the film business in Singapore, thereby making it impossible for

http://www.shaw.sg/sw_abouthistory.aspx?id=59%2035%2039%2078%20227%2022%2042%2031
Runme to further his business. However, Runme pressed on and soon, ventured into Malaysia to expand his business and managed to buy over many movie theatres in Singapore, including the Tanjong Pagar, Alhambra and Marlborough theatres in Singapore. Soon, the Shaw brothers expanded into the business of amusement parks in Singapore and then in Malaya. They acquired and ran the New World amusement park and the Great World amusement park.

Soon, his business expanded rapidly in the region, resulting in a chain of more than 150 cinemas and 6 amusement parks in Singapore and Malaysia.

Runme also served on various corporate boards including the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board from 1969 to 1976, the Singapore Turf Club, St John’s Ambulance and Alliance Francaise. During his time at the Singapore Turf Club, he also instituted the use of its funds for medical research and charitable purposes. Runme also held appointments at Fraser and Neave Ltd, Bank of Singapore, Bukit Timah Saddle Club, National St. John's Council, and the Shangri-la Hotel Ltd.

Throughout his lifetime, Runme donated millions of dollars to charitable causes, and also founded and was the chairman of the Medical Progress Fund. He was awarded with numerous honours for his contribution to society, including the Meritorious Service Medal awarded by the Republic of Singapore, the Panglima Mangku Negara awarded by Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, the Dato Kurnia Perkasa awarded by Sultan of Pahang, the Knight of the Order of Merit awarded by the Republic of Italy, the Grand Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic conferred by the Italian President, the Order of the Holy Sepulchre awarded by His Holiness Pope Paul VI, and the Officier de la Legion d'Honneur, French Government, among others. He was also a patron of the National Kidney Foundation, Metropolitan YMCA, Singapore Association for Mental Health, Singapore National Heart Association, St John’s Council, Society for Aid to the Paralysed, Diabetic Society of Singapore, and the Academy of Medicine.
On 1 September 1982, Runme Shaw had an accident, fell and went into a coma for two and a half years. He passed away in 1985. Runme Shaw was married with wife Peggy, and had sons Vee King and Vee Fong, and daughters Doris, Vivian, Nora and Sylvia.

**About the Shaw Foundation:**

The Shaw Foundation in Singapore was set up by the Shaw brothers, (in particular Sir Runme Shaw and Sir Run Run Shaw), in 1957, because of their overriding principle that wealth gained from society should be returned back to society generously. It is one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the world. The Shaw Foundation does not have a start up fund. Funding of the Foundation comes from prime properties donated by the Shaws to the Foundation as well as from investments. Properties include the Shaw Centre, whereby all revenue collected from the building has been given to various charities since late 1970s. Since the Foundation was founded, it has donated over US$150 million to education, welfare, medicine, and arts and heritage. In 1999, the Shaw Foundation set aside S$17.7 million for its annual donation, its largest amount since inception. The largest amount went to the National Kidney Foundation, followed by the Community Chest, NUS Endowment Fund, schools and colleges, hospitals and clinics, as well as the Academy of Medicine. In 2002, Shaw Foundation donated S$4 million to the National Kidney Foundation to set up Shaw-NKF Children's Kidney Centre (CKC) (Southeast Asia's first Paediatric Renal Medical Centre).

Currently, Dr. Shaw Vee Meng, the elder son of Sir Run Run Shaw (and an ACSian), is the Chairman of the Shaw Foundation, and also The Shaw Organization Pte Ltd.

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68 [http://acsb.r.net/cos/o.x?c=/wbn/pagetree&func=view&rid=9673](http://acsb.r.net/cos/o.x?c=/wbn/pagetree&func=view&rid=9673)
70 [http://www.shaw.sg/sw_abouthistory.aspx?id=18%20167%20148%20155%20104%2028%2034%20103%20152%2093%2017%2097%20112%2018%2062](http://www.shaw.sg/sw_abouthistory.aspx?id=18%20167%20148%20155%20104%2028%2034%20103%20152%2093%2017%2097%20112%2018%2062)
71 [http://www.shaw.sg/sw_abouthistory.aspx?id=18%20167%20148%20155%20104%2028%2034%20103%20152%2093%2017%2097%20112%2018%2062](http://www.shaw.sg/sw_abouthistory.aspx?id=18%20167%20148%20155%20104%2028%2034%20103%20152%2093%2017%2097%20112%2018%2062)
funded the Shaw Pool and the Shaw Block of classrooms for ACS Barker, and the Shaw Library for ACS (Independent).\(^\text{72}\)

A management committee headed by Dr. Shaw Vee Meng currently runs the Foundation.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

- S$10 million to three hundred funds and organizations in Singapore in 1990
- S$16.5 million to 350 recipients, including $1 million to the institute of Policy Studies at NUS in 1992
- S$30,000 is also awarded annually for scholarships\(^\text{73}\)

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

### 3.11 Sim-Tan Siok Kee Foundation

Grantmaker : Sim Wong Hoo  
Foundation Launch : 2007  
Source of Funds : Initial S$33 million in 3.3 million Creative shares  
Grantmaking Areas : Education, eldercare, the arts, and the needy

**About Sim Wong Hoo:**

Sim Wong Hoo is the founder, chairman and chief executive of Creative Technology, a Singaporean firm.\(^\text{74}\) Sim was the 10\(^{th}\) child out of 5 boys and 7 girls in his family. His mother,

\(^{72}\) [http://acsbr.net/cos/o.x?c=/wbn/pagetree&func=view&rid=9673](http://acsbr.net/cos/o.x?c=/wbn/pagetree&func=view&rid=9673)  
Mrs. Sim-Tan, passed away at age 94 in 2006. It was through his mother that Sim inherited his entrepreneurial spirit, resilience and tenacity. His mother worked hard through her life to raise Sim and his siblings single-handedly after their father passed away in 1969. Sim became the youngest billionaire in Singapore at age 45, and was the first person to be named the Businessman of the Year twice, in both 1992 and 1997.

Sim is said to have donated over S$35 million over the past decade, and also donated household items and food to needy families in Singapore worth S$1.2 million in 2000. Sim also set up the Kuo Pao Kun Foundation in memory of his mentor, Mr. Kuo Pao Kun. This Foundation was established to support the development of the arts in Singapore. Sim also gave a S$0.5 million in a matching grant to The School Pocket Money Fund, co-funded the Theatre Training & Research Programme. In 2007, he also made a S$20 million donation to charity. Up to now, the total amount of cash, shares and dividend donations made by Sim was approximately S$49 million.

**About the Sim-Tan Siok Kee Foundation:**

The Sim Foundation was established by Sim Wong Hoo in 2007 in memory of his mother, Mrs. Sim-Tan Siok Kee. The Sim Foundation, which focuses on charitable work on education, arts, the poor, needy and elderly people, was renamed the Sim-Tan Siok Kee Foundation. The Foundation has 3.3 million Creative shares, amounting to a total of approximately S$33 million. The Sim-Tan Siok Kee Foundation Bursary was established to provide financial assistance to students of Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

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76 http://sg.news.yahoo.com/070103/5/singapore250369.html
80 http://www.thefwn.com/kpk/index.html
83 http://sg.news.yahoo.com/070103/5/singapore250369.html
84 http://www.np.edu.sg/ss/financial/fulltime/bursaries/wp/Pages/simtan_siot_kkee.aspx
3.12 Tan Chin Tuan Foundation

Grantmaker : Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan Chin Tuan (1908 – 2005)

Foundation Launch : 10 April 1976

Address : 42 Cairnhill Road #02-01 Singapore 229661

Contact Number : (65) 6876 9900

Website : www.tanfoundation.com.sg

Grantmaking Focus : Education and healthcare

About Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan Chin Tuan:

Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan Chin Tuan was born in Singapore in 1908, and was educated in Anglo-Chinese School. He then became a junior clerk with the Chinese Commercial Bank (CCB) in 1925 and later became a bank manager when CCB merged with Ho Hong Bank and Overseas-Chinese Bank to form the Overseas-Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC). Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan then became Managing Director of Eastern Realty, an OCBC subsidiary, and the chairman of Raffles Hotel, Fraser and Neave, Malayan Breweries, and Robinsons.

During the period of 1939 – 1941, he also served as Municipal Commissioner of Singapore. At age 34, in 1942, Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan then became the youngest Managing Director in banking history, being appointed joint MD of OCBC, which he later took sole control as Chairman and Managing Director in 1966. Before passing away in 2005, Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan served as deputy President of the Singapore Legislative Council, Chairman of the Singapore Turf Club, and the Chairman of GE Life and Straits Trading.

Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan was decorated Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his public service, the title Tan Sri by the Malaysian King Yang di Pertuan Agong, and also conferred the honorary doctor of law degree by the National University of Singapore.
Prior to setting up the Tan Foundation as well as the Tan Sri Tan Foundation in Malaysia, Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan Chin Tuan was already donating generously to education and welfare organizations. The Foundation has since won the following awards: Leadership Award for Philanthropy 2008, Patron of the Arts 2008, Patron of Heritage 2008, 2008 URA Architectural Award and the Association’s Bronze Vanda Award (2008), and President’s Award for the Environment.

**About the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation:**

The Tan Chin Tuan Foundation in Singapore was established on 10 April 1976 by Tan Sri (Dr.) Tan Chin Tuan, in order to share the rewards from his career with the society. The Foundation aims to support projects and causes that are viable, sustainable and well managed with definable social outcomes, while taking into consideration evolving social needs, instead of focusing on just one segment of society.

A management committee headed by Dr. Tan Kheng Lian currently runs the Foundation.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The Tan Foundation has six primary focus areas, namely education, community, aged, health, disabled, and children & youth. Believing that education and healthcare have a strong multiplier effect, the Tan Foundation has focused more of its donations in these two areas, and some of the projects include the following:

- Anglo-Chinese School (ACS) Scholarships & Educational Welfare Funds
- Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Chinese Heritage Centre
- Tan Chin Tuan Exchange Fellowship (NTU)
- National University of Singapore (NUS)
- National Cancer Centre
• The Salk Institute for Biological Studies

• The Needham Library in Cambridge

At the same time, the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation also offers a range of scholarships to outstanding students of sound character and conduct. Schools with students that receive scholarships from the Foundation include the ACS family of schools, Anglo-Chinese Junior College, Methodist Girls’ School, Hwa Chong Institution and The Chinese High School, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (Nafa), and the Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

The Foundation also gave S$29 million in cash and shares to NUS to set up four Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Professorships endowed at S$2.5 million each. These are given to academics, who initiate and co-lead education and research programmes with their faculty, as well as collaborations with the relevant industries.

In August 2008, the foundation gave NTU $10 million, which was matched dollar-for-dollar by the Singapore Government to form a S$20 million Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Fund. The fund is endowed to support three programmes, namely the Tan Chin Tan Centennial Professorship in Engineering, the Tan Chin Tuan Centennial Forum, and the Tan Chin Tuan Exchange Fellowship in Engineering.

3.13 Tan Ean Kiam Foundation

Foundation Launch : 1956

Address : 15 Phillip Street #09-00 Singapore 048694

Contact Number : (65) 6535 7118

Grantmaking Focus : Needy in society, mainly through education
About Tan Ean Kiam:

Tan Ean Kiam was born in the Fukien province, Tong Ann district, in China. He came to Singapore in 1989, starting off working as a labourer, carting water from public taps. When he was 17, Tan Ean Kiam worked as an apprentice for Tan Kah Kee’s father, doing odd jobs and learning trades. After a few years, he started up his own business and in 1937, set up Joo Guan Ltd and Ean Lian Ltd.

Tan Ean Kiam then went on to become a successful merchant, and one of the businessmen who founded the Overseas Chinese Bank (OCB) in 1919. He became OCBC’s first manager, and subsequently, its Managing Director. In 1932, he became its chief decision maker, and then became one of the first joint Managing Directors of the Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC), and served OCBC till 1943.

Tan Ean Kiam was also very active in the social sphere, contributing to various welfare projects. He had a passion for fostering education, believing it breeds leaders and thereby human sufferings. During the Japanese invasion of Singapore, Tan Ean Kiam was the Deputy Chairman of the China Relief Organisation serving alongside Tan Kah Kee, making significant contributions to Chinese relief work, and spearheaded many social service activities. However, because of his active leadership in the organization, Tan Ean Kiam was imprisoned and ill-treated during the Japanese Occupation, and in 1943, died of a heart attack eventually.

The Tan Ean Kiam Foundation was established to further these contributions to society after his death.

About the Tan Ean Kiam Foundation:

Established on 16 January 1956, the Tan Ean Kiam Foundation was founded by Tan Ean Kiam’s sons, according to his will, with the aim of helping the needy in society, in particular to educational, health and historical preservation charities. The former Chairman of the Foundation was one of Tan Ean Kiam’s sons, the late Tan Tock San. The helm was taken over

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85 http://www.hsse.nie.edu.sg/staff/changch/seaga/focus/june.08.pdf
by Tan Keng Soon, the grandson of Tan Ean Kiam, who has since been stepping up donations to various charities, in particular to schools which he believes would help to build future leaders for Singapore.\(^86\) The Tan Ean Kiam Foundation manages 30 shophouse units at Ean Kiam Place in Katong, and uses the rental surpluses gained for their various beneficiaries. 80% of the Foundation’s surpluses are donated to the various needy beneficiaries\(^87\).

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The Tan Ean Kiam Foundation has donated to the following organizations:

- Kidney Dialysis Foundation
- Singapore Thong Chai Medical Institution
- Singapore Children’s Cancer Society
- Singapore Heart Foundation
- Singapore Cancer Society
- Apex Harmony Lodge
- Home Nursing Foundation
- Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu-Chi Foundation\(^88\)
- Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce
- Singapore Clan Foundation
- Lee Kuan Yew Scholarship Fund\(^89\)

\(^86\) [http://www.hsse.nie.edu.sg/staff/changch/seaga/focus/june.08.pdf](http://www.hsse.nie.edu.sg/staff/changch/seaga/focus/june.08.pdf)
\(^88\) [http://www.hsse.nie.edu.sg/staff/changch/seaga/focus/june.08.pdf](http://www.hsse.nie.edu.sg/staff/changch/seaga/focus/june.08.pdf)
• Donation of a S$200,000 grant to establish the Tan Ean Kiam Service-Learning Resource Centre to train at least 2,800 students and volunteers to support at least 15 local and 8 overseas projects per year.\textsuperscript{90}

3.14 Tan Kah Kee Foundation

Grantmaker : Tan Kah Kee (1874 – 1961)

Foundation Launch : 1982

Address : 43 Bukit Pasoh Road Singapore 089856

Contact Number : (65) 6463 8464

Website : www.tkk.wspc.com.sg

Grantmaking Focus : Education

\textbf{About Tan Kah Kee:}

Tan Kah Kee was born on 21 October 1874 in Fujian, China, and came to Singapore in 1891 at age 17 to help his father, Mr. Tan Kee Peck in the family’s rice business. However, when his father’s business failed in 1904, Tan Kah Kee established his own business beginning in pineapple canning, which later diversified into rice milling. Eventually, he moved into rubber plantation and rubber manufacturing, thereby making him one of the most successful Chinese overseas businessmen in Southeast Asia. By 1920, Tan Kah Kee controlled a business conglomerate covering East and Southeast Asian countries in areas such as rubber plantation and manufacturing, shipping, import and export brokerage, real estate and rice trading.\textsuperscript{91} He was also active in the Hokkien Huay Kuan in Singapore, and in educational philanthropy both in China and Singapore.

\textsuperscript{90} http://www rp.edu.sg/happenings/archive/2008/20080430001.asp

\textsuperscript{91} http://www.tkk.wspc.com.sg/tkk/biography/bio_eng.shtml
In 1894, at age 21, he started a school in his village in Jimei, China which later expanded into a chain of schools covering the full spectrum of education. Also, in 1921, he donated to the founding of Amoy University (Xiamen University). Tan Kah Kee’s educational grants and donations of an estimated ten million dollars covered the entire spectrum of education in the Fukien province in China. Other than mainstream education, he also started specialized institutes that could produce graduates in fields China was lagging in, including business, marine and navigation, Chinese language, agricultural and kindergarten teachers’ training schools.

In Singapore, Tan Kah Kee founded five primary and secondary Chinese schools, the more significant one being The Chinese High School. The other schools founded by him include Tao Nan (1907), Ai Tong (1912), Chung Fook Girls School (1915), Chung Poon (1915), Singapore Chinese High School (1918), Nanyang Normal School (1941) and Nan Chiau Girls High School (1947). He also created an education department in the Hokkien Huay Kuan to centralize the control and subsidized the operating costs of the schools after their establishment. Tan Kah Kee also donated to schools which imparted English education, one of this being a S$30,000 donation to Anglo-Chinese School in 1919.

Even after his death, Tan Kah Kee remained a symbol of advancement in the field of public education in Singapore. He passed away in Beijing on 12 August 1961, and was accorded a national funeral by the Chinese government for his contribution to society.

About the Tan Kah Kee Foundation:

In 10 September 1961, a memorial service was carried out by the Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, initiated by The Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan. During the event, S$100,000 was donated and the Tan Kah Kee Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Tan Kah Kee’s spirit of educational philanthropy with the donations. In April 1968, the Tan Kah Kee Scholarship Trust Fund was established. However, because of the small capital

of the Fund, which limited substantial contribution to education, the Tan Kah Kee Foundation was then established in February 1982, and granted IPC status.93

The Foundation has focused on education and culture, and its current influence extends beyond the Chinese community in Singapore to the region.

A management committee headed by Professor Phua Kok Khoo currently runs the Foundation.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The Foundation’s focus on education may be seen through its establishment of the following scholarships and awards –

- Tan Kah Kee Postgraduate Scholarship
- Tan Kah Kee Young Inventors’ Award
- Tan Kah Kee Forum
- Tan Kah Kee Professorship
- Tan Kah Kee Gold Medal Award

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

### 3.15 Toh Kian Chui Foundation

Foundation Launch : 9 November 2001

Address : 21 Collyer Quay #09-00, HSBC Building, Singapore 049320

Contact Number : (65) 6532 5050

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Contact Email : tkcf@live.com or WinnieThia@hsbc.com.sg (Ms. Winnie Thia for grant applications)
Website : http://www.tkcfoundation.com/
Funding Source : Foundation assets
Grantmaking Focus : Education, medical care, and social assistance

About the Toh Kian Chui Foundation:

The Toh Kian Chui Foundation is a private foundation set up in Singapore by the family of the late Mr. Toh Kian Chui to perpetuate his memory. Mr. Toh Kian Chui was born in Singapore on 1 October 1927. In his early 20's, he started one of the first road construction companies, Swee Constructions Pte Ltd in 1948. This was the company which first paved the runway for the Singapore Changi Airport in the 60s, during Singapore's early days of nation-building.

The Foundation focuses on providing education grants for the youths and medical financial assistance for the underprivileged, the elderly and the critically ill. Grants are made from incomes earned from the Foundation's assets and occasionally by drawing from the capital. The Foundation does not raise money from the public.

Grantmaking Contributions:

- Scholarship and Bursaries
  - *Toh Kian Chui Memorial Fund*:
    Established on 9 November 2002 and administered by NUS Faculty of Medicine, 10 Scholarships and Bursaries have been awarded.
  - *Toh Kian Chui Foundation – NTU Bursary*:
    Established in 2005, 10 Bursaries of S$3,000 were awarded to financially needy undergraduates.
• **Toh Kian Chui Foundation – Polytechnic Bursaries:**
  Established in 2005, 12 Bursaries of S$1,600 were awarded to needy polytechnic students

• **Toh Kian Chui Foundation – ITE Special Bursary:**
  Established in June 2010, a Bursary of S$300,000 will be awarded per year over a period of 3 years.

• **Grants provided for education projects**
  • **Yunnan Project Hope of Canada, April 2010:**
    Granted S$6,842 to support needy students at post secondary institutions in Yunnan
  • **Oikos Helping Hand, 2009:**
    Provided tuition and supplies for 30 slum children in the Philippines over 2 years.

• **Grants provided for healthcare-related causes**
  • **Donations to NUH Endowment Fund**
    The fund provides assistance in medical costs for orthopaedic surgeries, equipments, prostheses, rehabilitation and medications. All grants are paid directly to patients’ medical bill accounts. No administration or operating expenses are charged. The Foundation granted S$74,295 to 26 patients in 2005.
  • **Medical Financial Assistance**
    Financial assistance is provided to alleviate financial costs of medical bills, equipment, and oxygen concentrators for patients, amongst others. The Foundation granted S$141,122 towards this cause for the year 2010.
  • Contributed to the Tan Tock Seng Hospital Endowment Fund for ARTSRUP in 2008
  • Disbursed funds for a Surgical Outreach to Angkor Children’s Hospital in 2008
  • Disbursed funds for the Cleft Surgical Mission to Tian Qi Hospital, Yunnan, China, in 2009
  • S$41,511 to Healing the Children, Florida, USA, to partially fund 2 medical mission teams to Vietnam, in June 2010

• **Hardship Financial Assistance**
  • Donation to the Caregiver Counselling Welfare Association, to set up a Day Care Rehabilitation Centre for the Elderly, in 2006
  • Provided financial assistance (School Pocket Money Fund and Exam Fees Payment) for more than 200 students of First Toa Payoh School between 2006 and 2008
Grantmaking Entities in Singapore

- $10,000 per annum for 3 years to NUS medical students under the Adopt-a-Book campaign, for the purchase textbooks, in 2007; part of donation went towards the Medical Students Bursary Fund
- Funded an Extreme Makeover Programme by CityCare Ltd and Fajar Secondary School students, to renovate/refurbish the HDB flats of 6 low income families, in 2009
- Disbursed funds for the Cambodia School Building Project in 2009
- Contributed to the Vocation Fund for Operation Hope Orphanage in Cambodia, to launch a programme for vocational training, in 2009

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

3.16 Tsao Foundation

Grantmaker: Tsao Ng Yu Shun

Foundation Launch: 1993

Address: 298 Tiong Bahru Road #15-01/06 Central Plaza
          Singapore 168730

Contact Number: (65) 6593 9500

Email: tsao1@tsaofoundation.org

Website: www.tsaofoundation.org

Source of Funds: Tsao Trust

Grantmaking Focus: Eldercare in Singapore and the region

About the Tsao Foundation:

The Tsao Foundation is a not-for-profit organization established in 1993 by founder Mrs. Tsao Ng Yu Shun, who started the Foundation when she was 87 years old. The Foundation
was set up in memory of Mr. Frank Tsao. The Foundation is funded by the Tsao Trust\textsuperscript{94}, and aims to enhance the quality of life for the aged people through the promotion of successful ageing, helping to improve the difficulties of ageing, and creating new methods to ageing and eldercare in Singapore and in the region.

The Foundation aims to focus its projects on the service, education and collaboration within the sphere of aged services, through constructive change and innovative solutions. The Foundation aims to provide quality health services for the disadvantaged elderly.

The Foundation’s Hua Mei Community Health Services allows people access to quality integrated medical and social care in both their homes and communities.

