What is a City Area Program?

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The icons below indicate the four key fields and others in the second Science and Technology Basic Plan, which was established in accordance with the Cabinet Decision in March 2001.

Life Sciences

IT(Information Technology)

Environment

Nanotech/Materials

Others

1. Objective of Program

This program is focused on utilizing technical seeds or intelligence of universities as well as industrial potential in the region. It aims to create new business and foster local industries of research and development through promotion and encouragement of industry-academia-government joint research that utilizes unique regional resources.

2. Outline of the Program

To focus on regional characteristics, features and specific fields in which local universities/industries have high potential
To fund the core organizations designated by local governments
To provide a wide range of menu for the program ranging from promotion of industry-academia-government cooperation to development of technical seeds and needs depending on the project target and the past achievement of industry-academia-government cooperation.
FY2006 government budget: 4 billion (US$ 34 million EUR€26 million)
FY2005 government budget: 3.6 billion (US$ 31 million EUR€23 million)

3. Categories

(1) Categories

Applicants select the following three categories depending on the progress of the industry-academia-government cooperation. (The number of projects is subject to change)

Starting stage (Standard scale of the project: about 50 million x 3 years, US$ 424 thousand, EU€326 thousand)
Program to reinforce industry-academia-government cooperation, focusing on problem searches and research exchange sessions, etc.

Basic stage (Standard scale of the project: about 100 million x 3 years, US$ 847 thousand, EUR€645 thousand)
Program that centers on a joint research aiming to create new technical seeds in regions with certain program results of industry-academia-government cooperation.

Development stage (Standard scale of the project: about 200 million x 3 years, US$1.7 million, EUR€1.3 million)
Program for further developing the regional innovation system and creating new business by the areas where completed City Area Program (Basic Stage or Growing Stage) with remarkable success and development potential.

"Growing Stage" in the region where the results of industry-academia-government cooperation. are abundant, and a lot of study results exist has not been adopted newly along with the launch of "Development Stage" since FY 2005.

The matching funds system, for which the burden of funds by local actors(local government, university, industry) is necessary, is adopted to strengthen their independence in consideration of the progress in industry-academia-government cooperation. The program started from FY 2006. (calculated as US$1=118yen, EUR€1=155yen)

(2) Menu of program

Menus listed below are combined in the range of the budget of the above-mentioned document type and the program is executed.

Exchange sessions………Holding research exchange sessions, employment of science and technology coordinators (specialists and experts) etc.

Joint research………industry-academia-government joint research to produce technological seeds

Development of research results………feasibility study and joint research for the development and practical application of technological seeds.

Promotion of industry-academia-government cooperation

City Area Unique/innovative technologies

Government
Academic
Industry

Prefectures

IT
Nanotechnology
Life sciences

Specific field

Priority

Each area recognizes fields and unique technologies with potential