

Smart Automation Grant (SAG) — Malaysia's PENJANA-Funded 1:1 Matching Grant for SME Automation

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Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Malaysia's RM100m Smart Automation Grant matched SME automation spending 1:1 up to RM1m per company, requiring applicants to commit to audited, formula-based KPIs; an early MDEC tranche disbursed RM6.2m to 66 service-sector recipients.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[Malaysian Investment Development Authority \(MIDA\) / Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation \(MDEC\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[MIDA: Smart Automation Grant Guideline \(PDF\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[OpenGov Asia: MDEC awards funds to 66 smart automation recipients](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

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