Hua Mei clinics include:

- Hua Mei Mobile Clinic (the first medical home care in Singapore)
- Hua Mei Seniors Clinic (the World Health Organisation’s first Asian pilot site for age friendly primary health care specially designed for seniors)
- Hua Mei Acupuncture and TCM Centre
- Hua Mei Care Management Service

In order to ensure higher standards of eldercare in Singapore, the Tsao Foundation set up the Hua Mei Training Centre in 1995 to initiate and conduct training programmes for health professionals, volunteers and family caregivers in order to increase the standard of geriatric care and caregiving for the elderly in Singapore, and also promote ageing in a positive light. Topics taught include eldercare, dementia care, health promotion and psycho-emotional dimensions of ageing. The An Le Fund was also launched in order to support the home medical care services of the Hua Mei Mobile Clinic and the Hua Mei Seniors Clinic.

\textsuperscript{94} Emerging Civil Societies in the Asia Pacific Community, Edited by Tadashi Yamamoto, co-published by The Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, in cooperation with The Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium. 1995. | Philanthropic Organizations and Corporate Philanthropy in Singapore. Chan Tse Chueen. P616
In 1996, the Foundation also formed the Division of Interagency to facilitate and develop partnerships with local and regional aged organizations, and also attempts to contribute to eldercare policy planning and development.

A management committee headed by Mr. Franklin Tsao currently runs the Foundation.

Grantmaking Contributions:

In addition to the various clinic and eldercare centres set up by the Foundation, funds are also disbursed for related fields in education –

- 15 Scholarships worth $9000 each for three cohorts of students taking the diploma in Gerontological Management Studies at Temasek Polytechnic (TP) from 2009 – 2011

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

3.17 Wee Foundation

Grantmaker : Wee Cho Yaw

Source of Funds : Initial $30 million from the Wee family

About Wee Cho Yaw:

Wee Cho Yaw was born in 1929 in Xiamen, China. He started his career at a family owned business\(^5\), but in 1958, joined his father, Datuk Wee Kheng Chiang at his bank, the United Chinese Bank. Datuk Wee Kheng Chiang founded the bank on 6 August 1935, and in 1960, Wee Cho Yaw was promoted as the Managing Director of the bank, later called the United Overseas Bank. In a short span of 16 years, UOB acquired 4 banks under the leadership of Wee Cho Yaw, the Chung Khiaw Bank, Far Eastern Bank, Lee Wah Bank, and Industrial &

\(^5\) http://www.straitstimes.com/Breaking%28News/Singapore/Story/STIStory_335976.html
Commercial Bank. In 1974, Wee Cho Yaw succeeded his father and became the Chairman of UOB. In 2001, UOB successfully acquired Overseas Union Bank Ltd, making it the largest Singapore bank during that time in terms of domestic customer loans, credit cards and market capitalization.\footnote{http://www1.uob.com.my/webpages/cor_aboutus.htm} Currently, the business is a leading financial institution with more than 500 offices in 18 countries.\footnote{http://www.straitstimes.com/Breaking%2BNews/Singapore/Story/STIStory_335976.html}

Wee Chow Yaw was also involved in appointments out of the bank, including being the Chairman of The Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Chairman of the Fujian Clan Association, Chairman of the Nanyang University Council, Chairman of the Singapore Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Chairman of the Asean Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry, and the Chairman of the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations.\footnote{The Singapore Successful Business Elites, Tee Ming San, Publisher: Cross Century Creative City, 1995. Pg33} He was also named Businessman of the Year at the Singapore Business Awards twice, received the Public Service Star in 1971 by the Singapore government, and received the lifetime achievement award from Ernst & Young and Credit Suisse\footnote{http://www.forbes.com/lists/2007/10/07billionaires_Wee-Cho-Yaw_K6H0.html}. Wee Cho Yaw has five children, and his eldest son, Wee Ee Cheong, took over as UOB Chief Executive in 2007\footnote{http://www.straitstimes.com/Breaking%2BNews/Singapore/Story/STIStory_335976.html}.

**About the Wee Foundation:**

The Wee Family of Singapore, the family who heads the United Overseas Bank (UOB) in Singapore, donated S$30 million to establish the Wee Foundation in February 2009. Wee Cho Yaw and his family had previously donated to the community as individuals, but have set up the foundation in order to donate to the society in a more focused manner\footnote{http://www.straitstimes.com/Breaking%2BNews/Singapore/Story/STIStory_335826.html}. 

3.18 Yeung Ching Foundation

Foundation Launch : 1980s

Grantmaking Focus : Education, eldercare, and restoration projects

**About the Yeung Ching Foundation:**

Yeung Ching was the name of a Chinese-stream primary school supported by the Cantonese community, which educated generations of students from 1906 to the late 1980s. When the private school closed, its patrons set up the Yeung Ching Foundation so they could help continue to further education.

The Foundation has benefitted many schools, including Yangzheng Primary School, the present day government school that bears Yeung Ching’s Chinese name. In 2009, the Foundation also established the Yeung Ching Foundation Bursary at NTU, a bursary for Chinese studies students in NTU’s school of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Foundation also provides funds to support children and the elderly, as well as restoration projects and other causes\(^{102}\).

4 CHARITABLE TRUSTS

A trust is an arrangement set out in a trust deed, in which individuals commit property to a trustee or group of trustees, who then administer the assets to benefit others. A charitable trust is a trust established for charitable purposes. It is created where a donor, either during his lifetime or by will, makes a gift to charity, and appoints a trustee to hold the gift in trust and use it to further the charitable purpose as specified in the trust deed.

In Singapore, a charitable trust is a separate legal entity that is set up to further the charitable intentions of individuals. These charitable trusts are governed under the Trustees Act, along with all other types of trusts in Singapore. They are typically managed by a Board of Trustees, which may sometimes involve a corporate entity (such as the HSBC Trustee (Singapore) Limited), or include the family members of the individual. Alternatively, they may be administered by the Public Trustee’s Office under the Ministry of Law, as is the case for the Isaac Manasseh Meyer Trust Fund.

In general, most of the charitable trusts researched upon support specific causes that are in line with the interests and/or societal contributions of the individuals who set up the trusts, or of the individuals in whose name the trusts were established. The Chen Su Lan Trust Fund, for example, provides grants for medical advancement. Dr. Chen Su Lan, who established the Trust, was himself an illustrious member and pioneer of the Singapore medical community.

These charitable trusts are sustained by the estate and property of the individual, or supported by living family members.

4.1 Chen Su Lan Trust

Trust Launch : 1947

Address : 62, #04-00 Cecil Street TPI Building Singapore 049710

Contact Number : (65) 6336 4033

Grantmaking Focus : Medical advancement

About Dr. Chen Su Lan

Dr. Chen Su Lan (1885 – 1972) was born in Fuzhou, Fujian, China. He was a third-generation Methodist, and was enrolled at the Anglo-Chinese College in Fuzhou at age 15. When he left China for Singapore in 1905, he enrolled in the Straits and Federated Malay States Government Medical School (later renamed the King Edward VII Medical School, then the King Edward VII College of Medicine). He graduated with a Licentiate of Medicine and Surgery in 1910, and was the top student in the school’s first batch of seven graduates.

Chen then went into medical practice as a general practitioner, and served on various public committees like the Tan Tock Seng Hospital Management Committee, the Central Midwives Board and the Council of the King Edward VII College of Medicine. During his time, he also founded the Alumni Association of the King Edward VII College of Medicine, and served as President of the Singapore branch of the British Medical Association from 1949 to 1950.

Chen was deeply committed to improving the social and health conditions in Singapore. Between 1929 and 1945, he actively campaigned against opium. He served as President of the Singapore Anti-Opium Society, and was the founder and Director of the Anti-Opium Clinic, which was established in 1933 to help treat opium addicts, many of whom were poor Chinese labourers. In his fight against opium, Chen became one of the world’s leading authorities on opium addiction and treatment.

105 http://ycm.nyc.sg/eResouce/VWO.htm
106 http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_1481_2009-03-06.html
108 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chen_Su_Lan
Between 1928 and 1931, Chen also campaigned for the closure of public brothels in Singapore (then Malaya). He laboured to increase public awareness of tuberculosis, a huge problem at that time, and his work eventually led to the founding of the Rotary Anti-tuberculosis Clinic and the Singapore Anti-tuberculosis Association.

After a few brushes with death during the Japanese Occupation, and when the Japanese finally left, Chen was invited to join the Advisory Council of the British Military Administration. As part of the Council, he devoted much time and attention to addressing social problems, such as the increased crime rates, that had resulted from the Japanese Occupation. In 1945, he founded the Chinese YMCA (currently called the Metropolitan YMCA) to provide rehabilitation for demoralized youths.

In recognition of his outstanding service and numerous contributions to the medical profession and to Singapore, Chen was awarded an Honorary Membership by the Singapore Medical Association.

**About the Chen Su Lan Trust:**

Chen established the Chen Su Lan Trust in 1947, with the initial aim of providing funds and land to Christian organizations (e.g. the Scripture Union). Since then, the Trust has made numerous contributions to charities and other worthwhile causes, and has also extended assistance to many other organizations, regardless of their religious affiliations. In particular, the Chen Su Lan Trust actively supports causes that are related to medical advancement.

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109 [http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_1481_2009-03-06.html](http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_1481_2009-03-06.html)
Grantmaking Contributions:

- Land and funds for the building of Chen Su Lan Methodist Children’s Home in 1968\(^{110}\)

- S$100,000 to Home (Humanitarian Organisation for Migration Economics), an organisation which helps represent the rights of migrant workers in Singapore, in 2004\(^{111}\)

- S$2.5 million to the National University of Singapore, for the establishment of the Chen Su Lan Centennial Professorship of Medical Ethics, in 2005\(^{112}\)

- S$100,000 to the Muslim Kidney Action Association, for the development of The Enrichment Centre, in 2007 – the Centre will provide for the education of children of kidney patients\(^{113}\)

- Funds for the Handicaps Welfare Association – Micro Finance Assistance Scheme (HWA-MFAS) in 2009\(^{114}\)

- Funds for the construction of the Chen Su Lan Education Centre in Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, in 2010 – the interfaith centre opened on 24\(^{th}\) June 2010, and aims to aid in the process of peace-building and reconciliation in the country, following the civil war between the Sri Lankan government and the Tamil Tigers\(^{115}\)

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

\(^{110}\) http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_1481_2009-03-06.html
\(^{112}\) http://giving.nus.edu.sg/honour/detail/chen-su-lan-centennial-professorship-of-medical-ethics/
\(^{113}\) mkac.reqa.com/edisi/data/MKAC%20Report%202007.doc
\(^{114}\) http://www.hwa.org.sg/node/221
4.2 Isaac Manasseh Meyer Trust Fund

Administered By: Public Trustee’s Office, Ministry of Law

Grantmaking Focus: Various community causes, particularly education

**About the Isaac Manasseh Meyer Trust Fund:**

The Isaac Manasseh Meyer Trust Fund is a Jewish trust fund founded in Singapore\(^{116}\). It is named after Mr. Isaac Manasseh Meyer, one of the three sons of pioneer Jewish businessman and key figure of early Singapore’s Jewish community, Sir Manasseh Meyer (1846 – 1930). The senior Sir Meyer had contributed to the building of Maghain Aboth Synagogue at Waterloo Street and Chesed-El Synagogue at Oxley Rise, amongst many other contributions\(^{117}\).

The Isaac Manasseh Meyer Trust Fund is administered by the Public Trustee’s Office, Ministry of Law\(^{118}\). Initially, the Trust Fund’s primary focus was on the provision of funds for student care services, as well as for projects to benefit the disadvantaged and people with disabilities. In recent years, the Trust Fund has also started disbursing funds for the establishment of scholarships at various tertiary institutions, and is an active supporter of various educational causes\(^{119}\).

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

- More than S$10,000 to the Nanyang Technological University 21\(^{st}\) Century Fund\(^{120}\)
- Long-time active donor to the National University of Singapore\(^{121}\)

\(^{116}\) [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/beritamalaysia/message/57272?o=0&var=1](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/beritamalaysia/message/57272?o=0&var=1)

\(^{117}\) [http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_830_2004-12-29.html](http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_830_2004-12-29.html)

\(^{118}\) [http://www.smu.edu.sg/financial/scholarships/is_isaac_manasseh.asp](http://www.smu.edu.sg/financial/scholarships/is_isaac_manasseh.asp)


\(^{120}\) [http://www3.ntu.edu.sg/DO/21st/honorRoll1a.html](http://www3.ntu.edu.sg/DO/21st/honorRoll1a.html)

• Instituted the Isaac Manasseh Meyer Fellowship (IMMF) at the National University of Singapore, to support research fellowships at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, in 1984\textsuperscript{122}

• Established the Isaac Manasseh Meyer Scholarship at the National University of Singapore in 2003\textsuperscript{123}

• Established the Isaac Manasseh Meyer Scholarship at the Singapore Management University in 2003\textsuperscript{124}

• S$100,000 to the Education Trust Fund, which was created to help Muslim students, in 2003\textsuperscript{125}

• S$20,000 to The Courage Fund, which was set up during the SARS outbreak, in 2003\textsuperscript{126}

• Donations to the RISIS Endowment Fund Campaign in support of the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies in 2008\textsuperscript{127}

• Charter Donor of the YMCA-Lim Kim San Volunteers Programme in 2010\textsuperscript{128}

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

4.3 Mrs Lee Choon Guan Trust Fund

Address : HSBC Trustee (Singapore) Limited, 21 Collyer Quay
#16-00 HSBC Building Singapore 049320

Grantmaking Focus : Various community causes, particularly education

\textsuperscript{122} http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/research/vss.html
\textsuperscript{123} http://bba.nus.edu/admissions_scholarships.html
\textsuperscript{124} http://www.smu.edu.sg/financial/scholarships/ls_isaac_manasseh.asp
\textsuperscript{125} http://groups.yahoo.com/group/beritamalaysia/message/57272?o=0&var=1
\textsuperscript{126} http://www.nhg.com.sg/nhg_01_pressRelease2003_16may.asp
\textsuperscript{127} http://www.rsis.edu.sg/Endowment_fund.htm
\textsuperscript{128} http://www.ymca.org.sg/enews/lks_pb.pdf
About Mrs. Lee Choon Guan (Tan Teck Neo):

Mrs. Lee Choon Guan (1877 – 1978), whose maiden name was Tan Teck Neo, was the third daughter of the prominent Straits Chinese businessman, Tan Keong Saik. After her marriage to Mr. Lee Choon Guan, she became an illustrious figure in the Singapore society through her charitable work. In 1915, Mrs. Lee founded the Chinese Women’s Association. She was also honoured as a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1918, in recognition of her contributions to the British Red Cross in the First World War, as well as of her various other charitable contributions. Beyond her charitable work, Mrs. Lee also threw lavish parties for the rich, which helped foster relations between the Chinese and the British.

When Mr. Lee Choon Guan passed away in 1924, Mrs. Lee became the sole proprietor of the Lee estate, Mandalay Villa. The villa was one of the most prominent houses of pre-war Singapore that was built by the wealthy Straits-Chinese businessman Mr. Lee Chang Yan, father of Mr. Lee Choon Guan.

Today, the Mrs. Lee Choon Guan Concert Hall in Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road), as well as the Mrs. Lee Choon Guan Theatre in Anglo-Chinese Junior College, are named in her memory.

About Mr. Lee Choon Guan:

Mr. Lee Choon Guan (1868 – 1924) was a Straits-born Chinese businessman and philanthropist. He received private education from personal tutors, and started his foray into the business world as an assistant in Lee Cheng Yan & Co., his father’s company. Following his father’s death in 1911, Lee took over the family business and expanded it, and became an increasingly prominent figure within the Straits Chinese business community.

129 http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_1418_2009-01-12.html
130 http://books.google.com.sg/books?id=a0iCi4vkzesC&pg=PA225&lpg=PA225&dq=tan+teck+neo&source=bl&ots=kKkeYUY7CZ&sig=0ObpNjS-ee19qJYveNtgtET7Rml&hl=en&ei=R1m6TPuVBlffcf76hYQN&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=6&ved=0CChQ6AEwBQ#v=onepage&q=tan%20teck%20neo&f=false
131 http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_1418_2009-01-12.html
In 1912, Lee co-founded the Chinese Commercial Bank with fellow Chinese merchants, Lim Peng Siang and Lim Boon Keng. This formed the early foundations of one of modern Singapore’s three big banks, the Overseas-Chinese Banking Corporation – in 1932, the Chinese Commercial Bank and the Ho Hong Bank merged with the Overseas-Chinese Bank to form the OCBC Bank.

Lee was also active in the social and educational spheres of the Straits Chinese community, and made various donations to charitable and educational institutions. This included a S$60,000 gift to the endowment fund of Raffles College, as well as another S$50,000 to the Methodist College. He was also actively involved in the Straits Chinese British Association (SCBA), and aided in its efforts to unite Straits Chinese elites, and to promote the interests of Straits Chinese. In addition to these, Lee was a member of the Chinese Advisory Board, and Tan Tock Seng Hospital’s Committee of Management. He also served as a director of the Straits Steamship Co. Ltd. (Malaya Branch) and the South British Insurance Co. Ltd. During the First World War in 1915, Lee, along with his long-time business partner, Lim Peng Siang, donated a battle plane (Malaya No. 6, or the “Choon Guan Peng Siang”) to the British Army. In recognition of his many contributions to society, Lee was later made Justice of the Peace.

Lee married Ms. Tan Teck Neo after his first wife passed away. Together, the couple had a son and a daughter.

About the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Trust Fund:

The Mrs Lee Choon Guan Trust Fund was established by Mr. Keith Chua, in honour of his late grandmother, Mrs. Lee Choon Guan. Beyond disbursing funds for specific causes, the Mrs Lee Choon Guan Trust Fund also holds substantial investments in various companies, including Falcon Energy Group Limited. The Trust Fund’s interests in shares are held in the name of HSBC (Singapore) Nominees Pte Ltd.

Grantmaking Contributions:

- S$1,500,000 to the National University of Singapore Business School’s Centre for Social Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy (CSEP) at the centre’s launch
- S$100,000 to the National University of Singapore throughout the year 2009/2010
- Various donations to the Singapore Anglican Community Services

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

4.4 Richard Hua Education Trust Fund

Trust Fund Launch: 1996

Address: HSBC Trustee (Singapore) Limited, 21 Collyer Quay
#16-00 HSBC Building Singapore 049320

Grantmaking Focus: Education for students in Asia

About Mr. Richard Hua:

Mr. Richard Yih-Show Hua was born in 1918 in China, and then moved to Hong Kong to build his career. After a successful career in Hong Kong, he then moved to Singapore upon retirement. Mr. Hua passed away on 14 December 1992.

About the Richard Hua Education Trust Fund:

The Richard Hua Education Trust Fund was established under the will of the late Mr. Richard Yih-Show Hua (1918-1992), mainly to award bursaries to needy students in Asia. HSBC Trustee (Singapore) Limited was appointed by Mr. Hua to be the executor and trustee of his

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134 http://www.geocities.com/richardhuath/
will. Apart from this, an independent advisory committee was also appointed to advise the trustee on the management of the Trust Fund. In 1996, the Trust Fund was registered as a charity in Singapore\textsuperscript{135}.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

- Established the Richard Hua Trust Fund Award at the Singapore Polytechnic\textsuperscript{136}

- More than S$10,000 to the Nanyang Technological University’s 21\textsuperscript{st} Century Fund\textsuperscript{137}

- Established the Richard Hua Scholarship of S$1,500 for eligible students from all courses and nationalities at Ngee Ann Polytechnic\textsuperscript{138}

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

\textsuperscript{135} http://www.geocities.com/richardhuath/ (Note: Information from this site was retrieved in 2009. The site is now no longer available.)

\textsuperscript{136} http://www.sp.edu.sg/resources/docs/publications/annualreport0708/Financial%20Assistance.pdf

\textsuperscript{137} http://www3.ntu.edu.sg/DO/21st/honorRoll1b.html

\textsuperscript{138} http://www.np.edu.sg/ss/financial/fulltime/bursaries(np/Pages/default.aspx
5 CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS

There has been an emergence of corporate foundations in recent years, joining the more established private foundations to make grants to individuals and organizations. These corporate foundations appear to be a more focused way for companies to further their corporate social responsibility efforts. However, as corporate foundations are still relatively new in the grantmaking scene (as compared to the more established private foundations), it is uncertain as to how these corporate foundations will change the grantmaking landscape in Singapore.

Corporate and family foundations differ mainly in their funding and communication strategies. While family foundations are typically accountable to the key family members and are thus less complex, corporate foundations are usually accountable to shareholders and donors. This makes their grantmaking efforts more targeted and focused, as it often has to be in-line with their organizational goals as well. This is as opposed to family foundations that are more simply structured, with less hierarchy and bureaucracy during decision making. Hence, while the general trend of companies setting up corporate foundations has led to an increase in the variety and vibrancy of the grantmaking landscape in Singapore, corporate foundations are not a ready source of grants for individuals or even organizations, as they are extremely clear and defined in the type of grants they wish to disburse.

As well, corporate foundations generally opt for a more involved and continuous approach in their grantmaking process, often organizing annual fundraisers instead of disbursing one-off grants to the various entities. Employees and executives of the companies are usually also actively involved in the various fundraising events that are held throughout the year.

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5.1 Asia Pacific Breweries Foundation

Foundation Launch : June 1994

Contact Number : (65) 6860 3005

Contact Email : corporatecommsgp@apb.com.sg

Website : http://www.apb.com.sg/comm-Foundation.html

Grantmaking Focus : Creativity development, human excellence and humanitarianism causes

About the Asia Pacific Breweries Foundation:

Asia Pacific Breweries Ltd (APB) carries out its philanthropic commitment via the APB Foundation. Since its formation in June 1994, the Foundation has provided sponsorships, donations and other forms of support to over 200 initiatives, benefiting disadvantaged homes and charitable organisations, medical research bodies, theatre and music groups, scholarships programmes and more.

The APB Foundation Board of Trustees is assisted by its Advisory Committee to ensure that the Foundation play a constructive and developmental role in the communities both in Singapore and the Asia Pacific region.

The Foundation does not support its causes in an arbitrary way. It follows strict guidelines stipulated in the APB Foundation Trust Deeds and focuses on causes that fall within its three philanthropic pillars – creativity development, human excellence and humanitarian causes. With this, APB Foundation is currently supporting several flagship projects. Such projects are typically mooted by the Foundation and their partners. A new project and its budget are typically put up for evaluation and endorsement first by the Foundation’s Advisory Committee (AdCom). The endorsed project is then submitted to the Foundation’s Board of Trustees (BoT) for approval. Each project is endorsed and approved by the AdCom and BoT respectively by meeting quorum.
Ad-hoc projects are reviewed on a case-by-case basis first by the Group Corporate Communications department of APB, which oversees Foundation-related matters. A project proposal is first assessed for its relevancy to the Foundation’s philanthropic focus.

