



# Eligibility

- Financial eligibility will be determined through the application of a Standard Means Test.
- Citizen, Permanent Resident (in accordance with laws of T&T) or National of Trinidad and Tobago
- 18 years and over
- Unemployed or under-employed. (Employed persons whose household income falls below the poverty line may also apply)



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services

## What Documents Do I Need?



Birth Certificate and/or Affidavit

Valid National Identification Card

Utility Bill / Bank Statement  
Proof of Address

Job Letter/Payslip/Bank Statement/NIS  
Proof of Income

Two Letters of Recommendation

(1 for character reference and 1 to highlight skills relating to the business)

Business Plan  
(Template provided by the Ministry)

Quotation (s)

Food Badge, Licences, Certifications  
(where applicable)

Training Certificates  
(where applicable)

Other relevant documents may be required based on the type of mini-micro enterprise or training requested.



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## Sowing Empowerment Through Entrepreneurial Development Programme

The SEED Programme aims to provide a mechanism to empower those citizens who are considered poor/vulnerable and who have an interest in starting or improving their own business but are unable to gain access to funding on their own.

It aims to level the playing field, providing an initial step to facilitate entry of poor / vulnerable persons into the competitive business environment. It also seeks to provide an opportunity for existing clients of the MPSDFS who are receiving welfare grants to start mini-micro enterprises and become more independent and self-sufficient.

Overall the SEED Programme supports the development of more viable and sustainable communities and local economies.

## Business Areas

The following are some of the micro business fields that the SEED Programme supports. The list is not exhaustive and applicants are encouraged to submit their creative and innovative business concepts for consideration.



**Agriculture / Food Production**



**Cosmetology**



**Food and Beverage**



**Landscaping**



**Catering**



**Garment Construction/ Fashion**



**Tutoring**



**Mini Mart**



**IT Related Services**



**Small Construction**



**Graphic Design**



**Professional Writing & Admin**



**Jewellery Design**



## GRANT Options

01

First time applicants to the SEED Programme can apply for up to \$15,000.00 to start or enhance a mini-micro enterprise.

02

Applicants may also utilise the SEED Programme to support combined proposals which contain an element of:

- Training
- Micro Business Development (financing materials, tools, equipment and/or goods)

03

Applicants may also utilise the SEED Programme to pursue specialized training only to support employment.