

SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund

In partnership with

CIMB Bank (Singapore Branch)

Frequently Asked Questions



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ABOUT THE SBF-YBLN HOPE FUND PARTNERSHIP WITH CIMB

In February 2020, Singapore Business Federation's Young Business Leaders Network ("SBF-YBLN"), in partnership with Goldbell Evolutionary Network ("GEN"), set up the SBF-YBLN Helping Our Promising Enterprises (HOPE) Fund, aimed at helping Singapore's promising enterprises tide over the current crisis.

The SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund offered short-term working capital loans for up to 12 months for local SMEs facing short-term cashflow issues due to the effects of COVID-19. It provides an additional source of accessible and affordable funding for SMEs. A key feature of the SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund is the deferment of the loan principal and interest to only start from the third month onwards. This will help business owners focus on their business operations and recovery strategy. The platform is designed for loans to be approved quickly and to be disbursed in 24 hours from loan approval, subject to the required documentation received.

However, in recent weeks as the COVID-19 situation remains a challenge, there is a growing demand for further capital injection and funds needed to keep businesses afloat. SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund must evolve in step, in order to remain helpful to SMEs. Now, SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund is collaborating with CIMB Bank (Singapore Branch) ("CIMB") and Goldbell Financial Services to provide more options for local businesses looking at short-term or long-term financial solutions, allowing SMEs to access CIMB's existing BizAssist and C-19 loan schemes with special preferential terms and rates exclusively for SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund borrowers.

SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund borrowers will be eligible for the following:

Successful applicants of the SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund will enjoy CIMB's preferential rates and terms:

1. 2% facility fee waiver
2. Preferential interest rate at 2.88% p.a. interest rate for C-19 (versus 3% p.a.)
3. Preferential interest rate capped at 3.75% p.a. interest rate for Biz Assist (versus up to 7% p.a.)
4. 4-month SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund interest rebate to SMEs capped at S\$1,000

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Must I be a previously approved SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund borrower before I can apply for the CIMB BizAssist and/or C-19 loans with preferential interest rates?

Yes, this financial arrangement is only available for SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund borrowers. One must be a SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund borrower to enjoy the preferential rate of 3.75% under BizAssist or 2.88% under C-19.

2. If I have been approved as an applicant of the SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund, and I am then approved for the C-19 and/or BizAssist loans, is my loan liability with SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund transferred to CIMB?

No. You still need to fulfill your commitment on the SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund. If you have outstanding loans under the SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund and you apply for the CIMB BizAssist or the C-19 loans, you must use part of the approved CIMB loan to pay off your SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund liability (plus outstanding interest).

3. What is the difference between CIMB BizAssist and CIMB C-19?

	CIMB BizAssist	CIMB C-19
Quantum	Up to S\$1 million	Up to S\$5 million
Tenure	Up to 5 years	Up to 5 years
Interest rate	3.75% to 7% p.a. (capped at 3.75% for HOPE Fund borrowers)	2.88% (exclusive to SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund borrowers) to 5% p.a.
Facility set-up fee	Waived	Waived
Loan repayment	There is a principal moratorium option for 0, 6 or 12 months which includes interest servicing only. No penalties for early repayment	There is a principal moratorium option for 0, 6 or 12 months which includes interest servicing only. No penalties for early repayment
Use of funds	Working capital	Working capital
Security	PG of directors/ shareholders	PG of directors/ shareholders
Profile	For SME	For SME and Non SME

4. Is there a minimum amount that I must borrow? What is the maximum?

The minimum amount you may borrow is S\$50,000 for both BizAssist and C-19. You may borrow up to S\$1 million for BizAssist and up to S\$5 million for C-19.

5. I have more than one outstanding loan with the SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund. Can I apply for BizAssist and/or C-19 for all those companies with the SBF-YBLN Hope Fund loans?

Yes, you can. But all the companies you own as a shareholder will be assessed together.

6. Are there penalties for early repayment for the C-19 or BizAssist loans?

There are no penalties for early repayment.

7. Can I do partial principal repayment before loan maturity for the C-19 or BizAssist loans?

Yes, you may do partial principal repayments before loan maturity.

8. What if I have difficulty meeting repayment terms because the situation is evolving? What happens then?

You may tap into the debt relief programmes that CIMB offers to borrowers facing such difficulties, but there will be a credit approval process to undergo.

9. How does a company qualify for the CIMB C-19 and/or BizAssist loan?

SMEs registered in Singapore, with more than 30% local shareholdings (owned by Singaporeans and/or PRs) can apply for the CIMB C-19 and/or BizAssist loan.

10. How do I apply?

If you are not yet an SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund borrower, you may first apply at <https://apply.gbfs.com.sg>

If you have an approved loan with the SBF-YBLN Hope Fund, and are interested to take on the CIMB BizAssist and/or C-19 loans with preferential rates, you may email YBLNHOPEFund@gbfs.com.sg.

11. How does this rate/facility compare with other banks?

The rates offered to SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund are one of the lowest in Singapore at this moment.

12. Is this scheme only available for SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund beneficiaries who can "upgrade" to larger loan amounts?

The CIMB schemes are also available to companies who are not already borrowers of the SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund. Companies who approach CIMB directly will be able to borrow at rates of 3.75% to 7% (BizAssist) and 3% to 5% (C-19).

However, if a borrower is already drawing on the SBF-YBLN HOPE Fund, they will be eligible for preferential interest rates of 3.75% (BizAssist) and 2.88% (C-19), and interest rebates.