In addition, a project, flag-ship or ad-hoc, will only be recommended for approval if it fulfils the following criteria of:

a. Empowering the beneficiary to achieve sustainability in what he/she or the group aims to achieve in the long-term
b. Achieving sustainable impact

All projects supported by the APB Foundation are subjected to review on an annual basis at the yearly AdCom and BoT meetings. During these meetings, APB’s Group Corporate Communications department will give a review of all projects and to recommend a continuation or cessation of a project. Suitable new or alternative projects may also be recommended during these meetings for endorsement and approval accordingly. The Foundation understands that not all projects are scalable to meet available funds. As such, the Foundation would typically support full funding of a recommended project whenever possible. Partial funding is possible if the Foundation’s support still provides empowerment and achieves sustainable impact. All beneficiaries of the Foundations also submit a half-yearly report to the Foundation to track project progress and results. This helps the Foundation assess its projects more effectively.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The following entities are some examples of organizations in which the APB Foundation has rendered funds to –

- W!ld Rice Limited
- Singapore Symphony Orchestra
- Singapore Dance Theatre
- APB Foundation Resources Centre at Singapore Nurses Association
- APB Foundation Scholarship for Persons with disabilities
• E.W. Barker Professorship and Scholarship in Physical Education and Sports Science
• NUS Endowment Fund
• NTU- Technology and Engineering Research Programme
• Bone Marrow Donor Programme
• Singapore International Foundation
• Breast Cancer Foundation

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

5.2 Banyan Tree Global Foundation

Foundation Launch : 2009

Presiding Organisation: Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts

Address : 211 Upper Bukit Timah Road Singapore 588182

Contact Number : (65) 6849 5888

Website : http://www.banyantreeglobalfoundation.com/

Grantmaking Focus : Social, environmental and economic sustainability

About Banyan Tree Hotels & Resorts:

Banyan Tree Holdings Limited is a leading manager and developer of premium resorts, hotels and spas around the world. It currently has ownership interests in over 26 resorts and hotels, over 65 spas, 70 retail galleries and 3 golf courses.

About Banyan Tree Global Foundation:

The Banyan Tree Global Foundation was established in 2009 to direct Banyan Tree’s corporate social responsibility efforts. The Foundation focuses on efforts to “Embrace the
Grantmaking Entities in Singapore

Environment, and Empower People”, supporting the social, environmental and economic development for businesses. To achieve this end, Banyan Tree Global Foundation organizes forums and discussions to address sustainability in these areas, with its inaugural distinguished lecture “When Local Communities Claim Ownership” given by Mr Nihal Kaviratne held on 20 August 2009. Further, at Banyan Tree properties, every guest is invited to be a supporting partner through a small contribution of US$2 per room per night, under an “opt-out” arrangement. This is in line with the Foundation’s focus on environmental sustainability, and reflects the company’s long-term views of the eco-tourism market.

Grantmaking Contributions:

Beyond its focus on environmental sustainability, the Foundation also actively supports economic development efforts –

- Supported the development and infrastructure improvements in various schools across the world, such as Feydhoo Pre-school on Feydhoo Island and Sithane Primary School in Laos
- Contributes annual university scholarships to Yunnan University’s School of Tourism and Culture

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

5.3 CapitaLand Hope Foundation

Foundation Launch : 21 November 2005

Contact Email : ask@capitalandhopefoundation.com

Website : www.capitalandhopefoundation.com

Source of Funds : Up to 0.5% of CapitaLand Group’s net profits

Grantmaking Focus : Underprivileged Children
About CapitaLand Hope Foundation:

CapitaLand Hope Foundation was officially launched on 21 Nov 2005, in conjunction with the CapitaLand 5th Anniversary Celebration. Being a registered charity, it aims to further CapitaLand Group's corporate social responsibility to the society. CapitaLand Group is one of the first companies in Singapore to extend three days volunteer service leave to all staff each year for charitable work of their choice, regardless of cause. As recognition of staff’s social contributions, CapitaLand Hope Foundation will donate S$500 to the preferred children’s charity of any Singapore staff who takes all 3 days of volunteer leave within the year.

CapitaLand has also established 15 CapitaLand Hope Schools in China, to support the educational needs of disadvantaged children overseas. Many of the elementary schools suffer from overcrowding, are run-down, and without proper facilities. The new facilities create a more conducive environment and allow the children to focus on their studies.

A management committee headed by Lim Chin Beng currently runs the Foundation.

Grantmaking Contributions:

In addition to the donations made to charities in Singapore, as well as the schools it has established in China, the Foundation has also disbursed funds through numerous other projects and programmes –

- The CapitaLand Kids Programme, launched in 2007, provides direct financial support for needy children. This programme has provided more than $500 000 since its launch to fund the living, educational and medical expenses of more than 700 children in Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand and The Philippines.
- In the “Green For Hope” Project (July 2008 – June 2009), CapitaLand Hope Foundation donated S$2 to the school’s welfare fund for underprivileged students for every
kilogram of waste recycled by a primary school. The Foundation donated more than S$1 million to the participating schools’ welfare funds.

- In the “Green For Hope Project 2009” (July 2009 – Dec 2009), CapitaLand Hope Foundation awarded a “CapitaLand Green for Hope Bursary” worth S$280 to an underprivileged student in the school. The Foundation distributed a total of 3200 bursaries (worth S$896 000) in total.

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

5.4 Hong Leong Foundation

Foundation Launch : 1980

Address : 9 Raffles Place #36-00 Republic Plaza, Singapore 048619

Website : http://www.hongleong.com.sg/corporate-citizenship

Grantmaking Focus : Charities and cultural activities

**About the Hong Leong Group:**

Its presiding organization, the Hong Leong Group, is a globally diversified company with ventures in property, hotels, financial services and trade & industry, and is one of Singapore’s largest conglomerates. The Group’s five core businesses are property investment and development, hotel ownership and management, financial services, trade & industry, and e-businesses.

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**About the Hong Leong Foundation:**

Established in 1980, the Hong Leong Foundation was set up by the Hong Leong Group in its bid to foster community service sponsorships and donations to civic, community and cultural activities. It aims to provide educational opportunities for all children in Singapore; provide avenues to enhance the standard of living for the aged and needy; and to nurture local talents in the creative industries. In Singapore, charitable beneficiaries the Foundation donate to include the National Kidney Foundation, the Asian Civilizations Museum and the National Arts Council, among others. In 2005, the Foundation was named a Friend of the Arts. The Foundation is also a “Green Partner”, having pledged S$50,000 annually from 1997 to 1999 to the Singapore Environmental Council’s Green Partners Scheme.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

- Annual year-end giveaways to the needy elderly since 1982
- S$1.5 million donation to set up the Hong Leong-NKF Dialysis Centre in August 1998
- Nearly S$380,000 to over 3,600 needy elderly people in 2008
- S$5 million donation to the Asian Civilisation Museum, in an effort to bolster appreciation and awareness of Chinese history and culture, in 2009
- Supported the Singapore Arts Festival in 2009
- Contributed to the inaugural Singapore Season in London, which saw performances by the renowned Singapore Dance Theatre, T’ang Quartet and the Singapore Chinese Orchestra to audiences in the United Kingdom
- Sponsored the second Singapore Season in Shanghai

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

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5.5 NTUC FairPrice Foundation

Foundation Launch : March 2008

Address : 680 Upper Thomson Road Singapore 787103

Contact Email : foundation@fairprice.com.sg

Website : www.fairpricefoundation.org

Source of Funds : NTUC FairPrice

Grantmaking Focus : Community initiatives, workers’ welfare and nation building

**About the NTUC FairPrice Foundation**

The NTUC FairPrice Foundation was established in March 2008, with a pledge of S$50 million from NTUC FairPrice, to be disbursed over 10 years. The Foundation provides a platform for the NTUC FairPrice Co-operative to further its philanthropic objectives, and also creates a systematic and sustainable structure for FairPrice’s corporate giving.

The Foundation’s grantmaking philosophy is to contribute “A Better Life for the Community” through its various community and social welfare initiatives. In furthering FairPrice’s mission to be a “retailer with a heart”, the Foundation provides relief to, and basic necessities for, the poor and needy in society. At the same time, it is an active supporter of nation-building initiatives that foster social harmony and community bonding. As a Co-Operative founded by the Labour movement, FairPrice also has a firm commitment to enhancing the welfare of workers and their families through aids administered by the Foundation.

Long-standing community partners and beneficiaries of the Foundation include the NTUC Childcare Bright Horizons Trust Fund (administered by the NTUC First Campus), the Eldercare Trust, the Community Chest, Food from the Heart, and Caritas.

143 http://fairpricefoundation.org/about_background.html
144 http://fairpricefoundation.org/about_thrusts.html
145 http://fairpricefoundation.org/community.html
Grantmaking Contributions:

- More than S$4,000,000 worth of FairPrice Food Vouchers to needy Singaporean families under the FairPrice Million Dollar Food Voucher Scheme in 2008, 2009 and 2010
- More than S$1,500,000 to various Community Chest-funded Charities and Family Service Centres in 2008, 2009 and 2010
- More than S$5,900,000 to the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) and the U Care Charity Golf, to help low-wage workers in Singapore, in 2008 and 2010
- S$1,000,000 to the Eldercare Trust, Community Chest, Food from the Heart, and NTUC Childcare Bright Horizons Fund, in March 2008
- S$300,000 to the Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants & Itinerant People (ACMI), which provides support and aid to migrant workers, in April 2009
- S$5,250,000 to the Labour Movement U Care Fund under its “Lend a Hand, Give a Heart” project to help lower wage workers during the recession in April 2009
- S$500,000 to Ren Ci Hospital and Medicare Centre’s charity show fundraiser in January 2010
- S$100,000 to the SingHealth-HSEU (Healthcare Services Employees’ Union) Community Outreach Programme, to help needy patients with the purchase of daily necessities and rehabilitative aids, in July 2010
- S$150,000 to YMCA-Lim Kim San Volunteers Programme, which aims to promote volunteerism, in July 2010
- S$150,000 worth of Sports Scholarships to Team Singapore medallists at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in September 2010

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

146 http://fairpricefoundation.org/activities.html
5.6 Singapore Press Holdings (SPH) Foundation

Foundation Launch : 29 January 2003

Contact Number : (65) 6319 8150

Contact Email : sphfdn@sph.com.sg

Website : http://ww.sphfoundation.org.sg

Source of Funds : Initial S$20 million from Singapore Press Holdings Ltd

Grantmaking Focus : Arts and culture, education, sports, healthcare, the environment, as well as social welfare

About the Singapore Press Holdings (SPH) Foundation:

The SPH Foundation was incorporated on 29 January 2003. The first contribution of $20 million to the Foundation came from media group Singapore Press Holdings Ltd. The mission of the Foundation is to help build a community that embraces language enrichment, creativity, diversity, healthy living, and sports.

SPH Foundation does not support individuals or projects that are confined to sectional interests of a group of persons (e.g. race, political groups) or overseas projects that do not benefit the Singapore community. Grantseekers have to submit a 2-page proposal that addresses the description and mission of the organisation, description of programme to be funded, statement of key programme goals to be attained, projected income and expenditure of programme and total amount requested. This proposal has to be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the commencement of the programme.

5.7 Temasek Foundation
Foundation Launch : 16 May 2007
Contact Number : 6828 6030
Website : http://www.temasekfoundation.org.sg
Source of Funds : Temasek Trust
Grantmaking Focus : Education, healthcare, research, cross cultural exchanges, and disaster relief in Asia

About Temasek Holdings:

Incorporated in 1974, Temasek Holdings is an Asia investment company headquartered in Singapore. Temasek has a diversified portfolio covering a broad spectrum of industries in Singapore and other emerging economies in Asia.

About Temasek Foundation:

Temasek Foundation is a non-profit philanthropic organization established by Temasek Holdings in 2007. It is to fulfil the objectives of the Temasek Trust, which is its source of funds from. It mainly operates around Asia, including Singapore.

A board comprising leaders from business and community sectors from Singapore and other Asian countries leads the Foundation. Instead of receiving applications and requests for support, the Foundation will work with civic and institutional partners that have similar visions and objectives, and complementary expertise, resources or connections.

The Foundation makes contributions in very diverse areas, namely to develop people through healthcare, education, research, to build bridges between people, to build institutions of excellence through good governance and ethics, and to build lives and livelihoods affected by natural disasters.

A management committee headed by Goh Geok Khim currently runs the Foundation.
**Grantmaking Contributions:**

- S$306,000 to provide training for teachers from a new school in Surabaya
- S$1,300,000 to the Java Nurses Training Programme, a collaboration between Nanyang Polytechnic’s School of Health Sciences (Nursing) and 7 nursing schools in Java
- S$270,000 for School Management and Education Leadership Training Programme at Lamplaimat Pattana School in Thailand
- Sponsored the inaugural International Science Youth Forum, held in Singapore from 19 – 23 January 2009, which brought together 82 youths from Singapore and the region to collaborate on science research
- S$41,000 grant for a two-day workshop by Nobel Laureate Professor Vernon L. Smith
- S$1,150,000 grant to Public Finance Modernisation and Governance Programme in Lao People’s Democratic Republic (PDR)

Note: This list is not exhaustive.
6 CORPORATE FUNDS

A corporate fund is yet another way in which companies further their corporate social responsibility efforts. Corporate funds in Singapore are set up by corporate entities that already have a relatively stable corporate social responsibility presence in Singapore. Just like corporate foundations, corporate funds have very specific and diversified causes they pledge their money to. For instance, the Straits Times Pocket Money Fund supports school children, whereas the Singapore Power Heartware Fund focuses on eldercare.

Many corporate funds get their funds from the public, their employees, and business associates, through the various fund-raising activities the corporation holds. An interesting trend is the novel means in which these corporations generate funds from the public. For instance, the SingTel Fold-A-Heart programme has gathered a lot of support from the public. Also, Singapore Power allows members of the public to donate to the fund via their utilities bill, which makes the donation process very convenient and accessible. At the same time, companies usually encourage their employees to actively contribute towards the corporate funds. Beyond annual fund-raising activities, some companies, like SingTel, also match employee donations dollar-for-dollar.

6.1 NTUC-U Care Fund

Fund Launch : February 2009
Address : NTUC Centre, 1 Marina Boulevard 11-01, One Marina Boulevard Singapore 018989
Contact Number : (65) 6213 8008
Website : http://www.ntuc.org.sg/ucarefund.asp
Source of Funds : Community fundraising efforts, NTUC FairPrice Foundation, and corporate donations
Grantmaking Focus : Low-income union members and their families
About the NTUC-U Care Fund\textsuperscript{147,148,}:

The NTUC-U Care Fund was established in 2009, against the backdrop of the 2008-2009 financial crisis, to provide a structured platform for the Labour Movement’s fundraising efforts. Through the combined efforts of various NTUC-affiliated unions, associations and social enterprises, as well as its tripartite partners, the U Care Fund raised S$23.2 million in 2009 and extended timely relief to over 47,000 union members and their families. It has since obtained Charity status and became an Institution of Public Character in November 2009.

In the longer term, the U-Care Fund aims to provide financial assistance to low-income members, enhance elderly care through collaboration with the NTUC Eldercare Trust, level the playing field for children and youth from needy families, and foster a stronger spirit of giving and volunteerism within the community. Its initiatives and programmes thus far have been funded primarily through the Labour Movement’s continued fundraising efforts, such as the NTUC Choice Homes’ Upturn the Downturn Golf Challenge and U Care Golf Challenge in 2009. In 2010, the Labour Movement raised S$11.6 million for the U Care Fund.

Grantmaking Contributions\textsuperscript{149}:

- **U Care Immediate Assistance (UCIA):** S$8,600,000 to over 47,000 low-income members affected by the global downturn in 2009
- **U Stretch Vouchers\textsuperscript{150}:** S$5,400,000 worth of discount vouchers, which are available for use at various NTUC social enterprises, to over 65,000 eligible members


\textsuperscript{148} http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/singaporelocalnews/view/1075352/1/.html


\textsuperscript{150} http://www.ntuc.org.sg/ustretch/
• Back to School Vouchers: S$5,400,000 worth of vouchers to cover the educational needs of over 40,000 children from low-income families

• Scholarships, Bursaries and Education Grants: S$700,000 pledged for bursaries and scholarships administered by NTUC-affiliated unions

• S$500,000 to the Bright Horizons Fund, to help children from needy families attend preschool, in 2009

• S$1,100,000 to the NTUC Eldercare Trust and its financial assistance scheme, to help provide day care and home care services for the elderly from low-income families, in 2009

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

6.2 Singapore Power Heartware Fund

Fund Launch : October 2005

Contact Number : (65) 6349 1403

Contact Email : heartwarefund@singaporepower.com.sg


Source of Funds : Singapore Power

Administered By : The Community Chest

Grantmaking Focus : Needy elderly

About the Singapore Power Heartware Fund:

Singapore Power (SP) set up a S$1 million Singapore Power Heartware Fund, which was launched at SP’s 10th anniversary, to achieve greater focus in its charity work. The fund
helps needy elderly under the Home Help Service programmes. The Home Help Service programmes provide the needy elderly with hot meal delivery twice a day, personal care/hygiene, housekeeping, laundry service, transport service for medical check-ups, and general assistance.

SP ensures that the money reaches the beneficiaries by partnering the Community Chest, who then manages and disburses the Fund. The general public can also contribute to the fund through their utility bill, credit card, GIRO or cheque\textsuperscript{151}.

6.3 SingTel Touching Lives Fund

Fund Launch : 2002
Address : SingTel Group Communications, 31 Exeter Road #19-00
Comcentre, Singapore 239732
Website : http://home.singtel.com/about_singtel
Source of Funds : Donations from the public, SingTel employees, and SingTel business associates
Grantmaking Focus : Children and youths with special needs

About the SingTel Group\textsuperscript{152, 153, 154}:

The SingTel Group is a leading communications group in Asia. It provides a wide range of communication services and solutions, and operates primarily in Singapore and Australia, in the latter country through its acquisition of Optus in 2001. In addition, it holds strategic investments in various mobile investors in India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand,

\textsuperscript{151} http://www.singaporepower.com.sg/html/heartwarefund/faq/heartwarefund_faq_frameset.htm
\textsuperscript{152} http://info.singtel.com/about-us/overview
\textsuperscript{153} http://info.singtel.com/about-us/sustainability
\textsuperscript{154} http://info.singtel.com/about-us/sustainability/community
Pakistan and Bangladesh, and serves the needs of multinational enterprises through its network of offices throughout 19 countries in the Asia Pacific, Europe and the USA.

The SingTel Group has various Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Working Groups driving its community initiatives in Singapore. Policies and programmes are implemented in 4 key focus areas – Marketplace, People, Environment and Community. Since 1992, SingTel has also been a Corporate SHARE (Social Help and Assistance Raised by Employees) company. Under this programme, the Group matches its employees’ monthly contributions to SHARE, which disburses funds to the Community Chest, dollar for dollar. Further, the Group has been providing an annual grant to the National Council of Social Services (NCSS) since 1991, so as to defray the costs of telecommunication services for NCSS charities.

**About the SingTel Touching Lives Fund**[^155]  

The SingTel Touching Lives Fund is the cornerstone of the Group’s philanthropy programme. It was formed in 2002 to consolidate SingTel’s community initiatives. Since then, the Fund has raised more than S$17 million for more than 22 charities and public organisations, in aid of less privileged children and youths.

The Fund relies primarily on donations from its business associates, employees and the public. In 2008, for example, it encouraged staff members to participate in the SingTel Charity Walk and to make donations to the Fund, which were matched dollar-for-dollar by SingTel. The annual SingTel Charity Golf also provides a platform for SingTel to engage its corporate partners in its fundraising efforts. In addition, the Fund’s Fold-A-Heart programme, where SingTel donates S$1 for every heart folded and sent to the Touching Lives Fund, has managed to gather strong support from the Singaporean public over the years. Beyond these fundraising efforts, SingTel fully underwrites all fundraising costs for the Fund, a practice which has been in place since the Fund was launched in 2002, so as to ensure that every dollar raised will go towards the charities supported by the Fund.

[^155]: http://info.singtel.com/touchinglives/  
[^157]: http://info.singtel.com/node/6888
Grantmaking Contributions:

The Fund has been committed to raising funds for various charities that provide training, special education, as well as counselling and support to children and youths with special needs –

- S$2,400,000 in 2007 to the following 5 beneficiaries\(^{158}\): Association for Persons with Special Needs (APSN) Tanglin School, Autism Resource Centre’s ‘WeCan Early Intervention Programme’, Fei Yue Community Services’ ‘eGen’ (e-counselling) facility, Singapore Children’s Society’s ‘Tinkle Friend’ programme for primary school students, and Student Care Services

- S$2,200,000 in 2008 to the following 6 beneficiaries\(^{159}\): APSN Tanglin School, Autism Resource Centre’s ‘WeCan Early Intervention Programme’, Fei Yue Community Services’ ‘eGen’ facility, the Milk Fund, Singapore Children’s Society’s ‘Tinkle Friend’ programme, and Students Care Services

- S$2,200,000 in 2009 to the following 5 beneficiaries\(^{160}\): APSN Tanglin School, Asian Women’s Welfare Association (AWWA) Early Years Centre’s ‘Early Intervention Programme for Infants and Young Children’ (EIPIC), Movement for the Intellectually Disabled of Singapore (MINDS) Lee Kong Chian Gardens School, Singapore Cancer Society’s ‘Help the Children and Youth’ programme and Students Care Services

Note: This list is not exhaustive.


\(^{159}\) http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/singaporelocalnews/view/419688/1/.html

\(^{160}\) http://info.singtel.com/node/6888
6.4 Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund

Fund Launch : 1 October 2000

Address : Singapore Press Holdings Limited Finance Division,
1000 Toa Payoh North, Singapore 318994

Contact Number : (65) 6319 5153

Contact Email : stfund@sph.com.sg


Source of Funds : Donations from the general public and corporations

Administered By : National Council of Social Services (NCSS)

Grantmaking Focus : School children from low-income families

About the Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund

Established on Children’s Day (1 October) in 2000 by The Straits Times, the Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund aims to raise public awareness about needy children who do not have pocket money for their meals in school, and to help alleviate the financial burden that the parents of these children face. Funds raised go towards helping eligible students from low-income families pay for their meals, bus fares, and other school-related needs. Over the past 10 years, the Fund has benefitted 73,542 children, and is now Singapore’s largest financial assistance scheme for school children.

The Fund relies on donations from the public, schools and corporations. The Straits Times’ Editorial Projects Unit (EPU) organises fundraising activities and raises money for the Fund,

161 http://www.straitstimes.com/STI/STIMEDIA/sp/spmf/about.html
162 http://www.straitstimes.com/School%2BPocket%2BMoney%2BFund/SPMF%2BNews/Story/STIStory_581062.html
while the National Council of Social Services (NCSS) administers the funds raised, and disburses the money to eligible children through its network of voluntary welfare organisations and family service centres. The Fund’s latest initiative at encouraging Singaporeans to save, and to help the less fortunate, involved the sale of 50,000 Help-A-Kid Coin Banks, with proceeds going fully to the Fund. In addition, when the coin banks are full, individuals have the option of donating any amount therein to charity, or to put the money in their own savings accounts.

