



#### MEDIA ADVISORY

# oscar@sg fund by Temasek Trust has approved grants of \$1.6mil to 52 grantees since launch

oscar@sg fund welcomes more applications on initiatives to help communities in need impacted by the COVID-19 situation.



oscar@sg fund has assisted 52 initiatives, impacting 125,000 lives

**Singapore, 23 June 2020** – The <u>oscar@sg fund</u> began operations in May. Since then it has approved \$1.6 million supporting 52 initiatives by individuals and groups targeting help for more than 125,000 beneficiaries. Applications are reviewed weekly by a working and a grant committee composed of volunteers. Application to oscar@sg fund is still open.

Managed by Temasek Trust, oscar@sg fund seeks to encourage civic mindedness and supports efforts and projects which embrace the values of Ownership, Sustainability, Care, Assurance, Resilience (OSCAR). The programme provides up to \$5,000 of direct sponsorship and a further match "dollar-for-dollar" of third-party funding sources of up to \$50,000, with a provision to increase up to \$100,000 in exceptional cases.





The grantees to-date serve different groups in need in our community including migrant workers (#WeCareKits), elderly (Activity Kampong), healthcare workers (#LightforSG) to different- abled persons (I.AM). Most of these ground-up initiatives are driven by persons who stepped up to help the vulnerable and those in need during this time of crisis.

Ms Tricia Tan Hui Shian, one of the founders of Activity Kampong said, "The support from oscar@sg fund took a big load off our minds as we could focus on the crucial aspects of planning and operationalising the project. We were also heartened to be able to galvanise the community to volunteer in the 'kampong spirit' to help the less-abled seniors around us."

Mr Benny Lim, Chairman of oscar@sg fund Grant Committee said, "This pandemic has and will change many things for us. However, a common thread we are seeing is how it has also galvanised many Singaporeans to think of others in need and to step up to help them in ways, big and small. We are heartened by these civic-minded individuals and groups. Through the oscar@sg fund, we hope to continue to encourage and support such ground-up efforts to help those in need in these challenging and anxious times."

Name of initiative	Short Description
#LightforSG	Light installation at hospitals to cheer frontliners
Activity Kampong	Support activity engagement of seniors during stay-home season
<u>I.AM</u>	Create social awareness for Differently-Abled Talents while providing them a sustainable income through Music Performances and the Performing Arts
<u>SowCare</u>	Respond to the urgent needs faced by the homeless community that have been accentuated in the midst of COVID-19 situation.
#KindCooks	Connect neighbours who cook to neighbours in need
Wok The Talk	Unites and gathers resources from various community stakeholders and local businesses such as hawkers and taxi drivers, to provide and deliver meals to marginalised groups.

### Selected list of successful oscar@sg fund grantees: (Interview opportunities available)

Complete and updated list of successful applicants of oscar@sg fund can be found on <a href="https://www.temasektrust.org.sg/Oscar">https://www.temasektrust.org.sg/Oscar</a> successful applicants.





Have an idea that can help those affected by the pandemic? Find out how to apply for the grant by visiting the website: <u>https://www.temasektrust.org.sg/Oscar</u>

General public or corporate organisations who would like to contribute to this fund can send an email to Temasek Trust at <u>enquiries@temasektrust.org.sg</u>. The donation will go into the pool for the oscar@sg fund.

For artwork of oscar@sg fund, refer to this link.

For photos of successful applicants and their activities, refer to this <u>link</u>. Please credit the photos accordingly as mentioned in the file name.

Find out more at <u>https://www.temasektrust.org.sg/Oscar</u> or connect with us on our social media platforms for more updates:

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