

FY 2025 Yokohama City Next-Generation Strategic Sector Location Promotion Subsidy Guide

~ Subsidies available for companies establishing a presence in Yokohama ! ~

* The deadline for starting eligible projects this fiscal year is December 31, 2025.

* A project plan summary must be submitted before signing any lease agreements.

① Program Overview

Eligible Fields	Decarbonization, Semiconductors, Mobility, IT & Telecommunications, Health/Medical, Advanced technology, Childcare
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● When a company outside the city establishes its first presence in Yokohama (Initial Establishment in City)

	Requirements (Area & No. of people)	Expansion Function (Business Sites, etc.)	Support Details	Subsidy Amount (Maximum)
General Companies	Target floor area (50 m ² or more) and Number of employees in target area (3 or more)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Head Office ● R&D Facilities ● Office ● Childcare-related Facilities* 	¥200,000 per 10 m ²	¥3,000,000
Tech Startups	Target floor area (10 m ² or more)			

● When a company that already has a business site in the city expands or relocates its head office, etc. within the city (Expansion/Relocation Special Case)

	Requirements (Area & No. of people)	Expansion Function (Business Sites, etc.)	Support Details	Subsidy Amount (Maximum)
General Companies	Target floor area increased by (50 m ² or more) compared to pre-expansion/relocation and Number of employees in target area increased by (3 or more) compared to pre-expansion/relocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Head Office ● R&D Facilities ● Childcare-related Facilities* 	¥200,000 per 10 m ² increase in floor area	¥1,500,000
Tech Startups	Target floor area increased by (10 m ² or more) compared to pre-expansion/relocation			

*For childcare-related facilities, only projects entering the city for the first time are eligible. Relocations, expansions, or businesses already operating within the city are not eligible.

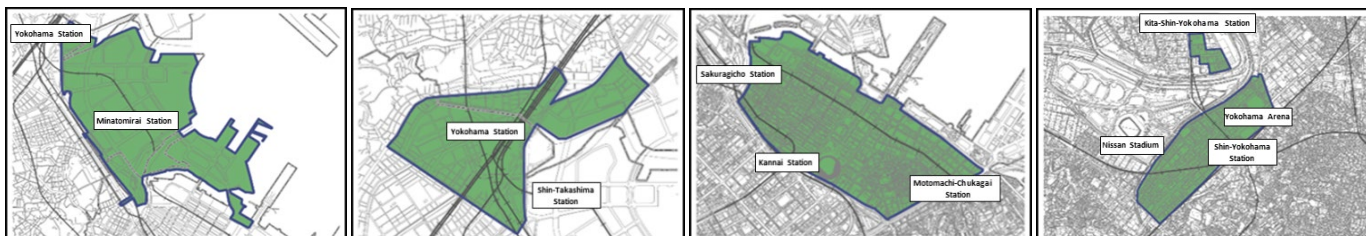
● If the business site is located in the Minato Mirai 21 District and achieves net-zero CO₂ emissions from electricity consumption, the following additional subsidy will be granted on top of the above amounts.

Requirements	Expansion Function (Business sites, etc.)	Support Details	Subsidy Amount (Maximum)
Business sites located in the Minato Mirai 21 District and achieving net-zero CO ₂ emissions from electricity consumption at their facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Head Office ● R&D Facilities ● Office ● Childcare-related Facilities 	¥50,000 per 10 m ²	¥750,000

*Special Provisions for Locations Outside Central Districts and Initial Investments by Foreign-Affiliated Companies

- For initial entry into areas outside central districts (the four listed below), the requirements are eased to “floor area of 50 m² or more and at least 1 employee.”
- For initial investments by foreign-affiliated companies, the requirement is eased to “floor area of 50 m² or more” with no employee number requirement.

