

Funding Opportunity Title

2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PCIEERD WHWise PROGRAM (CYCLE 2)

(Women-Helping-Women: Innovating Social Enterprises)

Key information

Type of funding	Grant
Funding Agency	DOST-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology (DOST-PCIEERD)
Add link to start the application	DOST Project Management Information System (DPMIS): http://dpmis.dost.gov.ph

Timeline

Event	Date	Time
Opening date	June 16, 2022	8:00 A.M.
Closing date	July 15, 2022	5:00 P.M.
Evaluation Period	July 18 – September 1, 2022 (34 Working Days)	
Start of projects	October 2022	

Overview

The Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) is inviting qualified applicants to the **Call for Proposals for the Women-Helping-Women: Innovating Social Enterprises (WHWise) Program**.

The program will support women social enterprises who has a need to access technology, early-stage funding and customized gender-focused support.

Opportunity summary

The Full-Blown Proposal should fall within the following categories to qualify as a research and development project:

- **Requires specific technical assistance in refining their product** – This shall include programs/projects that provide specific technical expertise in redesigning the minimum viable product for the social enterprise. The output of this assistance shall be the improved product or services ready for validation.
- **Entails research & development assistance in improving their prototype into a market-ready product** - This shall include programs/projects that provide research & development support on developing the minimum viable product for the social enterprises. The output of this assistance shall be marketable and validated products or services. Enterprises with early-stage prototypes that require assistance in product improvement, market testing, data gathering, market validation, business modelling, IP protection and product certification are also welcome to apply.
- **In need for a specific technology** - This shall include programs/projects that guide, capacitate, and provide support to the social enterprise and its community.

All qualified women-led enterprises will be provided with the following activities:

- Incubation
- Mentoring
- Business support program
- Capacity building
- Fabrication support
- Marketing and market validation

Support shall also include optimization of processes, acquisition of production capacities, business model validation, research on manufacturability of products/ optimization of value chains, mentoring, advisory, legal and expert support, and use of facilities, among others.

The PCIEERD shall provide funding support to a startup **up to Php 5M** for its research and development (R&D) activities.

Who can apply

This call for proposal is open to qualified women-led social enterprises with the following qualifications:

- An enterprise that is led by a woman entrepreneur.
- A social enterprise that directly helps a community. A description of the community and the services, products and assistance to a specific community should be elaborated in the application.
- Has a need for a specific technology, requires research and development assistance, technical assistance on a specific area or expertise in a certain area. Details of what is needed should be elaborated in the application.

Eligibility requirements to avail of the grant:

- Legally registered with the DTI or Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of seven (7) years (as of May 2, 2022) provided that the business model has not been established;
- Have an early-stage prototype or proof of concept for the product or service. Ideas or mere concepts are not allowed;
- Has demonstrated capability to conduct R&D and differentiate research from their regular business operations; provided, that ownership and nationality requirements under the Philippine Constitution and pertinent laws, including RA No. 10055 or the Philippine Technology Transfer Act of 2009, are complied with;
- Has legal personality to issue an Official Receipt for the receipt of grants-in-aid.

During the evaluation process, the following requirements should be submitted:

- Authenticated copy of DTI Registration, for Sole Proprietorship; or, authenticated copies of SEC-registered Articles of Incorporation and the latest General Information Sheet; authenticated copy of Business Permit; and authenticated copy of Licenses;
- Latest copies of Income Tax Returns, Audited Financial Statements, and other financial reports;
- Disclosure of other businesses, if any;
- Sworn Affidavits from all of the enterprise owners/ incorporators/ stockholders/ organizers/ partners, directors and/ or officers that they are not agents of or related by consanguinity or affinity up to the fourth civil degree to any DOST officer authorized to process and/or approve the grant and release of funds;

Documents/proof of the following, which shall include but not limited to proof of capability and track record in conducting R&D, and when applicable, endorsement from the business incubation facility where the enterprise is located.

What we're looking for

We're looking for women-led social enterprises that require assistance in acquiring technology, research & development, technical assistance, and mentoring.