Beyond monetary assistance, social workers administering the Fund also help needy families facing various problems such as violence and mental illness. Such assistance is rendered in partnership with the NCSS.

**Grantmaking Contributions**

The Fund’s primary focus has been to provide school students with pocket money. Eligible primary school students get S$45 per month, while those in secondary school receive S$80 per month. Specifically, the Fund has disbursed the following amounts over the years:

- S$1,300,000 to 3,735 children in 2001
- S$2,500,000 to 7,177 children in 2002
- S$3,400,000 to 10,419 children in 2003
- S$3,500,000 to 10,337 children in 2004
- S$3,100,000 to 7,972 children in 2005
- S$3,200,000 to 6,258 children in 2006
- S$3,600,000 to 6,328 children in 2007
- S$4,400,000 to 8,933 children in 2008
- S$5,700,000 to 12,383 children in 2009

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164 [http://www.straitstimes.com/STI/STIMEDIA/sp/spmf/about.html](http://www.straitstimes.com/STI/STIMEDIA/sp/spmf/about.html)
6.5 Temasek Cares CLG Limited

Presiding Organisation : Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited

Fund Launch : 2009

Address : 60B Orchard Road #06-18 Tower 2 The Atrium@Orchard Singapore 238891

Contact Number : (65) 6828 6828

Website : http://www.temasekholdings.com.sg/about_us_2_TC.htm

Funding Source : Endowment from Temasek Holdings

Grantmaking Focus : The needy and families in times of crisis

About Temasek Cares CLG Limited (Temasek Cares):

Launched in 2009 to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Temasek Holdings, Temasek Cares is an Institution of a Public Character that focuses on community support in Singapore. Supported by a S$100 million endowment from Temasek Holdings to the Temasek Trust, Temasek Cares supports needy communities and families in Singapore via four main thrusts: Building People; Building Capability; Building Community; and Rebuilding Lives.

6.6 The Business Times Budding Artists Fund

Fund Launch : 2004

Address : The Old Parliament House 1 Old Parliament Lane Singapore 179429

Telephone : (65) 6513 3013
About The Business Times Budding Artists Fund (BT BAF):

Initiated by the Old Parliament House Limited in 2004 and adopted by the Business Times in May 2005, the BT BAF was launched as an attempt to level the playing ground for children (from 5 to 12 years of age) who have strong interests in the arts but are financially unable to further their potentials. The Arts House, as the administrator of the BT BAF, will identify the young talents through different platforms such as auditions and interviews. It will disburse the funds to pay for professionals to conduct training programmes for the children as well as for the purchase of musical instruments, art materials or any other material deemed necessary to the training or performance.

Under the Fund, the Little Arts Academy was launched in November 2008 to offer professional training under a broad-based curriculum for children who have strong interest and potential for interdisciplinary artistic training. Disciplines include dance, drama, new media, visual arts, music and singing. It houses facilities such as a dance and recording studios, and even a kitchen for culinary classes. Some of the programmes offered are as follow:

- A multi-disciplinary workshop that provides fundamental training in four core genres – dance, theatre, music and visual arts – for children aged 5 to 12 years; and
- Workshops conducted by industry practitioners that are aimed at inspiring children to put their knowledge of the arts to practice, as they explore possibilities for the future.
7 ETHNIC SELF-HELP ORGANISATIONS

Under the direction of the government, self-help groups were established for the four main ethnic communities of Singapore, namely the Chinese, Indians, Malays and Eurasians. These organizations were formed to maintain harmony within each ethnic community, as well as among the different ethnic communities in Singapore.

Today, these organizations disburse grants primarily through scholarships, bursaries and subsidies for education, usually to recipients of similar ethnic origin. In addition, they also organize a variety of activities – ranging from community outreach to family workfare – to assist needy members and foster stronger bonds within the community.

The funds are sustained by an annual government endowment as well as monthly individual contributions by Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents of the respective ethnic groups, based on their gross income. Individuals who wish to can either increase their contributions, or opt out of the monthly donations.

7.1 Chinese Development Assistance Council (CDAC)

Organisation Launch : 1 September 1992

Address : 65 Tanjong Katong Road Singapore 436957

Contact Number : (65) 6841 4889

Website : www.cdac.org.sg

Community Roots : Singapore Chinese community

Source of Funds : All Chinese Singapore citizens and permanent residents

Grantmaking Focus : Education and welfare of the disadvantaged in society
About the Chinese Development Assistance Council (CDAC):

The Chinese Development Assistance Council (CDAC) is a self-help group for needy Chinese in Singapore. From 1 September 1992, all working Chinese Singapore citizens and permanent residents were required to contribute monthly to the CDAC Fund according to their salary level. In 2010, CDAC allocated S$11.4 million (50%) of its funds to Student Education and development; S$5.5 (24%) million to Workers’ Upgrading and Employment; S$3.4 million (15%) to Family Workfare and Support. Today, the CDAC aims to nurture the potential of the Chinese community to contribute to the continued success of a multi-racial Singapore.

Grantmaking Contributions:

The CDAC extends financial assistance through various funds, schemes and programmes –

- **CDAC Opportunity Fund**
  
  Provides subsidies to take part in CDAC enrichment and personal development programmes, and to acquire learning aids such as personal computers. The total subsidy is capped at S$500.

- **CDAC-SFCCA Bursary**
  
  The CDAC-SFCCA (Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations) Bursary was established to provide needy Chinese students with financial assistance for their education and motivate them to strive for further achievement.

- **CDAC-SFCCA Hardship Assistance Fund**
  
  A short-term scheme to assist families who are facing immediate financial hardship.

- **CDAC Skills Training Programme**
  
  Offers sponsorship to low-income, low-skilled Chinese workers for more than 90 types of courses in multiple disciplines.
• **CDAC Study Loan**

Subsidizes up to 75% of the course fees for eligible full-time Diploma students at the LaSalle-SIA College of the Arts, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) and the Singapore Hotel & Tourism Education Centre (SHATEC).

• **Community Tuition Fee Subsidy Scheme**

The Community Tuition Fee Subsidy Scheme was co-funded by the five Community Development Councils (CDCs) in Singapore to help needy students attend tuition classes organised by grassroots’ organisations in Singapore such as the Residents Committees (RCs) and Community centres/ clubs (CCs).

• **Joint Tuition Awards (JTA)**

Collaboratively offered by the four ethnic self-help groups, the JTA are presented to students of all races who achieve significant improvement in their results at the PSLE, GCE N and O level examinations after participating in the Collaborative Tuition Programme (CTP)\(^\text{165}\).

• **Pre-School Assistance & Support Scheme (PASS)**

To provide subsidies for kindergarten fees and transport expenses for needy Chinese families.

• **SPACE Transport Subsidy Scheme**

To provide subsidies for physically disabled children from needy Chinese families, covering their transport costs when they attend tuition classes or enrichment programmes organized by CDAC.

• **Student Service Centre Subsidy Schemes**

To help needy Chinese students to be able to take part in various programmes offered by the Student Service Centres in Singapore.

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\(^{165}\) The four ethnic self-help groups in Singapore – CDAC, Eurasian Association, Mendaki and SINDA – run 65 tuition centers island-wide, catering to students of all ethnic groups.
Note: This list is not exhaustive.

### 7.2 The Eurasian Association

**Organisation Launch**: 1919

**Address**: 139 Ceylon Road Singapore 429744

**Contact Number**: (65) 6447 1578

**Website**: www.eurasians.org

**Community Roots**: Singapore Eurasian community

**Grantmaking Focus**: Education

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**About the Eurasian Association:**

The Eurasian Association (EA) in Singapore was founded in 1919 with the aim of promoting the social advancement of Eurasian-British individuals. Today, it also hopes to foster an active interest in Singapore’s current affairs amongst members of the Eurasian community. All working Eurasian Singapore citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents contribute monthly to the Eurasian Community Fund according to their income levels. The philanthropic contributions of the EA focus on scholarships, as well as financial aid for families.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The EA offers financial assistance through various scholarships and awards –

- *EA University Scholarship*
Offered to deserving Eurasian students who have completed a full-time, three-year local Polytechnic diploma and wish to pursue an approved undergraduate degree course at one of the three local universities.

- **Eurasian Community Fund (ECF) education awards**

  Provide financial assistance up to university education level for Eurasian students. This wide range of awards includes bursaries, study grant and Merit, Excellence or Distinction awards.

- **Eurasian Industrial Scholarship and EA School Scholarship**

  Offered to Eurasian students in the eighth standard.

- **Eurasian Voluntary Industrial Scholarship**

  Established in 1948 for apprentice boys in trades.

- **Hochstadt Scholarship**

  The Scholarship of S$300 per annum was initiated by the trustees of the estate of John Hochstadt, and are awarded to individuals studying courses in marine engineering, motor engineering, plumbing, carpentry, dressmaking, linotyping and nursing.

- **Joint Tuition Awards (JTA)**

  See above, 7.1.

- **Merit Bursary Awards**

  Provides full tuition fees, books and ancillary expenses to help the students pursue further education at institutes of higher learning.

- **Opportunity Fund**

  Inaugurated during the 2006 Budget, the Opportunity Fund aims to provide students with enrichment learning opportunities. The Fund is disbursed by the government to
various self-help groups. Students receive vouchers to purchase textbooks, stationery and other learning aids.

- **Scholarship Fund**

  A S$100,000 scholarship fund established in 1971 by then EA President Thomas Wilfred Prins.

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

### 7.3 Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA)

Organisation Launch : August 1991

Address : No. 1 Beatty Road Singapore 209943

Contact Number : (65) 1800 295 4554

Website : www.sinda.org.sg

Community Roots : Singapore Indian community

Grantmaking Focus : Education and welfare of the Singapore Indian community

**About the Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA):**

SINDA was established as a self-help group to enhance the Singapore Indian community through education and socio-economic programmes. In particular, SINDA aims to raise the academic level of Indian students in Singapore, and has since offered various forms of financial assistance through study awards, scholarships and bursaries. All working Indians (including those with ethnic origins in the Indian sub-continents such as Bangladeshis, Bengalis, Parsees, Sikhs, Sinhalese, Telegus, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans, Goanese, Malayalees, Punjabis and Tamils) in Singapore make a monthly contribution to SINDA Fund based on their respective income levels.
Grantmaking Contributions:

The SINDA offers financial assistance through various scholarships, awards and schemes –

- **Community Tuition Fee Subsidy Scheme**
  
  The Community Tuition Fee Subsidy Scheme was co-funded by the five Community Development Councils (CDCs) in Singapore to help needy students attend tuition classes organised by grassroots’ organisations in Singapore such as the Residents Committees (RCs) and Community centres/ clubs (CCs).

- **Education bursaries**
  
  Bursaries are offered to needy students studying in primary/ secondary schools and in junior colleges in Singapore. The quantum of assistance is S$30 for the primary level, S$45 for the secondary level, and S$60 for junior college or pre-university level.

- **Informatics-SINDA Scholarship**
  
  Offered to those keen on doing a part-time or full-time course at the Informatics Academy Pte Ltd. In 2010, 1 scholarship will be offered for a variety of courses ranging from International Foundation to International Diploma.

- **Joint Tuition Awards (JTA)**
  
  See above, 7.1.

- **MDIS-SINDA Scholarships**
  
  For students doing a part-time course at the Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS). In 2010, 4 scholarships will be offered for Professional Certificates to Advanced Diploma.

- **Ng Lao Chik – SINDA Secondary Study Award 2009**
Started in 2009 by Mr. Ng Siak Heng in memory of his late father, the award provides financial support for deserving Indian students in mainstream secondary schools in Singapore to pursue excellence in academic education, sports and the arts. 7 students received the award in 2009.

- **SIA-SINDA Undergraduate Scholarship 2009**

  Covers tuition and other compulsory fees and a vacation attachment at Singapore Airline’s office. Tenable for students selected courses in NUS, NTU, SMU and top universities overseas.

- **Singapore Institute of Materials Management-SINDA Scholarship**

  Offered to students studying part-time at the Singapore Institute of Materials Management. A total of 2 part-time scholarships for the certificate course and the diploma course each are offered.

- **Sri Krishnan Temple Study Award (2006 & 2007)**

  Offered to needy students studying in ITE, Polytechnics, and local universities in Singapore who have demonstrated strong academic and CCA records. It includes full sponsorship of school fees and a monthly allowance. The Sri Krishnan Temple supports this Study Award.

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

### 7.4 Yayasan Mendaki (Council for the Development of Singapore Muslim Society)

Organisation Launch : 28 June 1989

Address : 51 Kee Sun Avenue Singapore 457056

Contact Number : (65) 6245 5710

Website : www.mendaki.org.sg
Community Roots  : Singapore Malay community

Grantmaking Focus  : Education and welfare of the Malay/Muslim community in Singapore

About Yayasan Mendaki:

Yayasan Mendaki was established through a partnership between the Malay/ Muslim community and the government. It provides various community outreach programmes to needy families and individuals, as well as educational programmes and various financial assistance schemes targeted mainly at needy students and families of the community.

In recent years, Yayasan Mendaki has achieved significant success in involving Malay Muslim youths. In November 2010, the group announced that a budget of S$50,000 would be set aside to fund deserving pilot projects proposed by the youths.166

Grantmaking Contributions:

The Yayasan Mendaki offers financial assistance through various awards, loans, schemes and subsidies. With regards to study loans, an administrative fee of S$50 is chargeable for all study loans except SAS –

- **Education Trust Fund School Assistance Scheme (ETF-SAS)**

  Financial assistance for needy students in primary, secondary and madrasah schools in cases where existing schemes are unable to provide, such as by providing additional funding to augment the amount provided by other schemes. It also subsidizes expenses for textbooks, assessment books and stationeries. As at August 2008, the Fund has helped 7868 children in Singapore.

- **Harun Ghani Education Fund (HGEF)**

  [166](http://www.todayonline.com/Singapore/EDC101122-0000063/Ethnic-based-support-groups-still-needed--PM)
Targeting the most needy of grant recipients, the HGEF offers financial help for full-time polytechnic and university students whose parents were drug offenders.

- **Joint Tuition Awards (JTA)**

  See above, 7.1.

- **Mendaki Tertiary Tuition Fee Subsidy for Malays (TTFS)**

  Covers tuition fees for needy Malay students.

- **Open University and Distance Learning Programme (OUDP) Loan Scheme**

  Subsidizes full-time or part-time education, leading to the award of a degree, for needy Muslim students at the Open University or reputable local education providers and overseas universities.

- **Supplementary Assistance Loan Scheme (SAS)**

  Provides partial interest free financing loans to needy Muslim students who pursue a full-time course leading to a diploma and degree in Singapore. Specifically targeted at Malay students who do not qualify for Tertiary Tuition Fee Subsidy.

- **Study Loan Scheme (Full Time)**

  Provides partial interest free financing loans to needy Muslim students who pursue a full-time course leading to a degree or diploma at reputed institutions of higher learning in Singapore.

- **Study Loan Scheme (Part Time)**

  Provides partial interest-free loans to needy Muslim students who pursue a part-time course (for selected courses) leading to a diploma and degree at reputable institutions of higher learning in Singapore.

- **Skills Training Loan**
Provides financial assistance for workers who partake in upgrading work-related courses.

Note: This list is not exhaustive.
8 CHINESE CLAN ASSOCIATIONS

The Chinese constitute the majority of the population in Singapore. Most of the early Chinese immigrants were Hokkien, Teochew, Cantonese or Hakka, who arrived from Fujian, Guangzhou and Hainan Island, to seek out a new livelihood. Life in Singapore presented numerous challenges, particularly in the areas of seeking employment, securing accommodation, as well as communicating with other early immigrants who had originated from different parts of China and who spoke a different dialect. As the population of immigrants grew in number, social needs, such as cultural interactions and education, became increasingly pertinent. These collective needs prompted the Chinese community to develop its own social institutions.

The earliest Chinese clan associations in Singapore were based on kinship and geopolitical relationships. Clan associations served a crucial role in addressing the welfare of Chinese immigrants. Beyond helping new immigrants settle into life in Singapore, the clan associations also organized social and religious activities for members, and helped to mediate interpersonal and intra-community conflicts. Issues such as the legalization and official recognition of marriage, as well as the welfare of the sick, were also addressed by the clan associations. Notably, some clan associations established schools and started providing bursaries and scholarships for the children of its members. Such moves were reflective of the importance that the Chinese placed on education as a means for social mobility and improving one’s quality of life, and as the basis for ancestral pride in one’s achievements.

Over the years, the functions and activities of clan associations have evolved. In fact, change was imperative for the clan associations to remain relevant as Singapore modernized, and as the educational system evolved. With English being taught as the first language in schools, and with Mandarin subsequently being deemed the second language, many from the younger generation no longer speak their dialects nor have a clear understanding of their cultural roots. Clan associations have responded to such developments within

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167 http://www.chinatownology.com/singapore_clan_associations.html
168 http://libguides.nl.sg/ChineseClans
169 http://www.chinatownology.com/singapore_clan_associations.html
170 http://www.chinatownology.com/singapore_clan_associations.html
society by maintaining a strong presence through their active support for educational and community initiatives. Traditional festivals and cultural events also serve as means to reach out to the community at large.

Today, many of these clan associations can still be found in Chinatown¹⁷¹, and some continue to play an active role within the Singapore society. The Hokkien Huay Kuan and Ngee Ann Kongsi are examples of more prominent clan associations. In their modern role, these clan associations focus on charitable giving to educational causes, as well as other social and community causes that enhance the welfare of Singaporeans and raise awareness of their respective dialect groups in Singapore. It is also interesting to note that while each clan association continues to focus on promoting their respective cultural roots, the nature of giving has evolved from one where recipients were primarily members of that dialect group, to one where recipients of aid are generally the less fortunate within society, regardless of dialect, race or religion.

8.1 The Hokkien Foundation

Foundation Launch : 2 July 1977

Address : 137 Telok Ayer Street #08-01/03 Singapore 068602

Contact Number : (65) 6222 8212


Community Roots : Hokkien people in Singapore

Administered By : Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan

Grantmaking Focus : Education, economic, social, medical and cultural areas

¹⁷¹ http://www.chinatownology.com/singapore_clan_associations.html
About the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan:

The Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan (SHHK) was founded in 1840. Since then, it has held steadfastly to its primary objectives of promoting education and social welfare, as well as the preservation of Chinese language and culture.

In 1906, the SHHK established the Tao Nan School. This was followed by Ai Tong School in 1912, Chongfu Primary School in 1915, Nan Chiau High School and Nan Chiau Primary School in 1947, and Kong Hwa School in 1953. Currently, the SHHK funds and manages these schools, and provides a range of scholarships, bursaries and overseas training awards for its teaching staff and pupils172.

The SHHK is also active in providing social welfare through Scholarships given to outstanding candidates from all race, religion and dialect groups, as well as donations to other charitable foundations and institutions. Beneficiaries of SHHK’s donations include the Chinese Development Assistance Council, Mendaki Education Fund, and the Tan Kah Kee Foundation.

At the same time, the SHHK is also committed to preserving and promoting Chinese language and culture through the organisation of various Chinese essay writing competitions and the activities of its Arts and Culture Troupe. Chinese traditional arts, literature and history are actively promoted SHHK affiliated schools. Beyond these, SHHK also sponsors a Singapore-PRC Students Exchange Programme to create a platform of interaction for secondary school students from both countries.

SHHK wholly-owns two subsidiaries, Yunnan Realty Pte Ltd and Balestier Realty Pte Ltd, both of which are engaged in real estate development. Profits from both are used to fund SHHK’s activities, including those that are carried out under The Hokkien Foundation, which is managed by SHHK.

About The Hokkien Foundation:

The Hokkien Foundation was incorporated in Singapore on 2 July 1977 as a company limited by guarantee. It was registered as a charity on 21 August 1984, and has the status of an Institution of Public Character. The Foundation is managed by the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan, and primarily focuses on improving the standard of living of Singaporeans through education, economic, social, and cultural initiatives. It aims to provide relief of human suffering in times of natural disasters, aid for disease prevention, treatment and research, as well as assistance for education and community initiatives.

Grantmaking Contributions:

The Hokkien Foundation works closely with the SHHK to provide financial aid through the following means:

Institutional Donations to –

- Chinese Development Assistance Council
- Kreta Ayer-Kim Seng National Day Celebration Working Committee
- Nanyang Technological University
- National University of Singapore Chinese Society
- PCS – Life Blood Centre
- Singapore Bukit Panjang Hokkien Konghuay
- Singapore Cancer Society
- Singapore Literature Society
- Tan Kah Kee Foundation
- The Chinese Opera Institute
• The Courage Fund (SARS)

Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries –

• Arts and Cultural Award
• Meritorious & Model Students Awards
• Nan Chiau School PSLE Scholarship Fund
• Overseas Professional Training Awards for Teachers
• Pupil’s Bursary Awards/Pocket Money Fund for students of affiliated schools

Literary Awards –

• Affiliated Primary Schools Composition Competition
• Hokkien Huay Kuan Literary Award for students and undergraduates of JCs, Polytechnics and Universities
• Secondary Schools Chinese Essay Creative Writing Competition

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

8.2 Ngee Ann Kongsi

Foundation Launch : 1845

Website : www.ngeeann.com.sg

Community Roots : Teochew people in Singapore

Source of Funds : Returns from Ngee Ann City

Grantmaking Focus : Various; mainly education
About Ngee Ann Kongsi

The Ngee Ann Kongsi was founded in 1845 to promote the religious and welfare needs of Teochew immigrants in Singapore. It has since evolved to become one of the leading foundations in Singapore, and has made many significant contributions to various educational, cultural and welfare activities. Its landmark buildings and outstanding educational institutions have also positively impacted the lives of many Singaporeans, regardless of race, religion, language or social status.

The Kongsi was established by a group of well-known Teochews, originating from the Ngee Ann county in Guangdong, China, under Mr. Seah Eu Chin. Initially, the Kongsi focused on the religious needs as well as funeral rites of Teochew immigrants. Over the years, the foundation’s focus turned to the needs of the young, particularly in education. The Kongsi uses returns gained from its flagship building, Ngee Ann City, to fund its contributions to society.

In 1927, a group of kinsmen, including businessman Mr. Lim Nee Soon, expressed unhappiness with the dominance of the Seah family. A Board of Directors was thus formed in that year to take over the management of the Ngee Ann Kongsi. Title deeds of the Kongsi’s properties were also brought under the management of the Board of Directors. Following the Ngee Ann Kongsi Ordinance that was laid down in 1933, a much higher level of transparency has since been achieved in the management of the foundation.

The events of 1927 also led to the establishment of the Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan in 1928, with the support of the Teochew community. Since 1934, the Ngee Ann Kongsi has provided funding for the Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan. The Singapore Kwangtung Huay Kuan was also founded by the Kongsi in 1936.