① Minato Mirai 21 District ② Yokohama Station District ③ Kannai District ④ Shin-Yokohama Central District



(Note 1) Companies from outside Yokohama :

This refers to corporations, limited partnerships, general partnerships, limited liability companies (hereafter collectively referred to as “companies”), foreign companies, or companies in which a foreign company holds more than one-third of the voting rights, etc. (hereafter referred to as “foreign-affiliated companies”), that do not have any R&D facilities, head offices, branch offices, sales offices, or other comparable facilities within Yokohama City.

(Note 2) Business Sites, etc. :

This refers to head offices, R&D facilities, offices, childcare-related facilities (only in the childcare sector), or other comparable facilities that are used for business purposes.
(Factories, warehouses, and retail stores — except for childcare-related facilities — are not included.)

(Note 3) Target Area :

This refers to the exclusive portion of the business sites used for business purposes, excluding areas used for storage (e.g., warehouses), exhibition/showroom space, stores aimed at selling goods or providing services (excluding childcare-related facilities), and dining facilities. In the special case of serviced offices, this refers to exclusive, partitioned, lockable spaces within the business site, such as private rooms.

(Note 4) Employees :

Workers directly employed who are covered by employment insurance.

(Note 5) Central Urban Area :

This refers to the areas designated as “Specified Business Location Promotion Areas” in Article 2, Item 1 of the Ordinance on Support Measures in Specified Areas for Promoting corporate Location of Yokohama City (Yokohama City Ordinance No. 5 of March 2018), specifically: Minato Mirai 21 District, Yokohama station District, Kannai District and Shin-Yokohama Central District.

(Note 6) Initial investment by a foreign-affiliated company :

A foreign-affiliated company that does not have a place of business, etc. in Japan.

[Requirements for Tech Startups] *Must satisfy all of the following three conditions.

①	Established more than 1 year and less than 15 years ago
②	Must have a proven track record of fundraising as a startup (any of a. to c.)
a.	Have received investment (including convertible bonds, bonds with stock subscription rights, stock acquisition rights, or bonds with stock acquisition rights, etc.) from a fund managed by a member (excluding supporting members) of the Japan Venture Capital Association, or from an investment limited partnership funded by the Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises (SME Support Japan) or by the Japan Investment Corporation (JIC)
b.	Have received investment (including convertible bonds, bonds with stock subscription rights, stock acquisition rights, or bonds with stock acquisition rights, etc.) from a venture capital firm that is a registered member of TECH HUB YOKOHAMA
c.	Have achievements overseas equivalent to those outlined in items a or b or confirmed funding from public grants targeting deep-tech startups, etc. where funding achievement can be verified

③ Must have a proven track record in research and development in any of the following (any of a. to c.)

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| a. | Recognized under a certification program for university-based startups, research institute-based startups, or a similar internal institutional recognition |
| b. | Able to "certify commercialization based on the research and development of the affiliated institution" from a university, research institute, or company's R&D department |
| c. | In the most recent fiscal year, R&D expenses account for 5% or more of total sales |

② Submission of the Business Plan Summary (Before Finalizing Contract*)

- **Submission of the "Business Plan Summary (Form No. 1)" is required before signing any lease contracts.**
- **If this document is not submitted by the day before the contract* signing, the grant application will not be accepted.**

*Tech startups may include service office contracts (limited to those that allow corporate registration and are set up in lockable private rooms or other exclusive-use spaces).

(Note) Even within the application period, the city may **stop accepting business plan summaries** if the number of applications becomes too high.

[After Submitting the Business Plan Summary (Form No. 1)]

- Once the contract is signed, please notify the contact person in charge.
- For expansion/relocation special cases: Before relocation, you will be required to submit to verify the number of employees at your existing business site within the city (e.g., Applicable Business Site Ledger – Header 1, Application for Non-Applicable Site Approval, etc.). (After relocation, you will also be required to resubmit documents verifying the number of employees at your business site within the city, for confirmation after the start of operations.)

