



Republic of the Philippines  
**National Economic and Development Authority**  
MIMAROPA Region

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

Activity Design

**Background**

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

To effectively implement the law, an Innovation Fund amounting to Php 200 million was allocated to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) in the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriation Act (GAA). On May 31, 2022, the NEDA and Department of Budget and Management issued Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2022-01 which provides the rules and procedures on the use of Innovation Fund.

The First Call for the submission of project proposals was issued on June 2022. For this cycle, only twelve projects from MIMAROPA amounting to Php 73 million were submitted for 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. Thus, there is a need for the region to improve the quality of project proposals being submitted to NIC-ETB in order to maximize this Fund.

On February 16, 2023, the NEDA MIMAROPA conducted an online orientation on the Philippine Innovation Act. The orientation was attended by 140 participants from various regional line agencies (RLAs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), and representatives from the provinces, cities, and municipal government units of MIMAROPA. To capitalize on this momentum and in anticipation of the next Call for proposals by the NIC Secretariat, the NEDA MIMAROPA will conduct a workshop on the preparation of the project proposals for funding under the Innovation Fund for selected stakeholders or proponents in the region.

## Objectives

The activity aims to:

- a. increase the number of innovation projects being funded in the region; and
- b. improve the capacity of stakeholders in the preparation and packaging of proposals for funding under the Innovation Fund/Grant.

## 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.

## Methodology

The two-day workshop will be conducted on March 30-31 via zoom online platform. It will consist of lectures, open forum, exercises, write-ups, and presentation of project proposals. Electronic copies of the hand-outs and lecture materials will also be provided during the workshop.

The workshop will be participated by the MIMAROPA RLAs, SUCs, and LGUs with the following allocation:

<b>Agencies</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>
<b>Provincial Governments</b> ( <i>Provincial Planning and Development Office, Provincial Engineering Office, Provincial Agriculture's Office, Governor's Office</i> )	20
<b>City Governments</b> ( <i>City Planning and Development Office, City Engineering Office, Provincial Agriculture's Office, Governor's Office</i> ) ( <i>Provincial Planning and Development Office, Provincial Engineering Office, Provincial Agriculture's Office, Governor's Office</i> )	8
<b>Municipal Governments</b> ( <i>2 Technical Staff</i> )	142
<b>Regional Line Agencies</b> ( <i>2 Technical Staff</i> )	92
<b>State Universities and Colleges</b> ( <i>2 Technical Staff</i> )	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>

The participants will be requested to register via online registration link. Participants will also be requested to submit a project concept or idea which will be developed into a detailed proposal during the workshop.

Selected staff of NEDA MIMAROPA shall serve as resource speakers during the workshop. The Project Development, Investment Programming, and Budget Division (PDIPBD) shall be the lead facilitators of the workshop.

## Tentative Program

Date/Time	Topic/Activity	Facilitator
<b>March 30</b>		
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Preliminaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Anthem</li> <li>• Invocation</li> <li>• Beloved MIMAROPA</li> <li>• Acknowledgment of Participants</li> <li>• Opening Remarks</li> <li>• Photo Opportunity</li> </ul>	Secretariat Secretariat Secretariat Secretariat  RD Agustin C. Mendoza
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Overview of the Activity	Ms. Jobelle M. Cruzado
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Features of the Innovation Fund	Mr. Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr.
10:30 AM -12:00 PM	Accomplishing the Grant Forms	Mr. Ruther John B. Col-long
12:00 NN-1:00PM	Lunch Break	
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Presentation on the Water Collection System with Treatment Facility at Barangay Yabawon and Tan-ag in Banton, Romblon	LGU Banton, Romblon
1:30 PM-2:00 PM	Presentation on the Information System on Transport Operation in Puerto Princesa (ISTOPP)	LGU Puerto Princesa City
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Continuation of Discussion/ Open Forum/Writeshop and Preparation of Proposals/Reminders	Participants
<b>March 31</b>		
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Prayer and Recap	Secretariat
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Presentation of Proposals	Participants
12:00 NN – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Continuation of Presentation of Proposals	Selected Participants
4:00 PM–4:30 PM	Next Steps	Mr. Ruther John B. Col-long
4:30–5:00 PM	Closing Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Remarks</li> </ul>	ARD Apollo Edwin S. Pagano
5:00 PM	End of Workshop	

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