Today, the foundation remains governed by the Ngee Ann Kongsi Ordinance (1933). The Ordinance had most recently been amended in Parliament in 2007, so as to keep it up-to-

Grantmaking Entities in Singapore

The Kongsi’s contributions to the community continue to cover a broad range of areas, namely:

- **Education** – The Kongsi provides for education at the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary levels, through direct funding of the schools, education funds, as well as scholarships given to outstanding students. Schools that were set up by the Kongsi, bear the Ngee Ann name, and which have benefitted from the Kongsi’s contributions include Ngee Ann Primary School, Ngee Ann Secondary School, Ngee Ann Polytechnic and Ngee Ann-Adelaide Education Centre (a joint venture between Ngee Ann Education Holdings Pte Ltd and the University of Adelaide, with an aim to equipping Singaporeans with modern business skills to venture into new markets and broker deals).\(^{176}\)

- **Property** – Income generated from the Kongsi’s property rental and development projects provide the funding required for the foundation to provide sustainable educational and cultural contributions. These properties include Ngee Ann City & Civic Plaza, a plot of land called Tai Shan Ting, which is bounded by Orchard, Paterson and Grange roads, shophouses on Balestier Road and residential bungalows on Grange Road.\(^{177}\)

- **Culture and Heritage** – The Kongsi is active in promoting awareness of Chinese culture, especially with regards to the Teochew heritage. The Ngee Ann Cultural Centre, located in the Teochew Building, was set up in 1998, and since then, has organised and supported various activities including visual and performing arts, as well as exhibitions and religious talks and initiations. The Annual Teochew Artists Art and Chinese Calligraphy Exhibition is one of the main events supported by the Kongsi.\(^{178}\)

- **Chinese Medicine** – The Kongsi also aims to provide high-level TCM care for Singaporeans through its Ngee Ann Traditional Chinese Medicine Centre. The Centre collaborates with some of the most established TCM institutions and hospitals from China, which send their top experts to Singapore to man the Ngee Ann TCM Centre.

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\(^{175}\) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ngee_Ann_Kongsi

\(^{176}\) http://www.ngeeann.com.sg/webtop/education.phtml

\(^{177}\) http://www.ngeeann.com.sg/webtop/property.phtml

\(^{178}\) http://www.ngeeann.com.sg/webtop/cultural.phtml
These institutions include the Shanghai Longhua Hospital, Chine Chengdu Traditional Chinese Medicine University, and the Guang An Men Hospital\textsuperscript{179}.

- Community Services – The Wak Hai Cheng Bio Temple (oldest Teochew temple in Singapore), Teochew Funeral Parlour, and Teochew Memorial Park continue the Kongsi’s original objectives of promoting the religious and welfare needs of Teochews in Singapore\textsuperscript{180}. The Wak Hai Cheng Bio Temple has also been gazetted as a National Monument, following its restoration in 1997.

- Welfare for Senior Citizens – In catering to the needs of the Teochew community, the Kongsi also provides monthly financial support to eligible Teochew senior citizens\textsuperscript{181}.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

- More than S$127,000,000 to Ngee Ann Polytechnic for development purposes and the setting up of the Ngee Ann Polytechnic Education Fund and Ngee Ann Kongsi Gold Medal

- More than S$5,000,000 to Ngee Ann Primary School

- More than S$8,000,000 worth of annual scholarships and bursaries

- S$12,000,000 to set up the School of the Arts – Ngee Ann Kongsi Scholarships and Bursary Awards

- S$1,500,000 to set up the Nanyang Technological University Endowment Fund – Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in Traditional Chinese Medicine

- S$3,000,000 to set up the Nanyang Technological University – Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relationships Fund

- S$3,000,000 to the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School

\textsuperscript{179} http://www.ngeeann.com.sg/webtop/traditional.phtml

\textsuperscript{180} http://www.ngeeann.com.sg/webtop/index.phtml

\textsuperscript{181} http://www.ngeeann.com.sg/webtop/index.phtml
• S$15,000,000 to the National University of Singapore University Town

• S$2,000,000 to the Pathlight School Building Fund (Project Platinum)

• S$3,000,000 to the Singapore Management University Endowment Fund

• More than S$2,000,000 to the Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan

Note: This list is not exhaustive.
9 RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS

Religious organizations in Singapore are supported by strong religious and community roots. While serving the spiritual needs and attending to the welfare of their respective devotees, these religious organizations also form a vital part of the grantmaking landscape in Singapore. Notably, some of them are officially registered as charities (such as City Harvest Church and the Singapore Buddhist Lodge), while some have set up affiliated foundations that serve specific causes (such as the Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Foundation).

Like most other grantmaking entities, one of the primary causes to which religious organizations actively pledge their support is that of education. Scholarships, many of them in partnership with tertiary institutions in Singapore, as well as educational assistance schemes, are the most common ways through which financial aid is extended to students from low-income families. At the same time, religious organizations are also concerned about social welfare. Much aid is provided to support the sick and needy within society. This is perhaps in line with the religious roots of the organizations, and extends from the spirit of giving that is emphasized on, albeit through different scriptures, in each religion. The fact that devotees actively make donations to their respective religious organizations also underscores this point.

In terms of the recipients of financial aid, some of these are extended to students, the sick, and various other beneficiaries regardless of race and religion. The Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple Computing Scholarship, as well as the educational bursaries distributed by the Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Foundation, are examples. On the other hand, financial assistance provided may specifically serve the needs of members of the particular organization. The City Harvest Church Crisis Support Programme and Education Assistance Scheme, for instance, provide financial assistance to needy families and students respectively, who are members of the Church.

Religious organizations have played an important role in serving the spiritual needs of Singaporeans and contributing towards social stability. Looking forward, it appears that these organizations will continue being a significant contributor to various educational and social causes.
9.1 City Harvest Church

Organisation Launch : 1989

Address : City Harvest Church, Raffles City P.O. Box 0625 Singapore 911721

Contact Number : (65) 6737 6266

Website : www.chc.org.sg

Community Roots : Christians; City Harvest Church members

Grantmaking Focus : Financial assistance programmes

About City Harvest Church:

The City Harvest Church (CHC) was founded by Senior Pastor Kong Hee in 1989. The CHC started out as a youth ministry known as Ekklesia Ministry, and was officially registered with the Registry of Societies under its present name in December 1992. It was registered as a Charitable Organisation in October of the following year.

Today, the CHC is effectively a multi-site church with worship services at several sites, conducted at various times. It has more than 28,000 attendees in its weekend services, with its main English language services being held every weekend at the 8,100-seater Singapore Expo Hall 8. In Singapore, the CHC has 36 ministries, while overseas, it has 29 affiliate churches and 9 Bible schools in the Far East. The Malaysian Harvest Fellowship, which Senior Pastor Kong co-founded, has another 18 affiliate churches in East and West Malaysia.

In addition to these, the CHC also established the School of Theology in 1994, to provide theological studies to its members. The School currently receives both local and international students. The CHC and its members have also produced numerous music albums, publications and television programmes to communicate the message of faith throughout the world. Senior Pastor Kong is known throughout Asia as a dynamic speaker and currently travels around the world as an entrepreneur, educator and conference
speaker, with a vision to training 21st century leaders who would build strong local churches across Asia.

As a registered charity, the CHC is also active contributor to community outreach, social welfare, and financial assistance programmes.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The CHC is involved in numerous charitable initiatives. Of these, the following are programmes through which the CHC disburses funds to those in need:

- **Crisis Support Program (CSP)** – The CHC CSP provides financial assistance to needy families of CHC during financial crises. The assistance is provided for 6 months, and goes towards helping qualifying members pay for the rental of their HDB flats and utility bills, amongst others, thereby helping them achieve a certain level of self-reliance during their difficult times.

- **Education Assistance Scheme (EAS)** – The CHC EAS provides financial assistance to needy students, who attend Singapore Government or Government-Aided primary and secondary schools, junior colleges, centralized institutes or polytechnics, and who are members of City Harvest Church.

- **Healthcare Assistance for the Elderly (HAE):** The CHC HAE provides free medical escort and financial assistance to elderly members of the Church, or elderly dependents of its members, who are unable to support themselves. The CHC staffs also conduct follow-up visits to determine if the assistance provided is sufficient.

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9.2 Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho

Organisation Launch : 1884

Address : 178 Waterloo Street Singapore 187964

Contact Number : (65) 63373965

Community Roots : Devotees of Kuan Yin (Guan Yin), the Chinese goddess of mercy

Grantmaking Focus : Needy and the sick, including bursaries given out to needy students

About the Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple:

The Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple (also known as Guan Yin Tong Temple) was built in 1884, for devotees to worship the Chinese Goddess of Mercy, Kuan Yin (Guan Yin). It is one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Singapore, and had underwent alterations in 1895, before it was demolished and extensively rebuilt in 1982, so as to accommodate the growing number of devotees to the temple\(^{185}\).

During the Japanese occupation, the temple provided refuge for the sick, wounded and homeless. Today, it has become a focal point for philanthropic activity, with contributions towards social and educational causes. These include donations to the National Kidney Foundation, and bursaries given out to needy students regardless of race. The temple is also a patron of the arts in Singapore, and was used as a site to display the works of several artists during the inaugural Singapore Biennale in 2006\(^{186}\).

The temple was designated a historic site by the National Heritage Board in 2001. It continues its legacy as one of the major temples in Singapore, with thousands of devotees visiting the temple to pray for blessings from the Goddess of Mercy. On the eve of the

\(^{185}\) http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_275_2005-01-03.html
\(^{186}\) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kwan_Im_Thong_Hood_Cho_Temple
Chinese New Year, the temple is opened all night long, and the street is packed with worshippers praying to the Goddess for an auspicious start to the New Year\textsuperscript{187}.

\textbf{Grantmaking Contributions:}

- Consistent partner and donor to the President’s Challenge\textsuperscript{188}

- Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple Scholarship awarded to undergraduate students with excellent academic results in the National University of Singapore\textsuperscript{189}

- S$15,000,000 million to the National Kidney Foundation in 2000\textsuperscript{190}

- S$2,200,000 for the construction of the Simei Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple-NKF Dialysis Centre (the largest in Southeast Asia), and a recurrent S$1,000,000 each year to run the Centre\textsuperscript{191}

- S$300,000 to The Courage Fund set up during the SARS outbreak in 2003\textsuperscript{192}

- Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple Bursary and the Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple Scholarship for Singapore Polytechnic in 2003/2004\textsuperscript{193}

- S$70,368 to the Society for the Aged Sick in 2004\textsuperscript{194}

- More than S$100,000 to the Women’s Initiative for Aging Successfully (WINGS), which was established in 2006\textsuperscript{195}

- S$100,000 to the Community Chest fundraising event, Calligraphy for Community Chest, in 2007\textsuperscript{196}

\textsuperscript{187} http://infopedia.nl.sg/articles/SIP_275_2005-01-03.html
\textsuperscript{188} http://pc.org.sg/allpastpartners_2009.html
\textsuperscript{189} www.nus.edu.sg/oam/scholarships-financialaid/scholarships/currentstudent/ug-scholar-name.html
\textsuperscript{190} www.nkfs.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=86&Itemid=83&limit=1&limitstart=4
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\textsuperscript{192} http://www.nhg.com.sg/nhg_01_pressRelease2003_2may.asp
\textsuperscript{193} www.sp.edu.sg/corporate/spar2004/text/financial_assistance.pdf
\textsuperscript{194} www.societyagedsick.org.sg/donor_list.htm
\textsuperscript{195} http://www.wings.sg/en/about?mini=calendar/2010/11/all&
• Over S$100,000 to AWARE in 2008\textsuperscript{197}

• S$1,000,000 to set up an endowed Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple Computing Scholarship fund in the National university of Singapore in 2009\textsuperscript{198}

• Sole sponsor to the Peranakan Museum’s “Serenity in Stone: The QingZhou Discovery” exhibition in 2009\textsuperscript{199}

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

\subsection*{9.3 Pertapis}

Foundation Launch : 1970

Address : Blk 1 Joo Chiat Road #04-1001 Joo Chiat Complex, Singapore 420001

Contact Number : (65) 6745 3969

Contact Email : enquiry@pertapis.org.sg

Website : www.pertapis.org.sg

Source of Funds : 60\% from relevant authorities, 40\% from donations and fund-raising efforts

Grantmaking Focus : Needy elderly, individuals and families, with a focus on education and welfare

\textbf{About Pertapis:}

Established in 1970, Pertapis is an approved charity, and a Muslim welfare and educational body. Its aim is to promote harmonious interaction between various communities in

\begin{thebibliography}{99}
\bibitem{198} http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/undergraduates/scholarship_temple.html
\end{thebibliography}
Singapore. The welfare programmes Pertapis holds focuses on education, and also the opportunity to learn a useful trade and skill, enabling them to be useful citizens in future. Since its establishment, Pertapis has helped at least 800 needy families, 800 children, 6000 teenagers and girls in moral danger, 2100 drug addicts and 200 elderly. 60% of Pertapis funds come from various authorities, while 40% come from public donations and fund raising projects.

**About the Pertapis Welfare Trust Fund:**

The Pertapis Welfare Trust Fund provides support for the aged, needy families and individuals, through monthly assistance of household provisions and cash. 33% of beneficiaries are elderly, 30% are chronic illness patients, 21% are single parents and the remaining 16% are unemployed individuals. Source of funds for this Fund comes from zakat (or donations) Pertapis received from the general public.

**9.4 Prophet Muhammad’s Birthday Memorial Scholarship Fund Board (LBKM)**

Fund Launch : 1965

Address : No. 448 Changi Road #04-01 Wisma Indah Singapore 419975

Contact Number : (65) 6447 4770

Website : http://www.bursary.org

Source of Funds : Donations from individuals and organizations

Grantmaking Focus : Education
About LBKM:

LBKM was established in 1965 at a convention attended by more than 70 Malay/Muslim organizations at the Victoria Memorial hall. At that time, the Malay/Muslim community was at its ebb — many were lowly educated, and there were few Malay professionals. The community was caught in a vicious cycle of poverty. The late Syed Ali Redha Alsagoff persuaded his fellow community leaders of the 60s to underscore the significance of the annual Prophet Muhammad’s Birthday Celebrations by raising funds to provide financial assistance for needy Muslim students. Since then, LBKM has been a key player in the community, providing much-needed financial assistance to students, thus enabling them to pursue their dreams in education. Dr. Teo Kok Pong, a practicing gynaecologist and obstetrician, is one of the non-Malays who benefitted.

A management committee headed by Wan Hussin Zoohri currently runs the fund.

Grantmaking Contributions:

LBKM Bursaries have been awarded to students ranging from the primary level up to the postgraduate level, in any field of study since 1966. By 2008, over $10 million worth of bursaries and study grants have been distributed to more than 15 000 students.

Values of bursaries range from $200 to $3000 for secular education, and $250 to $2000 for religious education.

9.5 Singapore Buddhist Lodge

Organisation Launch  : 1933

Address  : 17-19 Kim Yam Road Singapore 239329

Contact Number  : (65) 6737 2635

Contact Email  : edu.fund@sbl.org.sg; welfare.fund@sbl.org.sg
About the Singapore Buddhist Lodge:

The Singapore Buddhist Lodge was founded in 1933, with its main objectives being to provide social aid and welfare for the needy, to foster moral education through various charitable activities, and to promote racial and religious harmony in Singapore. In its early days, the Lodge provided financial assistance to the poor, victims of natural disasters, as well as the disabled. Today, the Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Foundation, Singapore Buddhist Lodge Welfare Foundation, as well as the Singapore Buddhist Lodge Vision Family Service Centre are organisations through which the Lodge contributes towards the educational, welfare and social needs of Singaporeans. In recent years, the Lodge has also been an active contributor to overseas education and poverty-aid initiatives.

On a day-to-day basis, the Lodge’s temple in Kim Yam Road has been providing free vegetarian meals for the needy for more than 20 years, spending close to S$210,000 a month in providing these daily meals. Since 1999, the Lodge has also been organising the annual Charity Reunion Dinner during the Chinese New Year for senior citizens and various children homes.

The Lodge is run by a Management Committee, and to date, has more than 15,000 members. It is funded primarily through public donations, and currently has around S$10 million in reserves.

Website : www.sbl.org.sg
Community Roots : Buddhist devotees
Source of Funds : Public donations
Grantmaking Focus : Education and social welfare, both in Singapore and abroad

About the Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Foundation:

The Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Foundation was established on 29 March 1996, and is currently a registered charity with tax deductible status. This Foundation focuses on providing financial assistance to Singaporean students from needy families. This assistance is extended to students from the primary to tertiary level, regardless of ethnicity and religion\textsuperscript{203}.

About the Singapore Buddhist Lodge Welfare Foundation:

The Singapore Buddhist Lodge Welfare Foundation was established on 28 March 1996, and was registered as a charity in the following year. It has been a member of the National Council of Social Services since July 1998, and donations made to the foundation are thus tax deductible. The Foundation focuses on providing social welfare for the needy in Singapore, as well as in international poverty aid projects and the provision of relief funds\textsuperscript{204}.

Grantmaking Contributions:

**Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Foundation**

- More than S$10,000,000 of educational bursaries to more than 20,000 students since 1978 (distribution of bursaries came under the Education Foundation after its establishment in 1996)\textsuperscript{205}
- S$200,000 to establish the Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Fund in SMU in 2002\textsuperscript{206}

\textsuperscript{203} http://www.sbl.org.sg/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=93%3A2009-02-09-07-48-12&catid=34%3Aabout-sbl&Itemid=76
\textsuperscript{204} http://www.sbl.org.sg/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=92%3A2009-02-09-07-46-52&catid=34%3Aabout-sbl&Itemid=76
• Funds to establish the Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Foundation Bursary at the Singapore Management University\textsuperscript{207}

• Funds to establish the Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Foundation Bursary at Lasalle College of the Arts\textsuperscript{208}

• Funds to establish the Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Foundation Endeavour Award\textsuperscript{209}

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

**Singapore Buddhist Lodge Welfare Foundation**

• Annual Hongbao (red packet) distributions to the poor, handicapped and elderly, regardless of race and religion, since 1949 (distribution of Hongbaos came under the Welfare Foundation after its establishment in 1996)\textsuperscript{210}

• Funds to run a Family Service Centre, two Student Care Centres, and three Chinese Physician Free Clinics\textsuperscript{211}

• S$250,000 to the NKF Hougang-Punggol Dialysis Centre Building Fund in 2007\textsuperscript{212}

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

\textsuperscript{207} http://www.smu.edu.sg/financial/scholarships/external.asp
\textsuperscript{208} http://www.lasalle.edu.sg/cgi-bin/WebObjects/LASALLE.woa/wa/page?pid=181
\textsuperscript{210} http://www.vikingom.com/csr.html
\textsuperscript{211} http://www.ncss.org.sg/presidents%20award/winners2005_sgbuddhist.htm
\textsuperscript{212} http://www.nkfs.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=225&Itemid=116
10 HEALTHCARE-RELATED FUNDS

Many hospitals and healthcare groups in Singapore have established funds to benefit various disadvantaged individuals and families in society who are struggling to cope with medical fees. Many of these funds cater to patients suffering from specific diseases. In addition, a good proportion of these funds also go towards medical research, education and training for medical professionals. These are in line with the key objectives of medical institutions to provide long-term sustainable and high-quality healthcare.

The sources for these funds are primarily in the form of public donations. Typically, they are disbursed through various programmes already established by the healthcare groups, such as the HELP (Help the Elderly Patients) and the “Living Breath” at Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

10.1 Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation

Foundation Launch : 2003

Address : 10 Sinaran Drive, #10-20 Singapore 307506

Contact Number : (65) 6778 7545 / 6397 2394

Contact Email : service@llf.org.sg

Website : http://www.llf.org.sg/index.php

Source of Funds : Public donations, grants, investment income

Grantmaking Focus : Treatment costs of leukaemia, lymphoma and similar blood disorders

About the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation (LLF):

The LLF is committed to finding cures and saving lives of patients affected by blood cancers. Since inception, it has been able to help more than a hundred patients to regain their lives
and the numbers are growing. Currently, there are about 250 to 300 new patients each year. Unlike most cancers, leukaemia and lymphoma tend to affect patients in the prime of their lives and impose heavy economic burdens on both patients and their families. This can have drastic consequences especially for the unemployed, patients requiring long-term care and those without health insurance and access to other financial resources. As such, the foundation provides full or partial subsidies of all costs related to treatment of leukaemia, lymphoma and similar blood-related disorders including high costs of transplants, chemotherapy as well as specific drug costs. All Singapore citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply for financial aid.

10.2 National Heart Centre Singapore Heart2Heart Fund

Presiding Organisation : National Heart Centre Singapore  
(Formerly Singapore Heart Centre)

Organisation Launch : 1994

Address : 17 Third Hospital Avenue Mistri Wing Singapore 168752

Contact Number : (65) 6236 7419

Contact Email : yvonne.then.c.k@nhcs.com.sg (Ms. Yvonne Then)

Website : http://www.nhcs.com.sg/aboutnhcs/makeadonation/  
            Pages/Home.aspx

Source of Funds : Public donations

Grantmaking Focus : Welfare of needy patients, and medical research and education
About the National Heart Centre Singapore (NHCS):

NHCS is a national and regional referral centre for cardiovascular diseases. It provides a one-stop comprehensive preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitative cardiac services. It is a member of the SingHealth (Singapore Health Services) Group.

About the NHCS Heart2Heart Fund:

Launched to improve the quality of life of heart patients, the Fund focuses on 5 main areas: financial assistance to patients, new treatment modalities, training and education, research and development, and a new NCHS building. In particular, the financial assistance aspect targets at patients who are ineligible for assistance under Medifund or other public assistance schemes.

10.3 National Kidney Foundation’s Kidney Live Donor Support Programme

Presiding Organisation : National Kidney Foundation

Organisation Launch : 7 April 1969

Address : 81 Kim Keat Road Singapore 328836

Contact Number : (65) 6299 0200

Contact Email : contact_us@nkfs.org

Website : http://www.nkfs.org/

Source of Funds : Public donations, grants, investment income

Grantmaking Focus : Kidney patients’ healthcare, donor assistance, related research and public education
About the National Kidney Foundation (NKF):

The NKF aims to deliver cost-effective and professional medical services to kidney patients, at the same time providing holistic care with social and community support. In addition, it places great emphasis on educating the community to guard against kidney-related diseases through health-screening and public education programmes.

Grantmaking Contributions:

Beyond providing affordable medical services to kidney patients, the NKF also offers financial assistance for various other related causes –

- **Kidney Live Donor Support Programme**
  Launched 1 November 2009, the S$10 million fund provides financial assistance to needy live kidney donors. It covers costs of annual health screenings and medical follow-ups; reimbursement for loss of income; hospitalization and surgery insurance premiums; insurance for Group Living Policy. The Group Living Policy is an insurance plan for kidney donors against death, total & permanent disability and critical illnesses. This is a collaboration between NKF and NTUC Income.

- **Nursing Bursary**
  Provides assistance to needy students in the first, second and third years of Nursing Diploma Course and first and second year of Nursing Certificate Course respectively. This bursary will cover the cost of tuition fees. Each year, a maximum of 10 students will be awarded.

- **Nursing Scholarship**
  Covers tuition fees for meritorious students in the third year of their Nursing Diploma. Each year, a maximum of 10 students will be awarded funding of up to S$12,000.