③ Grant Application (After Starting Business) *Submit the following documents

【For All Applicants】

- (1) Grant Application and Performance Report
- (2) Company Overview (Form No. 7)
- (3) List of Directors / Officers, etc. (Form No. 8)
- (4) Articles of Incorporation or equivalent document (copy)
- (5) Certificate of All Historical Registered Matters (copy)
- (6) Notification of Corporation Establishment or equivalent (copy)
- (7) Financial statements for the past two fiscal years or other documents showing financial status
- (8) Lease Agreement (copy) or Serviced Office Contract (copy) *Serviced offices apply only to tech startups
- (9) Documents verifying the number of employees at the facility
- (10) Documents verifying the floor area of the target portion (if not confirmed in (8))
- (11) Consent Form for Taxation and Payment Information Handling (Form No. 9)
- (12) Shareholder Register or document confirming investment status (copy) (required only if applicant is a foreign-affiliated company)

【For Expansion/Relocation Only】

- (1) Documents verifying increase in employees engaged in head office or R&D work
- (2) Documents verifying floor area of business sites within the city
- (3) Municipal tax payment certificate for the year prior to the year in which the application is submitted (or proof of no tax delinquency if not subject to municipal tax)

【For Tech Startups Only】

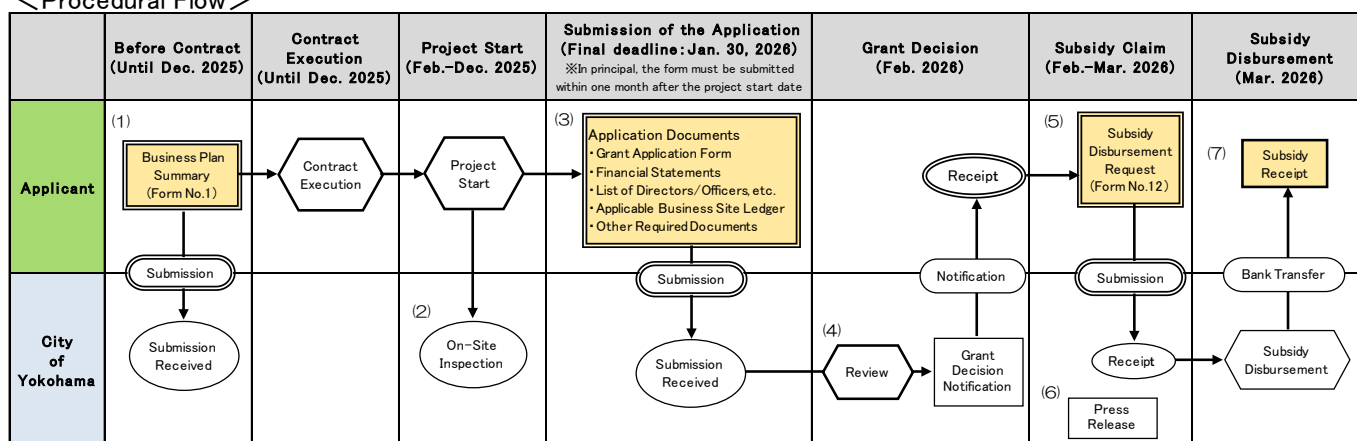
- (1) Investment agreement (copy) or other documents verifying fundraising required in the startup criteria
- (2) A copy of a certificate issued by a university, research institute, or corporate R&D division verifying the R&D achievements defined in the tech startup requirements, or other documentation confirming such achievements (only required if it is not possible to verify that R&D expenses accounted for 5% or more of sales in the most recent financial statements)

④ Process Flow and Schedule

The general process and schedule until grant disbursement is as follows.

- (1) Submit “Business Plan Summary (Form No. 1)” : Until December 2025 (must be before contract date)
- (2) On-site inspection by staff : April–December 2025 (after business starts)
- (3) Grant application : April 2025 – January 2026
- (4) Review and notice of grant decision/amount : February 2026
- (5) Submit request for Subsidy disbursement : February–March 2026
- (6) Press release of grant decision : March 2026
- (7) Disbursement of the Subsidy : March 2026 *Transferred to the designated bank account

<Procedural Flow>



⑤ Notes (Please read carefully)

(1) Calculation of the Subsidy Amount

- If the total amount of requested subsidies exceeds the available budget, the amount will be reduced and proportionally allocated within the budget.

