

Additional support for businesses and SEPs affected by stricter safe management measures for gyms and studios

 Support comprises the Sport and Fitness Operating Grant, SEP Project Grant, Sport and Fitness SEP Support Fund and Training Allowance Grant

Singapore, 11 May 2021 – Following the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's announcement of the stricter safe management measures from 8 – 30 May, Sport Singapore (SportSG) has set aside support of up to S\$18 million under the Sports Resilience Package (SRP) for eligible businesses and Self-Employed Persons (SEPs) impacted by the latest guidelines. The new measures are intended to help defray operating costs for the affected businesses and support the affected SEPs during this period, preserve core capabilities, as well as catalyse the industry to encourage Singaporeans to continue to stay active.

"The stricter measures are necessary to contain the spread of COVID-19. We understand the impact it has on the sport and fitness industry which plays an integral role in encouraging health and wellness amongst Singaporeans. We have been engaging business owners and professionals in these sectors to better understand their challenges. We have developed these additional support measures to help them cushion the impact during this period of closure. We urge everyone to rally and work together in guarding against COVID-19 spread," said Mr Lim Teck Yin, CEO, SportSG.

For Businesses

3 The S\$7.7M **Sport and Fitness Operating Grant** will provide additional support for more than 500 entities, in particular gyms and fitness studios. Eligible entities will receive a one-time disbursement ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000 for the

three-week period. The amount of support disbursed takes into account overhead costs such as rental and salaries.

For Individuals

- Expansion of the **SEP Project Grant** will see an increase in grant quantum from \$2.5M to \$7.5M and be able to support an estimated 300 projects, up from the previous 100. The SEP Project Grant, first announced at the 2021 Committee of Supply Debate, will help sports SEPs to collaborate with one another, and develop projects to enhance the health and wellness of Singaporeans. SportSG will catalyse the implementation of this grant through a hackathon which aims to empower SEPs with the skills and knowhow to produce and increase viewership of their online fitness classes. SEPs may choose to work individually or partner others to submit produced content to publish on the ActiveSG Circle. Successful grant applicants may obtain up to \$\$25,000 in funding per project.
- S\$2.8M has been set aside for the Sport and Fitness **SEP Support Fund**, which will disburse a one-time cash assistance of up to \$400 for eligible SEPs who have experienced at least 50% income loss during the three weeks. More details on how SEPs can apply to the Support Fund will be released as soon as it is ready.
- Fitness instructors may now apply for the **Continuing Coach Education Training Allowance Grant** to actively engage in continuous learning and be current in their knowledge and skills during this period. Eligible instructors may claim \$7.50 for each claimable hour for the CCE training/event up to a maximum of \$300 per person until 31 March 2022. These recognised training includes CCE courses facilitated by CoachSG, ExPRO Fitness on-demand online learning content and events, and courses offered under Union Training Assistance Programme (UTAP) as endorsed by the National Instructors and Coaches Association (NICA).
- Information on the additional SRP support measures, eligibility criteria and application details will be made available from 11 May 2021 on the ActiveSG Circle here.

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