- **Venerable Yen Pei-NKF Research Fund**
  Provides assistance for research in kidney diseases in the realms of basic science and clinical research. Research of relevance the NKF activities will also be considered.

Note: This list is not exhaustive.
10.4 National University Hospital (NUH) Patientcare Charity Fund

Fund Launch : 1986

Address : 5 Lower Kent Ridge Road, Kent Ridge Wing, Level 5
          Singapore 119074

Contact Number : (65) 6357 2491

Contact Email : NUH_Endowment_Fund@nuh.com.sg

Website : http://www.nuh.com.sg/

Source of Funds : Public donations, Tote Board, fund-raising events

Grantmaking Focus : Welfare of needy patients, and medical research and education

About the National University Hospital (NUH):

NUH is a tertiary specialist hospital that provides advanced, leading-edge medical care and services. It is Singapore’s only university hospital and the principal teaching hospital of the National University of Singapore Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine.

About the NUH Patientcare Charity Fund:

The Fund was set up in 1986 with the aim of providing financial assistance to needy patients and their families, as well as supporting medical research and education for enhanced patient care.

In order to help needy patients, the Fund provides financial aid to these people, through various programmes that cater to different patients. This Fund generates donations from the public through one-time off donations or monthly or yearly pledges, as well as from
large organizations, such as a S$20,000 contribution from the Singapore Totalisator Board for an event held by the Fund called the “Future of Medicine” Charity Golf 2008.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The Fund has made contributions to the following causes and programmes –

- Needy Surgery Patients Programme
- Step-down Care Programme (for elderly and chronically ill)
- Kids Heart Fund
- “BMT 4 Kids” (funds Bone and Marrow Transplant for children with blood disorders)
- NUH VIVA Children Cancer Programme
- Children’s Aid Programme
- “The Will to Live” Programme (for patients with chronic conditions)
- “I CAN” Programme (children with Asthma or Allergies)

Note: This list is not exhaustive.

**10.5 Singapore Heart Foundation Heart Support Fund**

Address : 9 Bishan Place #07-01 Junction 8 (Office Tower) Singapore 579837  
Contact Number : (65) 6354 9340  
Contact Email : rehab@heart.org.sg  
Website : http://www.myheart.org.sg/cardiac-rehabilitation-and-heartwellness-2/heart-support-fund/
Source of Funds : Public donations

Grantmaking Focus : Welfare of patients suffering from cardiovascular diseases

**About the Singapore Heart Foundation (SHF):**

The SHF is a non-profit organisation at the forefront of the battle against heart disease in Singapore. It aims to promote heart health, prevent and reduce disability and death due to cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Since its launch, the SHF has grown into a reputable organization with local and international links. These include its membership in the World Heart Foundation and strong relations with heart foundations in the Asia Pacific region.

**About the Singapore Heart Foundation Heart Support Fund:**

The SHF Heart Support Fund provides financial assistance to heart patients in 3 specific areas: emergency relief assistance, heart transplant and mechanical heart device. In 2009, a total of $102,280.65 was disbursed to 17 lower-income heart patients.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The Fund offers financial assistance in three main areas –

- **Emergency Relief Assistance**

  The unpredictable occurrences of cardiac outbreaks render patients unable to resume their former jobs and face difficulties finding new job. Others may also suffer a loss of income due to taking time off to attend rehabilitation programmes and follow-up appointments. To help patients tide through this trying period, SHF's emergency assistance scheme offers $300-$800 per month for a maximum period of three months. This may be extended for another three months on a case-to-case basis.
Grantmaking Entities in Singapore

- **Heart Transplant**

  Patients unable to settle outstanding expenses (including transplant expenses and follow-up treatments) with the subsidy limit of the Heart Transplant Subsidy from the Ministry of Health can request for additional financial support from SHF. SHF will assist each patient up to a maximum of S$20,000.

- **Mechanical Heart Device**

  SHF provides a subsidy of up to S$20,000 to defray costs of mechanical heart devices. Examples of devices for which financial assistance are given include ECMO, ABIOMED, THORATEC and HEARTMATE.

### 10.6 Tan Tock Seng Hospital Community Charity Fund

- **Fund Launch**: 1995
- **Address**: 11 Jalan Tan Tock Seng Singapore 308433
- **Contact Number**: (65) 6357 2491
- **Contact Email**: TTSH_Community_Charity_Fund@ttsh.com.sg
- **Source of Funds**: Public donations
- **Grantmaking Focus**: Welfare of needy patients, and medical research and education

### About Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH):

TTSH is a large tertiary hospital with special interests in Neurology, Geriatric Medicine and Rheumatology and Immunology. It was built in 1844 by Mr. Tan Tock Seng, a Chinese entrepreneur and philanthropist.
About the Tan Tock Seng Hospital Community Charity Fund:

The Tan Tock Seng Hospital Community Charity Fund was established in 1995 to help needy patients, providing financial aid to these patients and their families for medical treatment and services, non standard or subsidized drugs, daily aids and equipments, home care services as well as training for caregivers. The Fund also supports medical research and medical education which includes constant training and upgrading of doctors and nurses.

Grantmaking Contributions:

The Fund offers financial assistance to patients suffering from particular illnesses, and with specific needs, through the following programmes –

- HELP (Help the Elderly Patients) Programme
- MovE (Moving with Ease) Programme
- See Better Programmes
- Hear Better Programmes
- “Living Breath” Programmes (for patients suffering from lung diseases or respiratory conditions)
- Stopping SID! (Serious Infectious Diseases) Programme

Note: This list is not exhaustive.
10.7 The Singapore General Hospital (SGH) Endowment Fund

Fund Launch : 1996
Address  : Outram Road Singapore 169608
Contact Number : (65) 6321 4266
Contact Email  : gclhtp@sgh.com.sg (Ms. Tan Hwee Ping)
Website : http://www.sgh.com.sg/
Source of Funds : Public donations
Grantmaking Focus : Welfare of needy patients, and medical research and education

About the Singapore General Hospital (SGH):

Established in 1821, SGH is Singapore’s oldest and largest tertiary acute hospital and national referral centre. It is also a member of the SingHealth Group.

About the Singapore General Hospital (SGH) Endowment Fund:

The SGH Endowment Fund was established in 1996, and is sustained through donations and bequests. These donations support training, teaching and research programmes at SGH. Since its inception, the Fund has received donations amounting to S$6.2 million. Of that amount, S$4.4 million have been disbursed for postgraduate education and research programmes for medical, nursing and paramedical staff, as well as for the upgrading of research and patient care facilities. The fund also sponsors training and attachment programmes for medical professionals.
11 POLITICALLY-AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS

Politically-affiliated foundations are generally those that are administered by political associations\(^\text{213}\). These foundations are governed by the Political Donations Act\(^\text{214}\) that was legislated in February 2001, and which seeks to prevent foreign groups from interfering in Singapore politics. The Act prohibits political parties from accepting donations from persons or bodies that are not permissible donors, and requires the parties to report any large donations they have received. In Singapore, perhaps one of the most notable politically-affiliated foundation is the People’s Action Party (PAP) Community Foundation.

11.1 People’s Action Party (PAP) Community Foundation

Foundation Launch : 17 May 1986

Address : Blk 57B New Upper Changi Road #01-1402 Singapore 463057

Contact Number : (65) 6244 4600

Contact Email : Lim.Hock.Meng@pcf.org.sg (Mr. Lim Hock Meng)

Website : www.pcf.org.sg

Grantmaking Focus : Community projects, education, and professional development

About the PAP Community Foundation (PCF):

The PAP Community Foundation (PCF) is the charity and social arm of the People’s Action Party (PAP). The PCF has several centres set up to provide kindergarten, childcare, student care and aged care services to the community at affordable costs.

\(^{213}\) In Singapore, the Registry of Political Donations is responsible for deciding which organizations and societies are to be gazetted as a Political Association.

In particular, the charity division of PCF (PCF-CD), was set up on 23 July 2002. It aims to promote equal welfare for citizens and residents, thus enhancing the community’s overall standard of living, by providing assistance through grants and donations.

The ongoing grantmaking projects of PCF-CD include giving out PCF Study Awards to polytechnic students in Singapore, fund-raising for specific projects like the Minister’s Fund-raising, as well as the PCF Headstart Fund and the PCF Alumni Fund.

The Foundation is currently managed by a Board chaired by Mr. Teo Chee Hean.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The PCF offers financial assistance for various social causes. One of its most significant area of focus is that of education, as may be seen by the disbursement of funds through subsidies offered, as well the establishment of various awards for students –

- **Family Kindergarten Assistance Project (FKAP)**
  
  In view of the economic downturn, S$1 million was set aside in 2008 as school fees subsidies for nursery and kindergarten students enrolled in PCF kindergartens. As of 2009, some 4,522 families have benefited.

- **PCF HeadStart Fund (HSF)**
  
  Aimed to help needy young pre-school children get a head start in life, the grants can be used to pay for school fees, as well as buy uniforms and books and for their pocket money. In 2009, HSF helped a total of 507 children who received a total of S$252,360.

- **PCF Alumni Book Prize**
  
  In 2009, 141 primary students who were former PCF pupils received S$200 each in recognition of their good performance and conduct, as recommended by their schools.

- **PCF Study Awards**
  
  Each year, the awards will be presented to deserving Year 2 and 3 students from the 5 local polytechnics. In 2009, 50 study awards each worth S$2,000 were given out.

- **Post Secondary Student Aid Fund (PCF Aid)**

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215 PCF Charity Division Annual Report 2009
Monthly allowance to help low-income post-secondary school students (ITEs, polytechnics and junior colleges) cope with daily schooling expenses such as textbooks, meals, etc. This scheme was launched in 2010 with a S$400,000 cheque raised by Mayor Dr. Amy Khor and her fellow Members-of-Parliament in the South West District.

Note: This list is not exhaustive.
12 GOVERNMENT-RUN GRANTMAKING ENTITIES

Government-run grantmaking entities are typically established under the purview of various government Ministries or Statutory Boards. Some of these entities cater to specific causes (such as The National Art Council’s Arts Creation Fund that focuses on promoting the Singapore arts scene). Most others provide grants for a broad range of social and community causes, but many nonetheless do so through separate funds that are established for specific purposes (such as the six different funds that are administered by the Centre for Enabled Living). In such cases, financial assistance is only provided where the specific requirements set out are met. Common causes that are supported by government-run grantmaking entities include education, senior healthcare, as well as rehabilitative programmes for the sick or disabled. Funds provided for rehabilitative programmes, in particular, are in line with the government’s aim of enabling individuals who receive aid to eventually achieve self-reliance.

Most government-run grantmaking entities rely on a combination of government funding and public donations to support their grantmaking activities. Yet others rely on funds generated internally, such as in the case of the Singapore Totalisator Board. These funds are disbursed to individuals and groups within society, on the basis of need and regardless of race or religion.

In general, government-run grantmaking entities are primarily concerned with social welfare and in enhancing the living standards of Singaporeans from different walks of life, and who have differing needs.

12.1 Centre for Enabled Living Ltd

Organisation Launch : November 2008

Contact Number : 1800 8585 885

Contact Email : schemes@cel.sg

Website : http://www.cel.sg/Schemes__Overview.aspx
Grantmaking Focus: Needs of persons needing care (PNCs)

About the Centre for Enabled Living (CEL):

The CEL was established in 2008 by the Ministry for Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), as part of a national healthcare network to centralise and coordinate assistance programmes for persons needing care. Its focus is primarily in ensuring that the needs of the elderly and disabled are better met, through the matching of specific needs of individuals to the services that they require. Through its activities, the CEL also aims to increase public awareness of, and encourage greater acceptance for, the elderly and disabled within society. In furthering its objectives, the CEL administers various schemes and funds, through which aid is disbursed to needy individuals.

Grantmaking Contributions:

There are several funds and schemes administered by the CEL –

- Assistive Technology Fund (ATF)\(^{216}\)

The ATF was established in 2009 and brought under the administration of the CEL in June of that year. It provides financial assistance for the disabled (who must be a Singapore citizen or permanent resident) to purchase assistive technology devices that will maintain or improve their functional capabilities, and allow them to pursue mainstream education or employment. The ATF subsidises up to 90% of the cost of the device, or up to S$10,000, whichever is lower, and recipients must have a per capita gross monthly household income of less than S$1,300. In addition, the ATF specifically subsidises only those assistive technology devices that are directly of use to the recipient’s studies or work, such as hearing aids, computer-related devices and synthesizer software. On the other hand, those devices used for daily living, such as transportation aids or home adaptation devices, are not covered by the fund.

• **Caregivers Training Grant (CTG)**\(^{217}\)

The CTG has been administered by the CEL since June 2009, and provides caregivers with subsidies to attend training that will enhance their ability to tend to the physical and psychological needs of their dependents. The caregiver is entitled to an annual training grant of S$200 for every dependent that he takes care of, and the amount may be used for pre-approved training programmes. This fund is open to family members or foreign domestic workers who are the main caregivers of persons needing care, and is given regardless of income levels.

• **Computer Access Trust Fund (CATF)**\(^{218}\)

The CATF was launched in July 2000 by the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) and National Council of Social Services (NCSS), with the help of seven other companies, namely Shaw Foundation, Cisco Systems (USA) Pte Ltd, Lernout & Hauspie Asia Pte Ltd, Hewlett-Packard (S) Pte Ltd, Singapore Cable Vision Ltd, KnowledgeTouch.com Pte Ltd and Information Service Inc. The CEL took over the administration of the fund in May 2010. The CATF provides financial assistance to students aged 4-18, who are studying at Special Education (SPED) schools in Singapore, and who are from low-income families (per capita net monthly household income of less than S$1,000). The fund subsidises up to 100% of the cost of computers and related assistive technology for educational use at home.

• **Special Assistance Fund (SAF)**\(^{219}\)

The SAF was launched by the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) in 1991, and was subsequently brought under the administration of the CEL in May 2010. The fund provides up to S$10,000 in financial aid to persons with disabilities in their mobility or rehabilitation, for the purpose of purchasing assistive equipment such as walking aids, wheelchairs, special mattresses, prostheses and breathing apparatus. Recipients have to be from low-income families, and must be referred by a medical social worker from the voluntary welfare organisation (VWO) or hospital.

\(^{217}\) [http://www.cel.sg/Schemes__Caregivers-Training-Grant.aspx](http://www.cel.sg/Schemes__Caregivers-Training-Grant.aspx)


• **Traffic Accident Fund (TAF)**

The TAF was established in 2009 and was brought under the administration of the CEL in June of that year. It provides financial assistance to persons who are suffering from permanent or temporary disabilities due to traffic accidents. The fund provides up to S$10,000 in financial aid to the recipient, within a period of seven years, for the purposes of purchasing assistive equipment or technical aids for daily living, education and employment, retrofitting homes to make them more accessible for persons with disabilities, and covering taxi and ambulance expenses between home and rehabilitation centres. In addition, families, whose loved ones have passed on or are suffering from brain damage due to the accident, are also eligible for the TAF. Financial assistance provided will be in the form of temporary cash relief of up to S$3,000 to cover daily expenses, in the period before claims from insurance companies or help from other public assistance schemes are received.

• **Sustainable Enhancement for Eldercare and Disability Services (SEED) Fund**

The S$1.7 million SEED Fund provides support for new initiatives that raise the quality of life of persons needing care (PNCs) and their caregivers. The aim of the fund is to encourage industry collaborations and the sharing of best practices, so as to enhance the national network of services for PNCs. Recipients of the grant are given an opportunity to test-bed their initiatives with PNCs and their caregivers.

The first call for proposals in 2009 saw ideas such as wireless devices to detect location, fall and motion, as well as a rent-a-care helper programme. The focus of the current second call for proposals is on “Enabling Caregivers & PNCs in the 21st Century, and aims to explore new initiatives in integrated care solutions, as well as in the use of technology to enhance home care and promote the autonomy of PNCs, amongst others.

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221 http://www.cel.sg/About_CEL__SEED-Fund.aspx
12.2 Singapore Health Services (SingHealth) Endowment Fund

Organisation Launch : 2000

Address : 31 Third Hospital Avenue #03-03 Bowyer Block C Singapore 168753

Contact Number : (65) 6225 0488

Website : www.singhealth.com.sg

Source of Funds : Public donations

Grantmaking Focus : Support for needy patients, medical research and medical education

About the SingHealth Foundation:

SingHealth Foundation is a non-profit grantmaking organisation that facilitates fundraising to support healthcare programmes through its four core areas – namely the Cord Blood Bank, Understanding patient care, Research and Education – which aptly form the acronym "CURE". In FY2008, the bulk of the Foundation’s grants were allocated to Education (44%) and Research (39%). Since 25 June 2002, this foundation has been a registered Institution of Public Character (IPC) under the Ministry of Health. The approved funding allocation for 2005 was S$45.5 million.

The presiding organization, SingHealth, is the largest healthcare group in Singapore comprising a network of 3 Hospitals, 5 National Specialty Centres and 9 Polyclinics.

About the SingHealth Endowment Fund:

The Fund was established to receive donations for the pursuit of medical research, education and training, and the provision of health services in Singapore. It hopes to benefit the lives of Singaporeans and consequently the larger Asian community. In recent years, the Fund has donated towards an array of programmes including the Cord Blood Stem Bank, infrastructure upgrades, scholarships, and post-doctoral fellowship awards, amongst others.
Grantmaking Contributions:

The SingHealth Endowment Fund contributes to the following specific areas –

- **Education**

  The Foundation co-funds the Health Manpower Development Programme (HMDP) with the Ministry of Health. This has enabled more SingHealth Healthcare professionals to acquire new skills, harness new technology and find new solutions for our patients from renowned overseas training centres.

- **Research**

  SingHealth Foundation is committed advancing innovation in the medical field. As such, it provides financial support for research focus areas such as Cancer, Diabetes, Heart diseases, Neurological diseases and Childhood Disorders.

- **Understanding Patient Care**

  SingHealth foundation raises funds for the SGH Home Care programme which offers financial and medical assistance to the needy and the frail elderly of the community.

- **Tooth Fairy Fund**

  The SingHealth Foundation aims to raise S$150,000 for this Fund, which will go toward covering dental treatment costs for an estimated 500 underprivileged patients over one year.
12.3 Singapore Labour Foundation

Foundation Launch : 1977

Address : No. 1 Marina Boulevard, #11-01 One Marina Boulevard, Singapore 018989

Contact Number : (65) 6327 3700

Contact Email : general@slvf.gov.sg

Website : www.slf.gov.sg

Source of Funds : Contributions from union members, co-operatives and returns from investments

Grantmaking Focus : Social, recreational and educational programmes

About the Singapore Labour Foundation:

The Singapore Labour Foundation (SLF) aims to improve the welfare of trade union members and further Singapore’s trade union movement. It provides financial support to the National Trade Union Cooperation (NTUC) and its affiliated unions and co-operatives for educational, social, cultural and recreational activities. It also assists lower income union members through various welfare schemes. To enhance the quality of life of union members, the SLF has also developed a variety of recreational facilities such as clubs and resorts.

The SLF is a statutory board under the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and currently has 76 institutional members, including 10 NTUC co-operatives and 66 affiliated institutions. The fund is currently run by a management committee chaired by Mr. Mah Bow Tan.
Grantmaking Contributions:

The SLF has disbursed funds for the following causes –

- Grant of S$2 per member per year to fund the SLF’s affiliated unions and associations for activities such as membership subscriptions, in-house publications, training courses, as well as activities related to the Labour Movement 2011 (LM2011) initiatives, amongst others

- Grant to NTUC in support of NTUC’s educational, social, cultural and recreational activities

- Up to S$10,000 per year or 10% of the preceding year’s contributions, whichever is the lower, to co-operatives that have contributed 20% of surplus in excess of S$500,000 to the SLF in the preceding year

- Funding and coverage under NTUC GIFT (formerly SLF Gift Plus) for union members and their spouses for death and permanent disabilities due to accidents and natural causes

- SLF Bursaries Awards for ITE students whose parent, sibling or grandparent is a union member

Note: The list is not exhaustive.

In addition, the SLF has also established the following funds that serve specific purposes –

- **Ong Teng Cheong Education Trust Fund**

  The Trust funds core skills training for branch officials in Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Certificate in Industrial Relations (CIR) at the Ong Teng Cheong Labour Leadership Institute. Funds are also set aside under the Trust to finance the leadership development of union leaders.

- **SLF Hardship Grant**

  The SLF Hardship Grant provides financial assistance to families of union members who have passed away, or who suffer from chronic illnesses, or who have become incapacitated.
• **SLF Special Relief Fund**

The SLF Special Relief Fund provides financial assistance to victims of industrial accidents, during the interim period before they receive the Workmen’s Compensation.

12.4 Singapore Totalisator Board

Foundation Launch : 1 January 1988

Address : 1 Turf Club Avenue #03-01 Singapore Racecourse, Singapore 738078

Contact Number : (65) 6879 2900

Contact Email : toteboard_enquiries@toteboard.gov.sg

Website : www.toteboard.gov.sg

Source of Funds : Surplus generated from its gaming business

Grantmaking Focus : Arts and culture, education, health, social services, sports, and community development (especially those with a national focus)

**About the Singapore Totalisator Board:**

The Singapore Totalisator Board was established on 1 January 1988 as a statutory board, under the purview of the Ministry of Finance (MOF), and holds the legal right to operate horse racing and totalisator operations through the Singapore Turf Club, and 4D, Toto, Singapore Sweep and football betting through Singapore Pools (Private) Limited. The Board is currently run by a management committee chaired by Mr. Bobby Chin Yoke Choong.

The Tote Board channels the surpluses generated from its gaming business of the Singapore Turf Club, Singapore Pools and the casino entry levy to various worthy causes that will benefit the people of Singapore in the areas of arts and culture, education, health, charity (social service), sports, and community development. It generally supports projects which
deliver upstream solutions that benefit a significant portion of the community, possess strong corporate governance, and are innovative, collaborative, and address specific goals or objectives. At the same time, the Tote Board also aims to develop sustainable strategic partnerships with organisations that are pioneers in their fields of work, and that have a national focus. It is thus an active supporter of promising initiatives in various fields.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The Tote Board provides funding through several means –

- **Social Service Fund**

The Social Service Fund is a funding channel allowing VWOs to take on strategic projects which can meet emerging gaps in the social service sector in Singapore, in particular the underprivileged. The Tote Board pledged a donation of S$126.2 million towards the Social Service Fund for three years from 2007 – 2009. Under this Fund, the Tote Board also makes grants to the following: Singapore Symphony Orchestra, Singapore Chinese Orchestra, Singapore National Olympic Council, President’s Challenge (an annual series of community-based activities for the less fortunate), and the National Crime Prevention Council.

In addition, the Tote Board also offers funding for individual projects which deliver innovative and collaborative solutions that benefit a significant portion of the community. Such grants are disbursed under 2 schemes –

- **Partners-in-Funding**

Under this scheme, the Tote Board refers suitable proposals to partner organizations. If approved by the latter, the partner organization will distribute funds to the beneficiary on behalf of the Tote Board.

