



Republic of the Philippines
National Economic and Development Authority
MIMAROPA Region

**Orientation and Workshop on the Preparation of the
Project Proposals for Innovation Grant**

Activity Design

Background

Republic Act No. 11293 or the Philippine Innovation Act was signed into law on April 17, 2019, to foster innovation as a vital component of inclusive development, promote regional growth, and competitiveness of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

For the effective implementation of RA No. 11293, an Innovation Fund amounting to Php 200 million was allocated to NEDA under Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriation Act (GAA). On May 31, 2022, NEDA and DBM issued Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2022-01 that provides the rules and procedures on the use of Innovation Fund.

The First Call for the submission of project proposals was on June 2022. For this cycle, only twelve projects amounting to Php 73 million were submitted from MIMAROPA for review, evaluation, and funding under the innovation grant. However, only two projects were approved by the National Innovation Council Executive Technical Board (NIC-ETB).

The innovation fund could provide opportunities to jumpstart innovation activities in the region. In order to maximize the Fund, there is a need for the region to improve the quality project proposals being submitted to the Innovation Staff. Thus, an orientation and workshop on packaging proposals for innovation grant is being proposed.

Objectives

The orientation and workshop aim to jumpstart the innovation activities in the region by increasing the number of innovation projects being funded in the region.

Particularly, it aims to:

- a. familiarize regional stakeholders with the salient features of the Philippine Innovation Act;
- b. identify innovation priority areas and increase the number of projects/proposals in the region which can be pushed for funding under the Innovation Fund; and

- c. capacitate stakeholders in the development and packaging of proposals for funding.

Expected Outputs

The main output of the activity shall be a number of project proposals to be submitted to NEDA Innovation Staff for funding under the Innovation Fund. It is also expected that the participants will have an enhanced understanding of the Philippine Innovation Act.

Methodology

The activity is composed of two parts: (1) orientation on the Philippine Innovation Act and (2) a workshop on the preparation of proposals for funding under Innovation Grants.

For the first part, a webinar orientation on the Philippine Innovation Act will be conducted for the regional stakeholders. Among the topics to be discussed are the salient features of RA 11293, the National Innovation Agenda and Strategy Document, Regionalizing the implementation of the Philippine Innovation Act, and the Innovation Fund. The NEDA Innovation Staff will be requested to serve as the resource speaker. A survey questionnaire will also be conducted to assess the participants' level of familiarity with the Innovation Act and to solicit the participants' needs and expectations.

For the second part, participants during the orientation will be requested to submit innovation project ideas or concepts that they would want to be funded under the Innovation Grant. The NEDA Project Development, Investment Programming, and Budget Division (PDIPBD) will review the submitted proposals and recommend twenty (20) projects that will undergo technical assistance/workshop in project proposal preparation. The workshop will be participated by a maximum of two participants per each project of the 20 proposals. The workshop will consist of lectures, open forum, exercises, write-ups, and mock-presentations. Electronic and printed copies of the hand-outs and lecture materials will also be provided during the workshop.

Participants:

Orientation on the Philippine Innovation Act, two representatives for each:

Province (5*2)	10
Cities (2*2)	4
Municipalities (71*2)	142
Regional Line Agencies (46*2)	92
State Universities and Colleges (6*2)	12
NEDA Central and Regional Offices	16
Total Estimated Pax	276

Workshop on the Preparation of the Project Proposals for Innovation Grant:

- Maximum of two participants each for the 20 selected proposals
- 2 participants x 20 proposals= 40 participants

Proposed Date and Venue

1. The online/orientation webinar will be conducted via Zoom platform on February 16, 2023.
2. The workshop on project proposal preparation for innovation projects will be conducted on March 23-24, 2023 in Calapan City.

The participants during the workshop will be provided with accommodation and meals. Transportation expenses to and from the venue shall be shouldered by the participants.

Requirements:

Webinar-Orientation on the Philippine Innovation Act:

- 1) NEDA Secretariat: Zoom account, Zoom meeting link, presentation materials, computers
- 2) Participants: Zoom link, internet access, computers

Workshop proper:

- 1) NEDA Secretariat: workshop kits, presentation materials, attendance sheets, recorders, camera, laptop, and projector.
- 2) Participants: computers, project proposals, local travel orders, and transportation costs.

Tentative Program of Activities

a. Webinar-Orientation on the Philippine Innovation Act

Date/Time	Topic/Activity	Facilitator
February 16		
1:00 PM	Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Anthem• Invocation• Beloved MIMAROPA• Acknowledgement of Participants• Opening Remarks	Secretariat Secretariat Secretariat Secretariat RD Agustin C. Mendoza
1:15 PM	Overview of the Activity	Mr. Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr.
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM	The Philippine Innovation Act <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Innovation• National Innovation Council	NEDA- Innovation Staff

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Innovation Agenda and Strategy Document Innovation Fund 	
4:00 PM	Open Forum/ Q&A	
4:45 PM	Closing Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarding of Certificates Closing Remarks 	RD Agustin C. Mendoza ARD Apolo Edwin S. Pagano

b. Workshop on the Preparation/Packaging of Project Proposals for Innovation Grant

Date/Time	Topic/Activity	Facilitator
March 23		
1:00 PM – 1:14 PM	Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Anthem Invocation Beloved MIMAROPA Acknowledgment of Participants Opening Remarks 	Secretariat Secretariat Secretariat Secretariat RD Agustin C. Mendoza
1:15 PM - 1:29 PM	Overview of the Activity	Supervising EDS, PDIPBD
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Features of the Innovation Fund	Mr. Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr.
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Accomplishing the Grant Forms	NRO-Innovation Focal Staff
4:00 PM onwards	Writeshop and Preparation of Proposals	Participants
March 24		
8:00 AM – 8:29 PM	Prayer and Recap	Secretariat
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Writeshop and Preparation of Proposals	Participants
11:00 AM – 12:00NN	Presentation of Proposals	Participants
12:00 NN – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Presentation of Proposal	Participants
2:30 PM-3:00 PM	Next Steps	NRO-Innovation Focal Staff
3:00 PM	Closing Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photo Opportunity Awarding of Certificates Closing Remarks 	Secretariat Secretariat ARD Apollo Edwin S. Pagano
3:30 PM	End of Workshop	