Notes on the Chan Dang Foundation Social Entrepreneurship Award 2026-27

1. Objectives and Deliverables

- To facilitate start-up projects in completing their proof of concept and developing their MVP/ prototype through seed funds, training and in-kind support in the supporting period
- By the end of the period, teams are expected to:
    - Define the social or environmental challenge, target beneficiaries and their needs;
    - Develop and validate the proposed solution and value proposition;
    - Complete a proof of concept and MVP or prototype, where applicable;
    - Gather feedback from beneficiaries, relevant stakeholders, and the social innovation organisations;
    - Define the intended social impact and impact indicators;
    - Develop a feasible and sustainable implementation model; and
    - Be equipped to further develop, implement and scale their social innovation solutions.

2. Content and Offering^

An overview of the Award content and requirement is provided below.

Offering	Content
1. Seed Fund	• Up to total HKD 40,000 maximum seed fund can be granted to admitted start-up projects • The approved amount is subject to the final budget plan approved upon successful admission to the Program • The approved amount will be disbursed by instalment (40% of approved Award) and reimbursement (60% of approved Award), please refer to 3. Disbursement Conditions.
2. Training	• In alignment with Dream Builder's requirements
3. Mentoring & Networking	
4. Start-up Space	
5. Social Innovation Challenge & Validation	• Teams are required to participate in **at least one** social innovation startup competition to further refine and showcase their social innovation solutions, including: o Hult Prize at HKUST o Hong Kong Social Enterprise Challenge (HKSEC) o Other relevant social innovation or social entrepreneurship competitions

6. Social Innovation Outreach & Exposure	• Teams are encouraged to participate in the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp organized by HKUST EC to deepen their understanding of social innovation. • Teams may receive free or discounted access to local start-up fairs, exhibitions and relevant ecosystem activities. • Selected teams and their social innovation projects, journeys, impacts and achievements may be featured in HKUST publications, social media platforms and external media.

3. Disbursement Conditions^

- The Award will be disbursed to the personal bank account of the main applicant recorded on SIS the company established for the social entrepreneurship project by instalments upon achievement of pre-agreed milestones and satisfactory completion and submission of the following:

Instalment* (% of Approved Award)	**Condition and Submission Requirement**
First (40% on instalment basis)	• Acceptance of offer. • Complete the required engagement as mentioned at (2.) above. • Complete the pre-agreed milestones
Final (60% on reimbursement basis)	• Successful development of the social entrepreneurship project and achieve all the milestones as planned. • Report to EC the development outcomes and achievement through a Final Presentation and a written Completion Report. • Submit the Completion Report and financial summary and original receipts for expenses for claiming reimbursement of the remaining Award.

^The Award details are subject to final arrangements and will be confirmed in the results announcement email sent to the selected projects.