- **Direct Funding**
Proposals that are deemed inapplicable in any of the Tote Board’s partner programmes will come under this scheme for direct funding. In this case, the Board evaluates proposals internally. If approved, the Board will also distribute the funds directly to the beneficiary.

Note: The above funds and schemes are not exhaustive.

12.5 The National Arts Council

Organisation Launch : 1991

Address : 90 Goodman Road Singapore 439053

Contact Number : Specific contact emails and numbers for various art clusters can be found at http://www.nac.gov.sg/sch/sch01.asp

Website : http://www.nac.gov.sg/sch/sch13.asp

Grantmaking Focus : Performing, visual and multi-disciplinary arts

About The National Arts Council (NAC):

The National Arts Council (NAC) was set up as a Statutory Board in September 1991 to spearhead the development of the arts in Singapore. Its mission is to nurture the arts and make it an integral part of people’s lives in Singapore.

Grantmaking Contributions:

The Arts Creation Fund (ACF) was established by the NAC in support of local creations of original high-quality works that explore the Asian subject matter. The fund is the primary means through which the NAC provides artists with resources, by supporting their artistic works in the developmental phase, with the aim of achieving finished works of high artistic merit. The ultimate objective of this initiative is to build a repository of Singapore-made
works. The fund supports artistic proposals in the specific clusters of dance, music, theatre, literature, and visual arts.
13 GOVERNMENT-RUN FUNDS

Government-run funds are set up under the purview of government Ministries, but are typically administered at the grassroots level. The ComCare Fund, for example, was set up by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), while funds have been disbursed to each Citizen Consultative Committee (CCC) to set up individual CCC ComCare funds. These reflect the belief that the grassroots organizations have a better knowledge of, and are thus better able to meet, the needs of the general public.

Likewise, the Community Development Councils (CDCs) were formed in 1997 with the primary goal of building a cohesive, compassionate and self-reliant community. Community and social assistance services are thus delegated from various Ministries and administered at the local level by the CDCs, and the ComCare Fund is similarly available for application from each resident’s respective CDC. At the same time, each CDC has its own range of programmes and funds initiated at the community level. These include various healthcare and eldercare assistance schemes, family services, as well as schemes in support of education and the arts, amongst others. The CDCs also disburse funds to the needy within the community, through its administration of various grants and funds.

In general, government-run funds support a wide variety of causes, including education and social welfare. Common goals across the various funding programmes available include that of enhancing community bonding and social cohesion, levelling the playing field for children from low-income families, as well as encouraging eventual self-reliance. Notably, during times of recession, such as the most recent 2008-2009 financial crisis, the amount of aid extended typically increases to help families tide across their financial difficulties.

Government-run funds are typically supported by annual grants from the government. At the same time, to further the objective of creating a cohesive society, residents are also encouraged to help fellow residents who are in need. To encourage longer-term donations from the community, donations made from local residents through their GIRO accounts to

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their respective CDCs are matched by the government with S$4 for every S$1 donated\textsuperscript{224}. Indeed, it is perhaps the broader long-term objective of such government-run funds to build a compassionate community where the more well-equipped individuals contribute to society and give to their fellow needy Singaporeans.

13.1 ComCare Fund

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**About the ComCare Fund:**

The ComCare Fund was set up by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), with the vision that every Singaporean will get to participate in the country’s progress. It recognises the crucial role that community centres and grassroot leaders play in promoting the welfare of needy Singaporeans, and has thus adopted a decentralised model for the administration of social assistance by community and grassroots organisations. At the same time, ComCare has also streamlined the social assistance schemes and processes under its administration, so as to make them more accessible to those in need.

ComCare comprises of three key programme pillars: ComCare SelfReliance is focused on helping the needy to achieve self-reliance. Any assistance is thus provided on the basis of mutual responsibility – that those receiving help will do what they can to help themselves –

\textsuperscript{224} http://www.cdc.org.sg/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4&Itemid=34
and is limited to a maximum period of 3 months. ComCare Grow is concerned with the developmental needs of children from needy families, and aims to help them break out of the poverty cycle. Lastly, ComCare EnAble aims to provide long-term support to the elderly and people with disabilities.

The fund initially disbursed S$4,000,000 to Citizens’ Consultative Committees (CCCs) to help them set up CCC ComCare Funds. In addition to that, S$10,000,000 has also been set aside each year in support of pilot programmes aimed at providing assistance to the needy.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

Funds disbursed by ComCare may be categorized under the 3 pillars of SelfReliance, Grow and EnAble.

**ComCare SelfReliance**

- The *ComCare Enterprise Fund* (CEF) \(^{225}\) (previously the Social Enterprise Fund) aims to provide seed funding for sustainable new social enterprises that promote the welfare of needy Singaporeans. Approved social enterprise start-ups are usually those that provide skill training and employment for needy disadvantaged Singaporeans, so as to help them achieve self-reliance eventually. The CEF funds up to 80% of the total project cost, subject to a maximum amount of S$300,000. To ensure that these CEF-funded social enterprises carry through with their objectives, they are required to submit regular reports to the MCYS.

- *ComCare Transitions* \(^{226}\) provides assistance to households where family members are temporarily unable to work. Assistance provided includes payment for rental/utilities, monthly cash grants, educational assistance and medical assistance.

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\(^{225}\) [http://app1.mcys.gov.sg/Assistance/ComCareEnterpriseFundCEF.aspx](http://app1.mcys.gov.sg/Assistance/ComCareEnterpriseFundCEF.aspx)

\(^{226}\) [http://app1.mcys.gov.sg/Assistance/ComCareTransitionsCCT.aspx](http://app1.mcys.gov.sg/Assistance/ComCareTransitionsCCT.aspx)


**ComCare Grow**

- The **Centre-based Financial Assistance Scheme for Childcare** (CFAC)\(^{227}\) aims to provide support for needy families to place their children at childcare centres, so as to give the children an opportunity to learn, play and grow in a positive environment. The CFAC provides a subsidy for monthly childcare fees where parents have difficulty paying for the childcare centre’s fees. Eligible families may also receive a S$1,000 start-up grant for each child, which will go towards paying for registration, uniforms and other expenses payable at the start of the school year.

- The **Kindergarten Financial Assistance Scheme** (KiFAS) aims to ensure that needy children have access to quality kindergarten programmes that promote early childhood development. The scheme provides a subsidy for a child’s monthly kindergarten fee, the amount of which is dependent upon the monthly household income bracket that the family falls into. For very needy families with monthly household incomes of less than S$1,000, a start-up grant of up to S$200 per child may also be provided under the KiFAS scheme, so as to help pay for the expenses required at the beginning of the school year\(^{228}\).

- The **Student Care Fee Assistance Scheme** (SCFA) provides subsidies to needy families to send their children (aged 7 to 14) to before- or after-school student care centres\(^{229}\).

**ComCare EnAble**

- In general, ComCare EnAble provides public assistance in the form of cash grants, medical assistance or educational assistance, to people who are unable to work as a result of old age, illness or disability, have limited means of subsistence, and have little or no family support. Funds are provided for pilot projects that further ComCare’s aim of reaching out to needy Singaporeans in a way that will help enhance their self-reliance.

In addition to these 3 programme pillars, there is also the:

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\(^{229}\) [http://app1.mcys.gov.sg/Assistance/StudentCareFeeAssistanceSCFAScheme.aspx](http://app1.mcys.gov.sg/Assistance/StudentCareFeeAssistanceSCFAScheme.aspx)
**ComCare Social Support Projects Fund (CSPF)**

- The CSPF provides seed funding for pilot programmes that work towards meeting service gaps or the new and emerging needs of the less privileged. S$10 million has been set aside under CSPF for this purpose, and funding for each project is subject to a maximum of 50% of the total cost of the project over 3 years. Examples of pilot programmes that have been approved under CSPF include the Dedicated Northeast Ambulance Service by Green Crescent Pte Ltd and the Ang Mo Kio-Yio Chu Kang Community Carers’ Scheme by the Ang Mo Kio Family Service Centres.

### 13.2 Mayor’s Imagine Fund

**Fund Launch**: 2002

**Address**: Central Singapore CDC Main Office & Service

@ Central (Toa Payoh), HDB Hub Bizthree, 490 Lorong 6

Toa Payoh #04-10, Singapore 310490

**Contact Number**: (65) 6370 9901

**Contact Email**: ssprojects@centralsingapore.org.sg


**Source of Funds**: Annual Government grants

**Administered By**: Central Singapore CDC

**Grantmaking Focus**: Welfare of the disadvantaged within the Central Singapore District

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About the Mayor’s Imagine Fund:\textsuperscript{231,232,233}  

Inspired by the Imagine Chicago Movement, the Central Singapore CDC’s Mayor’s Imagine Fund was set up in 2002 with the aim of promoting active citizenry amongst residents, and to provide an opportunity for them to contribute to the community through sustainable projects.

The Fund underwent a restructuring in 2009, and now administers two-tier funding to individuals. Under the first tier, individuals may apply for up to $30,000 over a period of 2 years. The funds disbursed will be used to seed long-term Social Entrepreneurship projects that benefit the less privileged residents of the Central Singapore District. In particular, the Fund seeks applicants with a viable business model that has clear social objectives and that is financially sustainable. Once approved, applicants must also attend an Explorations In Imagine Workshop, a training programme in Social Entrepreneurship. These help to ensure that projects undertaken are sustainable. Alternatively, individuals may also tap onto the Fund under the second-tier funding, which provides grants of up to $5,000 for short-term community projects that promote bonding amongst Central Singapore residents.

In 2009, $223,000 was disbursed in support of 49 projects benefitting 253,140 individuals. One such beneficiary was TAPESTRY09, an event organised by Singapore Polytechnic (SP) students. The programme involved a 2-day concert by SP talents, as well as a 4-week pre-event segment where performers taught underprivileged children from various designated beneficiaries their craft. Weekly lessons were held, which eventually culminated in a joint performance during the actual TAPESTRY09 event day.

\textsuperscript{231} http://www.centralsingaporecdc.org.sg/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=111&Itemid=135  
\textsuperscript{232} http://ycm.nyc.sg/eResource/ListOfFunding.htm  
\textsuperscript{233} http://www.spbuddy.sg/events?event_details=45&month=feb&yr=2009
13.3 North East Live It Up Fund

Fund Launch : 2009

Address : North East CDC, 3 Tampines Grande, #01-02 AIA Tampines,
Singapore 528799

Contact Number : (65) 6424 4077

Contact Email : ask@northeast.org.sg

Website : http://www.northeastcommunity.sg/funding.aspx

Source of Funds : Annual Government grants and public donations

Administered By : North East CDC

Grantmaking Focus : North East residents who exhibit talent and skill in specific fields

About the North East Live It Up Fund

The North East Live It Up Fund was launched to provide support for North East residents with talents in arts, music, academics, sports, or any other fields. The fund reaches out to all North East CDC Singapore citizens regardless of age, and aims to help its residents build their talents in the sports, arts, and various professional arenas. Applicants are evaluated on their talents, skills and knowledge in their respective fields by an evaluation panel. Successful applicants are provided with funding of up to $5,000.

To date, 2 individuals have benefitted from assistance provided by the Fund.

13.4 North East Lunch Box Fund

Fund Launch : 12 August 2008

Address : North East CDC, 3 Tampines Grande, #01-02 AIA Tampines, Singapore 528799

Contact Number : (65) 6424 4077

Contact Email : ask@northeast.org.sg

Source of Funds : Annual Government grants and sponsorships from companies

Administered By : North East CDC

Grantmaking Focus : Welfare of needy primary and secondary school students from the North East District

About the North East Lunch Box Fund

The North East Lunch Box Fund was set up in August 2008 to provide needy students from the North East District with pocket money to purchase their lunchtime meals from school canteens. This helps to ease the financial burden of the family.

At its launch, the Fund received contributions of S$25,000 from Neptune Orient Lines and S$34,000 from Societe Generale. Since then, the Fund has received donations from various other societies and corporate entities, the most recent being a S$100,000 donation from Zhi Zhen Tan Dao Xue Hui (Singapore), a Taoist Society, in support of its cause to enable needy students to have proper meals in school. Under the programme, each eligible primary school student receives S$1 per school day, while each eligible secondary school student receives S$1.50 per school day. To date, more than 1,800 needy students from primary and secondary schools in the District have benefitted from the Fund.

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238 http://specialistdentalgroup.com/blog/2010/10/lunch-box-fund/
13.5 North West Food Aid Fund

Address : North West CDC, 900 South Woodlands Drive, #06-01 Woodlands Civic Centre, Singapore 730900

Contact Number : (65) 6767 2288

Contact Email : northwest_CDC@pa.gov.sg

Website : http://www.northwestcdc.org.sg/index.php

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Source of Funds : Individual donations through Club-100 and annual Government grants

Grantmaking Focus : Welfare of needy families in the North West District

About the North West Food Aid Fund\textsuperscript{239, 240, 241}:

To help needy families deal with rising food costs, the North West CDC set up Club-100 @ North West in May 2008, to encourage a culture of giving amongst individuals and corporations who, as members of the club, donate S$100 or more of their net monthly income to the North West Food Aid Fund. The Fund is used to finance food assistance schemes, as well as to disburse financial assistance in the form of food vouchers, to low-income residents in the District. Currently, more than 550 needy households in the district receive support from the Fund on a monthly basis. S$500,000 is spent annually in support of eligible households.

As at October 2010, the Fund has benefitted from donations by more than 240 members comprising individual as well as corporations, including Fragrance Foodstuff Private Limited

\textsuperscript{239} http://www.northwestcdc.org.sg/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=35&Itemid=103
\textsuperscript{240} http://www.straitstimes.com/BreakingNews/Singapore/Story/STIStory_520736.html
\textsuperscript{241} http://www.asiaone.com/News/AsiaOne+News/Singapore/Story/A1Story20101014-242241.html
and Lerk Thai Restaurant. Between 2008 and 2009, the Fund raised more than $413,000 through Giro donations and its annual charity golf event. Its most recent charity golf tournament held on 13 October 2010 raised more than $240,000 for the Fund. Coupled with additional funding from the CDC, the Fund has provided assistance to about 1,800 low-income families to date.

### 13.6 Pay-it-Forward Fund

**Address**: North West CDC, 900 South Woodlands Drive, #06-01
Woodlands Civic Centre, Singapore 730900

**Contact Number**: (65) 6248 5424 (Ms. Yeo Si Ning)

**Contact Email**: YEO_Si_Ning@pa.gov.sg


**Source of Funds**: Annual Government grants

**Administered By**: North West CDC

**Grantmaking Focus**: North West community projects

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**About the Pay-it-Forward Fund**

The Pay-it-Forward Fund was established by the North West CDC to provide seed funding to youths aged 16 to 35 to carry out projects that will benefit the North West community. It aims to encourage youths to initiate projects that are in line with the ABCs (Assisting the needy, Bonding the people, and Connecting the community) of the CDC, such as in the areas of water and energy saving, cooked meals for needy residents, and racial harmony.

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243 [http://www.northwestcdc.org.sg/images/MungoBlobs/553/146/Application_Form_PIFF.pdf](http://www.northwestcdc.org.sg/images/MungoBlobs/553/146/Application_Form_PIFF.pdf)
In applying for the seed fund, youths are to form groups of at least 4 members and submit a formal proposal to the North West CDC for approval. Each approved group will be provided with seed funding of up to S$6,000 on a reimbursement basis.

**13.7 Seniors Healthcare Fund**

**Fund Launch**: August 2010

**Address**: North East CDC, 3 Tampines Grande, #01-02 AIA
Tampines, Singapore 528799

**Contact Number**: (65) 6424 4077

**Contact Email**: ask@northeast.org.sg


**Source of Funds**: Goh Joo Hin Pte Ltd and the North East CDC

**Administered By**: North East CDC

**Grantmaking Focus**: Needy senior citizens, from the North East District, who have various health conditions

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**About the Seniors Healthcare Fund**

The Seniors Healthcare Fund was established in collaboration with Goh Joo Hin Pte Ltd (New Moon) to help needy senior citizens aged above 50 pay for their medical treatments, healthcare needs, and rehabilitation services. The Fund provides an additional form of financial aid, beyond other assistance schemes currently available, to the elderly from low-

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246 [http://www.newmoonbigwalk.com/project.asp](http://www.newmoonbigwalk.com/project.asp)
income families in the North East district. Application for this fund must be supported by referrals from medical social workers of community hospitals, polyclinics and day rehabilitation centres.

The Fund received a S$100,000 donation from New Moon at its launch, and the amount was matched dollar-for-dollar by the North East CDC. These funds are allocated evenly among the welfare committees of the 17 GRCs in the North East CDC, and may be tapped upon to help defray the costs of treatment and medical services for eligible senior citizens.

13.8 South West Youth Fund

Address : JTC Summit, 8 Jurong Town Hall Road #26-06, Singapore 609434

Contact Number : (65) 6551 9283 (Ms. Angeline Yeo)

Website : http://www.southwestcdc.org.sg/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=81&Itemid=197

Source of Funds : Annual Government grants

Administered By : South West CDC

Grantmaking Focus : South West community projects

About the South West Youth Fund

The South West Youth Fund was set up with the aim of encouraging and sustaining youth volunteerism within the community. It provides seed funding for ground-up initiatives from youths aged 13 to 35. These projects must benefit the South West community and reach out to 200 to 500 participants.

In applying for the seed fund, youths are to form groups of at least 5 members and submit a detailed proposal to the South West CDC for approval. Projects that are approved will receive funding of between S$3,000 to S$5,000 on a reimbursement basis, depending on the nature and scale of the proposed programme. To further its objectives of youth development, a project mentor from the South West CDC Youth Functional Committee will also be attached to each group that has obtained approval for their project.

13.9 Special Talent Fund

Fund Launch : November 2009
Address : North East CDC, 3 Tampines Grande, #01-02 AIA Tampines,
Singapore 528799
Contact Number : (65) 64244 024 (Ms. Tan)249
Contact Email : ask@northeast.org.sg
Website : http://www.northeastcommunity.sg/funding.aspx
Source of Funds : Annual Government grants and public donations
Administered By : North East CDC
Grantmaking Focus : Singaporeans with disabilities who possess exceptional talent in various fields

About the Special Talent Fund[^250][^251][^252]:

The Special Talent Fund was set up by patrons Ms. Denise Phua (MP for Jalan Besar GRC) and Mr. Michael Palmer (MP for Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC), with the aim of helping disabled individuals pursue their dreams and further their talents in the sports, arts, educational and professional fields. Applicants are to exhibit outstanding skills or knowledge in their respective fields and must possess a strong will to overcome their limitations and achieve self-reliance.

At its launch, S$100,000 was set aside for the Fund by the North East CDC. To date, about 8 individuals have benefitted from the Fund, with each of them receiving up to S$5,000 in funding. These include 2 visually impaired and 1 hearing impaired pianists, 1 hearing impaired Erhu player, 1 physically disabled and 1 intellectually disabled painter, as well as 2 physically disabled marathon runners.

13.10 Under One Roof Grant

Fund Launch : November 2005
Address : South East CDC, 10 Eunos Road 8 #02-01, Singapore 408600
Contact Number : (65) 6243 8753
Contact Email : Lau_Siew_Ching@pa.gov.sg
Source of Funds : Annual Government grants
Administered By : South East CDC
Grantmaking Focus : Welfare of families from the South East District

About the Under One Roof Grant\textsuperscript{253,254}:

The Under One Roof Grant was set up in 2005 to provide support for the formation of family interest and support groups. It aims to promote sustained interaction amongst family members and to help them bond through various family activities. Interest groups are formed by the South East CDC’s community partners, such as the Parent Support Groups (PSGs) in schools, as well as other Voluntary Welfare Organisations.

In 2009, funds disbursed allowed for the formation of 8 family interest and support groups, benefitting about 2,300 parents and children. One such beneficiary, Ngee Ann Primary School, tapped on the grant for programmes such as the ‘Back-to-School with Dad’, Mid-Autumn Festival and various PSG Family Get-together events and support programmes. To date, 13 groups have benefitted from the Grant.


\textsuperscript{254} http://www.southeastcdc.org.sg/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=30&itemid=87
14 TERTIARY EDUCATION-RELATED FUNDS

Singapore’s educational achievements have long been lauded. In 2010, Britain’s Education Minister, Michael Grove, even cited it as a noteworthy model for other countries. In a bid to uphold the nation’s high literacy rate, many government-affiliated organizations and educational institutions in Singapore provide grants for tertiary education at technical institutions, polytechnics and universities. Many are in the form of scholarships, such as the Dr Goh Keng Swee Scholarship, awarded to students who have performed well academically as well as in their co-curricular achievements. On the other hand, there are also needs-based grants, such as those offered by the NUS Students’ Fund, which cater to those who are unable to afford the costs of education. Generally, the scholarships and grants are supported by funds set up solely for these purposes.

14.1 Dr Goh Keng Swee (GKS) Scholarship Fund

Contact Email : low_jin_wei@psd.gov.sg (Mr. Low Jin Wei)

Website : http://www.pscscholarships.gov.sg/SCHOLARSHIPS/DR_Goh_Keng_Swee_Scholarship.htm

Source of Funds : Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS)

Administered by : Singapore Public Service Commission (PSC)

Grantmaking Focus : Education

About the Dr Goh Keng Swee (GKS) Scholarship Fund:

The Dr GKS Scholarship Fund was set up by the financial community in Singapore to honour the former Deputy Prime Minister, who fostered Singapore’s economic development and growth as a reputable international financial centre. The Dr GKS Scholarship is a private sector scholarship administered by the Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS). Each year, 3

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/10355207
to 4 scholarships are awarded to outstanding individuals from 15 Asia Pacific economies (Brunei, Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, PRC, Taiwan, Vietnam, Thailand, Laos and Myanmar) to pursue undergraduate studies at local universities in Singapore (i.e., National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University and Singapore Management University)256.

**Grantmaking Contributions:**

The scholarship supports a maximum of 4 years of undergraduate study (including Honours). It provides the following for the recipient:

- Tuition and other compulsory fees;
- Airfare (to Singapore and return to home country upon completion of study);
- Annual maintenance allowance of S$6,500;
- Hostel allowance based on institution of study; and
- Settling-in allowance (one-off expense) of S$200 upon arrival in Singapore.

### 14.2 National University of Singapore Students’ Union (NUSSU) Students’ Fund

**Organisation Launch**: 1993

**Address**

NUSSU Secretariat, Yusof Ishak House
31 Lower Kent Ridge Road Singapore 119078

**Contact Email**

nusstudentfund@gmail.com

**Website**

http://community.nus.edu.sg/nussf/

**Source of Funds**

NUSSU fund-raising events

**Grantmaking Focus**

Education

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About the NUSSU Students’ Fund (NUSSF):

The NUSSF was established to assist needy undergraduate students through disbursement of book grants and bursary awards. Despite having undergone multiple name changes – from starting out as the Student’s Trust Fund, then the NUS Students’ Fund and finally, to what is known today as the NUSSU Students’ Fund – the fund has retained its philanthropic focus since founding 17 years ago. Starting AY10/11, NUSSF grants are opened for applications twice a year. The NUSSF is a standing committee under the NUS Students’ Union and has Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong as its patron.