The proposal or fund assistance being requested should aim to:

- Overcome technology or technical roadblocks
- Establish initial market traction
- Refine the business model
- Prepare Business Continuity Plan

How to apply

Step 1: Prepare a Full-Blown Proposal containing the following:

1. Title of the proposed project
2. Duration of the proposed project
3. Description of the enterprise/startup and the founders
4. Description of the product and value proposition
5. Background of the enterprise/startup and the development of the technology (evolution of the enterprise, first prototype, first test, first sale)
6. Description of the target market and size
7. Competitive advantage analysis using a comparative advantage table
8. IP status and protection
9. Objective and scope of the proposed research
10. Methodology and expected outputs
11. Social Impact
12. Work plan or Gantt Chart of activities
13. Curriculum vitae of the project leader
14. Line-Item-Budget
15. Endorsement from incubator, if applicable

Step 2: Submit a Capsule Proposal in a word format (editable) following also the above format to the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) through Ms. Russell M. Pili or Ms. Leizl D. Sueno via email at rmpili@pcieerd.dost.gov.ph or ldsueno@pcieerd.dost.gov.ph starting **May 17, 2022 until June 30, 2022.**

Step 3: Attend the following preparatory activities:

- Capsule Proposal Submission and One-on-one Review - May 17 – June 30, 2022
- Regional Info Sessions 1 – **June 6, 2022**
- Regional Info Sessions 2 – **June 7, 2022**
- Regional Info Sessions 3 – **June 16, 2022**
- Proposal Writeshop Conferences
 - **June 17, 2022 (by PCIEERD)**
 - **June 30, 2022 (by PCIEERD)**
 - **July 4-8, 2022 (by ReSEED)**

Step 4: Submit the Full-Blown Proposal to the **DOST Project Management Information System (DPMIS)** through this link: <http://dpmis.dost.gov.ph> starting **June 16, 2022 until July 15, 2022.**

When submitting your application, please follow these steps:

1. Register and create an account in the DPMIS
2. Log in to your DPMIS account
2. Select Type of Proposal: PCIEERD GIA Program/Project (2022 Funding)
3. Select Classification: New Proposal

The following will automatically be disapproved:

- 1) **Proposals from organizations that are not qualified to submit during this Call;**
- 2) **Proposals submitted to any other call route/Council/s.**
- 3) **Proposals not submitted through DPMIS.**
- 4) **Proposals from enterprise/startups that are not yet DTI/SEC registered for a minimum of one year and maximum of 7 years**
- 5) **Proposals with no proof of concept (idea stage)**
- 6) **Proposals that exceeds the budget limit**
- 7) **Proposals not led by woman**
- 8) **Proposals which do not have a community to assist**

Documents Required

As a summary, your application should include the following documents.

- 1) DOST Proposal Form
- 2) Supplementary Files
 - Workplan
 - Endorsement of Head of Agency
 - Gender and Development (GAD) Score Sheet
 - Letter of Intent/Letter of Cooperation

No additional attachments are permitted.

How we will assess your application

A. Review and Selection Process

Proposals shall be evaluated according to a set of criteria for each level of evaluation: Division Level, PCIEERD Management Team (PMT) level, Technical Panel (TP) level, Governing Council (GC) level, and the DOST Executive Committee (EXECOM) level (for proposals for DOST GIA funding) as shown below. Applicants should directly and explicitly address these criteria as part of their proposal submission.

The project proposal shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Workability/ Technical Viability**
Technical soundness of the technology based on existing scientific and technological principles
2. **Maturity of the technology**
Advanced features of the technology over existing product or process with the same functions and/or contribution to the advancement of science and technology
3. **Social and Environmental Impacts**
Employment generation from the technology
No potentially irreversible immediate and long-term hazards/ consequences on the environment as well as in health and safety
4. **Commercial Viability**
Competitiveness of the technology over existing product or process in the market
Market potential of the technology
5. **Management Capability**
Technical and managerial capacity of the proponent demonstrates a competent and experienced leadership
Availability of competent and reliable workforce and facilities

Contact

DOST-PCIEERD Project Managers are available to provide appropriate assistance to potential applicants interested in competing for this Call for Proposals. This may include

assistance to potential applicants in determining eligibility of the applicant or the applicant's proposed project for funding, questions about administrative issues relating to the submission of a proposal, and clarifications on the announcement.

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Additional information

[PCIEERD Eligibility Criteria Checklist](#)

[PCIEERD Technical Panel \(TP\) Evaluation Criteria/Score sheet](#)

[PCIEERD Management Team \(PMT\) Evaluation Criteria/Score sheet](#)

[PCIEERD Governing Council \(GC\) Criteria/Score sheet](#)

List any supporting documents you will provide

References for PCIEERD-supported projects:

<http://projects.pcieerd.dost.gov.ph/>

<https://pcieerd.dost.gov.ph/library/annual-reports>

<https://pcieerd.dost.gov.ph/supported-programs-projects/supported-programs-and-projects/on-going-projects>

<https://pcieerd.dost.gov.ph/supported-programs-projects/supported-programs-and-projects/completed-projects>

List any related content links

AO 011 series of 2020 Revised Guidelines for the [Grants-in-aid Program of the Department of Science and Technology and its Agencies](#)

DOST A.O. 005 s. of 2021 [Guidelines for the DOST Startup Grant Fund Program](#)