

# FORTITUDE BUDGET



# EMERGING FROM THE CIRCUIT BREAKER

The world has changed significantly in the last 100 days. We must adapt to changes in the next phase of our fight against COVID-19.

In addition to the \$60 billion set aside in the Unity, Resilience, and Solidarity Budgets, we will mobilise an additional

\$33 BILLION

in our Fortitude Budget to re-open our economy, recover, and

EMERGE STRONGER





# AS WE EMERGE FROM THE CIRCUIT BREAKER

Our Fortitude Budget will:



Create Jobs & Build Skills for our workers



**Boost Transformation** for our enterprises



Strengthen Resilience for our community

WITH FORTITUDE, WE WILL PREVAIL.





# RE-OPENING OUR ECONOMY

# KEEPING WORKERS EMPLOYED

### **Enhancements to Jobs Support Scheme (JSS)**

- Extended for 1 more month to cover wages in August 2020, bringing total coverage to 10 months of wages
  - 25% to 75% of the first \$4,600 of wages for each local employee
- For firms that are not allowed to resume operations,
   Government will continue providing wage support at 75% until August 2020 or when allowed to reopen, whichever is earlier
- Increased support for some affected sectors (e.g. aerospace, retail, marine and offshore) from 25% to 50% or





# SGUNITED JOBS & SKILLS PACKAGE

### SGUnited Jobs

- Aim to create 40,000 jobs by end-2020
  - Public sector to offer 15,000 jobs
  - Private sector to offer 25,000 jobs





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### SGUnited Traineeships

- 21,000 traineeships for local first-time job seekers
  - Applications will open from 1 June 2020
- 4,000 traineeships for local mid-career jobseekers to learn new skills and start new careers





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### SGUnited Skills

- Training courses for about 30,000 jobseekers to upgrade their skills while looking for a job
- Training allowance of \$1,200 per month for course duration (between 6 to 12 months) to cover basic expenses
- Rolled out progressively from July 2020





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### Hiring Incentive

- Hiring incentive for employers which hire local workers who have completed eligible traineeship and training programmes
- Expanded to cover workers of all ages

Age of Eligible Worker	Amount of Incentive	Capped at
Under 40	20% of monthly salary for 6 months	<b>\$6,000</b> in total
40 and above	40% of monthly salary for 6 months	<b>\$12,000</b> in total





# BOOSTING ENTERPRISE TRANSFORMATION



# HELPING WITH CASH FLOW, COSTS & CREDIT

### Foreign Worker Levy Waiver & Rebate

- Extended by up to 2 months for businesses that are not allowed to resume operations after the circuit breaker
  - 100% waiver and \$750 rebate in June 2020
  - 50% waiver and \$375 rebate in July 2020

## Deferment of Higher CPF Contribution Rates

Increase in CPF contribution rates for senior workers
 deferred by 1 year, from 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2022





# HELPING WITH CASH FLOW, COSTS & CREDIT

### **Expanding Rental Relief for SMEs**

- \$2b in cash grants to help SME tenants with rental costs
- Including the Property Tax Rebate for 2020, Government will
  - Offset 2 months' rental for qualifying SME tenants of commercial properties
  - Offset 1 month's rental for qualifying SME tenants of industrial and office properties





# HELPING WITH CASH FLOW, COSTS & CREDIT

### Rental Relief for Government Tenants

 Additional rental waivers for commercial and other nonresidential tenants of government properties:

Tenant Type	Previous	New	Total
Stallholders of hawker centres and markets	3 months	2 months	5 months
Commercial	2 months	2 months	4 months
Industrial, office, and agricultural	1 month	1 month	2 months





# HELPING WITH CASH FLOW, COSTS & CREDIT

### Financing Support for Promising Startups

- So far, \$4.5b of loans catalysed through Government financing schemes (e.g. Temporary Bridging Loan Programme, Enterprise Financing Scheme)
- \$285m of additional financing support for promising startups by co-investing with the private sector
  - On top of \$300m set aside under the Unity Budget for deep-tech startups





# LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY

# DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & INNOVATION

### Adopting e-Payments

- Bonus of \$300 per month over 5 months to encourage adoption of e-payments by stallholders in
  - Hawker centres
  - Wet markets
  - Coffee shops
  - Industrial canteens





# LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY

## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & INNOVATION

### Digital Resilience Bonus

- Pilot starting with Food Services and Retail sectors
- Payout of up to \$5,000 to help businesses digitalise with:
  - PayNow Corporate, e-invoicing, business process or e-commerce solutions
- Additional payout of \$5,000 for businesses that use advanced solutions

### National Innovation Challenges

 Encourage partnership with the private sector for industryled solutions to reopen Singapore safely





# STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE



# HELPING WITH IMMEDIATE NEEDS

## COVID-19 Support Grant (CSG)

- Additional \$800m set aside for CSG to continue supporting
   Singaporeans and Permanent Residents (PRs) who need help
- Support for Singaporeans and PRs who
  - Have lost their jobs;
  - Are placed on no-pay leave; or,
  - Face significantly reduced salaries

due to COVID-19

Up to \$800 per month for 3 months for eligible recipients





# HELPING WITH HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES

### Solidarity Utilities Credit

- One-off \$100 Solidarity Utilities Credit for each household with at least one Singapore Citizen
- Covers all property types
- Will be credited in households' July or August 2020 utilities bills with SP Group
- Comes on top of the Solidarity Payment and Care & Support Package





# FOSTERING DIGITAL INCLUSION

### For Students

 Accelerated timeline for all secondary school students to own a digital learning device

### For Seniors

- Seniors Go Digital movement to build digital literacy through one-to-one coaching and small-group learning
- Financial support for lower-income seniors to own digital devices





# LOOKING AFTER ONE ANOTHER

## Enhanced Fund-Raising (EFR) Programme

- Dollar-for-dollar matching on eligible donations raised between 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, capped at \$250,000 matching per charity
- Additional \$100m top-up to strengthen support for charities

### Invictus Fund

• \$18m top-up to help social service agencies maintain services, retain staff, and adopt technology