Grantmaking Contributions:

NUSSF grants are purely needs-based, and only the applicant’s financial status and other mitigating factors will be considered in awarding the grant. Full-time NUS undergraduates who are not holding any other bursary, scholarship or financial aid are eligible to apply. The assistance provided could come in the form of –

- Book grants valued at S$200 per Semester
- Bursary Awards valued at S$1,000 per Semester.

14.3 Tay Eng Soon Scholarship Fund

Fund Launch : 1993
Address : 10 Dover Drive, Singapore 138683
Contact Email : loo_hui_fong@ite.edu.sg
Website : http://www.ite.edu.sg/scholarship/index.htm
Source of Funds : Private donations from companies, individuals and staff
Administered by: Institute of Technical Education (ITE)

Grantmaking Focus: Education

About the Tay Eng Soon Scholarship Fund (TESS):

The scholarship was established in 1993 in memory of the late Dr. Tay Eng Soon, former Chairman of ITE and Senior Minister of State for Education (October 1981 to August 1993). The fund has since been sustained through private donations from companies, individuals and staff of ITE, Singapore Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Nanyang Polytechnic and Temasek Polytechnic. Each TES Scholarship comprises a one-off cash award of $3,000 and up to 10 scholarships will be offered each year.
15 SOCIAL INTEREST AND ADVOCACY GROUPS

In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of independent, special interest groups in Singapore, which are established by advocates championing for specific causes. These groups often organize activities and campaigns to raise awareness for their specific areas of interest.

In addition, some of these groups also establish funds to further their organisational goals. Currently, most of the funds are supported by like-minded individuals or corporations, with some amounts coming from relevant authorities.

15.1 Fridae Community Development Fund

Fund Launch : March 2010

Contact Email : Online feedback portal on website

Website : http://fridae.com/newsfeatures/2010/02/12/9665.a-single-man-fundraising-gala-premiere-mar-3-singapore

Source of Funds : Fundraising Gala events and public donations

Administered by : Fridae

Grantmaking Focus : LGBT community in Singapore

About Fridae

Founded by Mr. Robert Yeoh (1955-2007) and Dr. Stuart Koe (current CEO), Fridae is a diversified media and services company with a mission to “Empower Gay Asia” and to unite

257 http://fridae.com/about/
258 http://fridae.com/about/timeline.php
259 http://fridae.com/newsfeatures/2010/02/12/9665.a-single-man-fundraising-gala-premiere-mar-3-singapore
260 http://www.stuartkoe.com/?page_id=2
the gay and lesbian communities across the region. It aims to provide a platform for LGBTs (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered) to overcome discrimination, nurture personal growth, and foster healthy relationships.

Fridae’s website was launched in Singapore in March 2001. Between 2001 and 2006, it held several highly publicized large-scale parties, including Nation and Snowball, for the LGBT community. Since 2006, Fridae has been focusing on its web business and advocacy work. One milestone was its ‘Open Letter To The Prime Minister’ campaign and parliamentary petition in October 2007 to seek the repeal of S377A, which criminalises sexual activity between men. Though unsuccessful, it was one of the first large scale campaigns organized by a local civil society.

In addition, Fridae also conducted a landmark ‘men who have sex with men (MSM) Behavioural Surveillance Survey’ (BSS) in partnership with Action for AIDS in Singapore in 2006. This was followed by the ‘Think Again’ campaign aimed at HIV prevention, a ‘We Can Stop AIDS Now’ campaign to raise awareness about the individual’s role in preventing HIV transmission, as well as the ‘Know Your Status’ (KYS) awareness drive to promote HIV testing amongst sexually active MSMs.

Throughout the years, Fridae has been an active supporter of the arts, such as through its funding of the award-winning gay-themed short films *Tanjong Rhu* and *Threshold*, which were unable to raise funds from conventional sources due to the content of the films. In recognition of its contributions, Fridae received the Arts Supporter Award (2006 and 2007) and the Friend of the Arts Award (2008) from the National Arts Council. Beyond these, Fridae has also disbursed funds for various LGBT-related projects, such as Pink Dot, the first official LGBT gathering in Singapore in May 2009, as well as offered its expertise in online advertising and branding to various companies.
About Fridae Community Development Fund\textsuperscript{261, 262}:

The fund was launched in March 2010, in conjunction with the 7\textsuperscript{th} move fundraiser gala event organised by Fridae. Since 2005, Fridae had been organising movie fundraisers that have raised over S$66,000 in benefit of various NGOs and community groups, including Action for AIDS, AWARE, indie short-filmmakers and Indignation, a gay pride festival. The launch was thus a way to provide greater structure and accessibility to the funding of projects benefitting the LGBT community, and to further Fridae’s commitment to empowering the LGBT community. Proceeds from ticket sales for its ‘A Single Man’ Fundraising Gala Premier in March went directly towards the Fund.

The Fund currently provides grants of between S$500 to S$2,000 to individuals and groups in Singapore for LGBT-related projects. Applications for grants are evaluated on the potential social impact and value to the LGBT community.

15.2 Mainly I Love Kids (MILK) Fund

Foundation Launch : June 2004

Address : Enterprise One 1 Kaki Bukit Road 1 #02-10 Singapore 415934

Contact Number : (65) 6222 4123

Contact Email : info@milk.org.sg

Website : www.milk.org.sg

Grantmaking Focus : Disadvantaged school children

\textsuperscript{261} \url{http://fridae.com/newsfeatures/2010/02/12/9665.a-single-man-fundraising-gala-premiere-mar-3-singapore}

\textsuperscript{262} \url{http://www.fridae.com/asingleman/index.php}
About the MILK Fund:

Established in June 2004, the Mainly I Love Kids (MILK) Fund is a charity organization which aims to help needy children who come from troubled, low-income families, or those who suffer from chronic diseases or who are physically challenged. The programmes held by this Fund aims to guide the children back to mainstream society.\(^\text{263}\)

Grantmaking Contributions:

MILK offers financial assistance to disadvantaged children through the following funds and subsidies –

- **Assistive Technology Fund (ATF) Top-up Subsidy**

  The ATF Top-up Subsidy is administered by NCSS to provide people with disabilities financial aid to purchase assistive technology devices, pursue mainstream education or gain employment. MILK tops up this subsidy in order to enable children from lower-income families to gain access to these equipment.\(^\text{264}\)

- **Compassion Fund**

  Launched in April 2006, this Fund is a crisis response fund established for low-income students due to a death of a breadwinner, sudden illness or accident. 97 students and their families benefitted from this Fund in 2006.\(^\text{265}\)

- **MILK Education Fund**

  To provide disadvantaged children and youth with the chance to tertiary education in Singapore (local university, polytechnic or an Institute of Technical Education).\(^\text{266}\)

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• **Pathlight Bursary**

  The MILK educational grant provides supplementary support to students of Pathlight School (the first autism-focused school in Singapore) to cover school transport, pocket money, uniforms, textbooks, stationery and enrichment programmes. In 2006, 115 students were supported by the bursary.267

  MILK has also offered aid in the following areas –

  • Financial assistance in Luo Yuan County, China through bursaries and scholarships for pre-university and university students, as well as education grants, some of which have supported 2,610 primary and secondary school students.268

  • Financial assistance in the Philippines through education grants to the impoverished children in Philippines269

  Note: This list is not exhaustive.

15.3 Singapore International Foundation

Foundation Launch : 1991

Address : 9 Bishan Place, Level 9, Junction 8, Singapore 579837

Contact Number : (65) 6837 8700

Contact Email : sifnet@sif.org.sg

Website : www.sif.org.sg

Grantmaking Focus : Singapore-arts development

269 http://www.milk.org.sg/milk/program.php?id=200801211200904834
About the Singapore International Foundation (SIF):

The SIF is a non-profit organization established to develop communities outside Singapore through various programmes in three main thrusts: working with and improving the quality of life in overseas communities through sustainable development; exchanging ideas to inspire a better world; and showcasing Singapore with other communities. SIF programmes centre on 5 core areas, namely healthcare, education, the environment, arts and culture, and livelihood and business. SIF achieves these through collaborations with governments, corporate as well as local and international non-governmental organizations. SIF was presented the Excellence for Singapore Award, and has the President of the Republic of Singapore, His Excellency S R Nathan, as its Patron.

While the SIF organizes a wide range of philanthropic activities, its grantmaking focuses specifically on bringing made-in-Singapore arts to a wider foreign audience.

Grantmaking Contributions:

The SIF’s grants are primarily made in support of activities that promote the Singapore arts scene. One such activity, which the SIF supports, is the Singapore Internationale (SI). The SI is aimed at showcasing Singapore’s creative works overseas. Over the years, the SI grant has supported practitioners in various fields of art, including that of the performing, literary, visual, culinary, digital, fine, design, and multi-disciplinary arts, and has helped in making it possible for these artists to bring their works to a wider international audience.
16 TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS

16.1 Causes Supported by Grantmaking Entities

Based on the Singapore grantmakers aforementioned, we conducted a broad analysis of the causes towards which these entities support, identifying the trends both across all 13 categories, as well as within each category. The three causes that emerged most prevalent across all categories are education, eldercare, and healthcare.

Support for education comes mainly in the form of scholarships and bursaries to individual students, which are awarded to students from the primary to tertiary level, as well as in the form of funding for school research activities, particularly at the tertiary level. This is in line with the emphasis that the government places on education, where education forms more than 20% of Singapore’s annual budget. It is also reflective of the general belief, amongst both individual grantmakers and organizational grantmakers, in education as a means for upward social mobility and to raise one’s standards of living.

Healthcare is another cause in which many grantmaking entities pledge their support to. Locally, healthcare support comes in the form of providing financial assistance to Singaporeans dealing with expensive medical procedures. Notably, many grantmakers, particularly the government-related grantmaking entities and funds, also focus on providing healthcare support for the disabled. On a regional level, many Singaporean grantmaking entities are going beyond our borders to provide funds for healthcare and sanitation projects in neighbouring developing countries. This parallels the increasing trend of international volunteerism, as evidenced by a rising number of Singaporean students and adults who take time off to engage in community projects in our less-developed counterparts in the region.

Lastly, eldercare is a cause that has seen a stark increase in support over the past decade. With a rapidly greying population, Singaporeans are dealt with many elderly-related problems, such as funding for elderly-friendly facilities, as well as palliative care for seniors who are in the winter of their lives. Grantmakers actively contribute to funding the

271 “Serve and see the world; Volun-tourism is taking off as more Singaporeans sign up to help in community projects overseas and sightsee.” May 5, 2009. The Straits Times.
necessary services and facilities to meet the needs of the elderly, and this reflects a growing recognition of how elderly-related issues are going to be in Singapore for the long haul.

Overall, these are the three main causes towards which grantmakers in Singapore are channelling their support. Within each category of grantmakers identified in this report, some gave towards a varied range of causes, while others reflected clear trends in the causes to which they give. Those for which clear trends may be identified are further discussed as follows:

**Private Foundations**

The grantmaking focus of private foundations is often education. Most of the foundations fervently believe that the continued success of the nation depends on the future generations. Also, most of the private foundations are deeply influenced by Chinese ethics (most of the grantmakers were Chinese immigrants), where there is a significantly strong emphasis on education as well. Apart from education, eldercare is another cause that is strongly supported by many private foundations.

**Ethnic Self-help Organizations**

There is a strong focus on pre-tertiary education amongst ethnic self-help organisations. Grants are mainly needs-based rather than merit-based, such as for struggling students from poor or broken families, and are focused on children within the particular ethnic group. In recent years, there has also been increasing focus on engaging youths to effect change within their community, as seen by an increase in the amount designated as seed funding for youth projects.

**Chinese Clan Associations**

Chinese clan associations primarily focus on charitable giving to educational causes. Beyond providing scholarships and bursaries, disbursements are also made for the setting up (in the earlier years of Singapore’s history) and direct funding of schools. This is in line with the Chinese emphasis on education and scholarship as a means for upward social mobility and as a source of ancestral pride. Further, while giving in the past had been focused on serving the needs of members of the dialect group or clan association, the nature of giving has
evolved to one where recipients of aid are generally the disadvantaged within society, regardless of dialect, race or religion.

Religious Organisations and Affiliated Foundations

Religious organisations have two primary causes – in addition to the common focus on education that they share with most other grantmaking entities, religious organisations are also concerned with the welfare of the sick and needy within society. This is perhaps reflective of the spirit of giving that is commonly encouraged and valued by the different religions.

Healthcare-related Funds

Healthcare-related funds provide mainly for chronic disease treatments, transplants and assistive devices, all of which typically call for huge expenses. Apart from patient assistance, there is also an increasing emphasis on funding research and education. This long-term focus on building capabilities for clinical excellence is probably in line with Singapore's vision of developing itself as the "Healthcare Hub of Asia"\(^{272, 273}\). At the same time, there appears to be a growing focus on providing support for the nursing profession. NKF, for instance, has bursaries that cater specifically to nurses.

16.2 Donor Pool and Means of Attracting Donations

Donations are an important source of funding for most grantmaking entities. The donor pool is made up of both internal and external stakeholders of each grantmaking entity. Notably, internal stakeholders often comprise a significant portion of the donor pool. For instance, corporate foundations encourage – and typically match dollar-for-dollar – donations from employees; private foundations are typically founded on and sustained by contributions from the individual and his/her family; Chinese clan associations receive funding from members of their dialect group; religious organisations receive funding from devotees. In particular, for private foundations as well as Chinese clan associations, it appears that the

\(^{272}\) [http://travel.asiaone.com/Travel/News/Story/A1Story20070523-8452.html]

\(^{273}\) Healthcare Services Working Committee, Economic Review Committee
bulk of the funds are contributed by wealthy individuals, who are often seniors who still maintain strong links with their cultural roots, and are passionate about giving back to society.

Government-related grantmaking entities or funds are perhaps an exception to the rule. Although these are largely sustained by the assignment of funds from the government, the government also encourages Singaporeans who are better off to give to the less fortunate within society. For instance, the Citizen Consultative Committees (CCCs) and Community Development Councils (CDCs) encourage donations from the public as a form of nation building and community bonding. In encouraging donations at the public level, for example, for every S$1 donated to a CDC, the government matches it with S$3. In addition, if the donation is made on a long-term basis to one’s respective CDC and through one’s GIRO account, the government gives a higher matching grant of S$4 per S$1 donated. These moves appear to be in line with the government’s objectives to build a cohesive society where “no [Singaporean] will be left behind”\textsuperscript{274}. Hence, most government-run grantmaking entities rely on both government grants as well as external public donations as a means of funding.

Another interesting trend observed across many grantmaking entities (in particular, corporate foundations and funds) is the innovative manner in which they appeal for donations. For instance, Singapore Power encourages members of the public to donate through their utilities bill, while The Straits Times bought 4,140 “blue boy” coin banks for its employees, so they could “fill the boys’ bellies” in aid of the Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund\textsuperscript{275}.

\textsuperscript{274} http://www.asiaone.com/News/AsiaOne%2BNews/Singapore/Story/A1Story20070819-22452.html

\textsuperscript{275} SPH staff empty their coin banks for needy children. October 2, 2010. The Straits Times.
16.3 Sustainable Giving and the Modes of Execution of Funds

The modes of disbursement of funds drastically vary across the various categories of grantmaking entities. For instance, private foundations often opt for providing one-off sums to individuals, whereas corporate foundations and funds prefer to take a continuous and long-term approach in rendering funds to grantseekers. As such, corporate foundations and funds often have one or a few very specific causes that they support on a long-term basis, while private foundations tend to be less stringent in their grantmaking process.

Another different mode of disbursement may be seen in the case of government-run funds, where establishment and disbursement of the funds are separated. These are established under particular Ministries, but administered at the grassroots level. Hence, residents apply for grants at their respective CDCs or community centres. This is probably in line with the belief that these community institutions have better knowledge of specific needs at the grassroots level, and are thus better able to evaluate applications for aid and provide assistance where necessary.

From the various modes of execution, we conclude that an economically sustainable model of giving is crucial to ensuring that aid provided can be long-term and effective. One such example of a self-sustaining grantmaking entity is Ngee Ann Kongsi. Income generated from the Kongsi’s property rental and developmental projects, including its takings from Ngee Ann City, make up a large part of the total funds disbursed by the foundation. On the other hand, the four ethnic self-help groups are partly funded by direct contributions via the monthly incomes of citizens and residents from respective members of the ethnic groups. Both models ensure stable and regular sources of income to provide sustainable educational and cultural contributions.

Another aspect of sustainability is in ensuring that the aid provided is effective in creating a long-lasting impact. In recent years, Singapore has seen a rise in the number of grantmakers who do not just want to give, but want to make sure they give effectively. Effective philanthropy ‘teaches a man to fish, rather than gives him the fish’. This involves an integrated and strategic approach that will result in sustainable assistance, rather than

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276 “Extinction is their goal.” March 27, 2010. The Straits Times.
‘quick-fixes’. Temasek Holdings, for instance, has moved away from ‘direct assistance’ to focus on building 'soft infrastructure', by training educators, future leaders and policymakers from developing countries, with the hope that they will pass on the learning in their countries and eventually help build sustainable institutions. Indeed, sustainability involves both the ability of the grantmaker to provide long-term assistance to a particular cause, as well as the creation of a lasting positive impact on those receiving the grants.

16.4 Strategic Giving and Increased Rigour in Evaluating Grant Applications

In the wake of the controversies surrounding several charities in recent years, Singapore’s grantmakers are becoming more discerning and demanding of their charities. Transparency and accountability are now the buzzwords in the philanthropy landscape, and the same may be said amongst grantmakers. Grantmakers no longer sign paychecks blindly – they want a sense of how the money is going to be used to achieve the stated objectives277.

Corporations, for instance, are increasingly viewing their donations as social investments, through which they must attain some form of social return. In most cases, corporate foundations and funds must carry through with the company’s overriding corporate social responsibility objectives. The same may be said for many private foundations. An example is the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, which deputy chairman Chew Gek Khim says maintains a rigour of evaluating returns on its donations. For government-related grantmaking entities, there has also been increasing emphasis on meeting the stated requirements for receiving grants. Many application procedures require referrals from a qualified third party, and are typically evaluated by an overseeing committee, before aid is being extended.

As pointed out by Albert Teo, director of the Centre for Social Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy (CSEP) in National University of Singapore, individuals and corporations “no longer just respond to requests or dispense money in an ad hoc manner. Many are now more strategic, with a clear vision of what they want to give to and how”278. Indeed, in line with the trend towards more rigorous grant application procedures, many grantmakers

have also adopted strategic models of philanthropy and tapped onto various resources to professionalise the grantmaking process.

The Lien Foundation, for example, abides by the model of ‘radical philanthropy’. Its grants go towards projects that catalyse actions on, and provide innovative solutions for, niche social and environmental problems. Many of the projects it funds are self-initiated. It focuses on capacity building and empowering individuals to reach their full potential. The Lien Foundation thus provides a case of how a gravitation towards discerning and strategic giving has also resulted in philanthropists, particularly individual givers, becoming more personally involved and engaged in the whole process.

At the same time, many grantmakers are now engaging the help of professionals to bring greater structure to the grantmaking process. For instance, the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, one of the oldest family foundations in Singapore, hires PriceWaterhouseCoopers consultants to review its operations and how it handles appeals for funds. Bringing in experts can help stretch every dollar of grants made. Their roles include refining the ways appeals are made, crystallizing the foundations’ vision and focus areas, as well as assessing and monitoring applicants to ensure they achieve their stated goals.

Thus, it appears that not only is the number of grantmaking entities in Singapore growing, the nature of grantmaking is also becoming increasingly refined, focused, and strategic.
17 CONCLUSION

This cross-sectional study has allowed us to identify the various categories of grantmaking entities in Singapore, the causes that they support, as well as the means through which funds are raised to sustain their respective grantmaking activities.

With regards to private sector grantmaking, both corporate and private foundations and funds are active supporters of education, healthcare, and various other social causes. Chinese clan associations and religious organisations, which similarly provide strong support for education and social causes, are also increasingly making their grants available to all those in need, regardless of race or religion. These privately-run grantmaking entities thus present immense opportunities for creating a sustainable grantmaking landscape that is supportive of all who require assistance, as these entities typically have a ready and sustainable source of funds, and are also increasingly moving away from ad-hoc giving to adopt a model of strategic, long-term giving.

As for the public sector, grantmaking activities, while a form of public aid, nonetheless reflect the Singapore government’s belief in individual responsibility for one’s welfare. In granting aid to those in need, the overriding objective is typically to help the individual achieve self-reliance eventually. In line with these are other measures to encourage the more financially-able to contribute towards helping the needy in society. Beyond government-run grantmaking entities or funds, the ethnic self-help groups are also a means through which these objectives are better achieved within each ethnic group. Indeed, willing individuals and community groups are given ample opportunities to contribute to Singapore’s welfare system, while the government’s role may be seen as that of a catalyst that provides the basic infrastructure and funding.

Overall, as grantmaking increasingly becomes a means through which individuals and corporations engage in philanthropy, the grantmaking landscape in Singapore will likely see the establishment of new funds in support of new causes, as well as a move towards more strategic methods of giving. Whichever category the grantmaking entity may be grouped under, and regardless of the grantmaking focus of each entity, it is perhaps important that each grantmaker adopts a two-pronged approach of sustainable generation of funds,
complemented with discretionary disbursement, so as to ensure that effective assistance may be provided towards deserving causes.

At the same time, it appears that the increase in momentum of grantmaking – as evidenced by an increase in the number of philanthropists who recognize grantmaking as a viable means of charity, and the growing number and types of grants available – is a broader reflection of the general direction that the Singapore society is moving towards. Both individuals and corporations are feeling a greater sense of community belonging and are thus more willing to donate towards worthy causes. Corporations, in particular, may find that such acts of goodwill are necessary to maintaining a favourable public image, and that engaging its employees in the process of raising funds for the various corporate foundations is also a way through which employee morale and camaraderie are strengthened. Most importantly, these acts of giving will go towards building an inclusive society that is aware of the needs of the less fortunate, and that comprises individuals and corporations who are willing to extend aid where possible.

Even then, the list of grantmakers studied in this report is certainly not exhaustive. It is noteworthy that new grantmaking entities are frequently being established, while many existing grantmakers continuously establish new funds and assistance schemes where different needs arise. Further studies would thus be necessary to identify other grantmaking entities that comprise the grantmaking landscape in Singapore. Also, it may be of interest to explore how each of these different grantmaking models may be more suitable for certain types of grantmakers, their grantmaking focuses, as well as their identified beneficiaries.

In addition, the 2008-2009 financial crisis revealed that many charitable organisations stepped up their efforts in providing aid during the recessionary period. Another possible area of study may thus be in that of period-specific or one-off funds or schemes, which are created to help residents tide over crisis periods, and how these are implemented within a shorter time frame, so as to ensure that aid is provided in a timely manner, in times of greater need.