(2) Mandatory Project Period (for 2 Years) and Status Reporting

- ① During the mandatory project period, the business must continue operations at the established location.

If receiving an additional subsidy, the business must maintain net-zero CO₂ emissions from electricity use at the site during this period.

*Mandatory Project Period : From the project start date to the date marking two years later.

*Project Start Date : The date when operations based on the business plan summary begin at the applicable site and the eligibility requirements (see p.1) are fulfilled.

- ② During the mandatory project period, an annual status report must be submitted in the same month the project began, using the following documents.

- Yokohama City Next-Generation Strategic Sector Location Promotion Subsidy – Status Report (Form No. 15)

- Yokohama City Next-Generation Strategic Sector Location Promotion Subsidy – List of Directors / Officers, etc. (Form No. 8)

- Copy of the most recent Final Corporate Municipal Tax Return

(Note) If these obligations are violated, the subsidy approval will be revoked, and the funds

must be returned.

*If the additional subsidy applies and the continuation of net-zero CO₂ emissions from electricity use cannot be confirmed during the mandatory project period, only the additional subsidy amount must be returned.

*A surcharge of 10.95% per annum will be applied to returned subsidy amounts.

(3) Incompatibility with Other Programs

- Businesses that have applied for certification under the Yokohama City Ordinance on Support Measures in Specified Areas for Promoting Corporate Locations (the “Corporate Location Promotion Ordinance”) are not eligible for this subsidy.

⑥ List of Eligible Fields for the Next-Generation Strategic Sector Location Promotion Subsidy

	Main Examples of Business Activities
Decarbonization* ¹	Development and manufacturing of renewable energy (solar, wind, geothermal, tidal, biomass, etc.); development and manufacturing of non-fossil energy (hydrogen, e-fuel, ammonia, nuclear-fusion power, etc.); next-generation power management businesses (including next-generation storage batteries and next-generation semiconductors.); projects related to transforming the energy supply and demand structure of businesses and industries; circular economy businesses; carbon recycling businesses (CCS); development and manufacturing of decarbonization materials including the development and manufacturing of lithium-ion batteries, next-generation storage batteries and related compounds; fuel cell manufacturing businesses; high-efficiency gas turbine combined-cycle power systems technology development and manufacturing businesses; development and manufacturing of next-generation lighting devices such as LED and organic EL; development and manufacturing of smart grid-compatible devices and systems; development and manufacturing of alternative materials to rare metals and rare earths, etc.; development, or manufacturing/certification of technologies for components, materials, or products related to the decarbonization field, etc.
Semiconductors	Development and manufacturing of semiconductor production equipment; manufacturing of semiconductor design tools; manufacturing of semiconductor analysis tools; development and manufacturing of integrated circuits; development and manufacturing of semiconductor inspection/evaluation equipment; design, development, or manufacturing/certification of technologies for components, materials, and equipment related to the semiconductor fields, etc.
Mobility (Excluding Fossil Fuel-Based)	Development, system design, and implementation of next-generation transportation, avoidance technologies and digital transformation (DX) of automobiles (autonomous driving and driver assistance services, etc.); projects to improve traffic safety and digital transformation (DX) of road systems and big-data-driven safety measures; manufacturing of next-generation vehicles, parts, and accessories; environmentally-friendly aircraft, parts, and accessory manufacturing business; development and manufacturing of next-generation mobility (drones, personal mobility, green slow mobility, etc.), parts and accessory, etc.
IT & Telecommunications	Embedded software businesses; packaged software businesses; contract-based software development businesses; game software businesses; portal-site and server operation businesses; application developers, online services providers, content-creation businesses, and internet service providers (ISP); internet support service businesses ; manufacturing of telecommunications equipment and related device; manufacturing of computer and peripheral device; and other IT and telecommunications-related research and development businesses, etc.

Health/Medical	Pharmaceutical research, development, and manufacturing businesses; development and manufacturing of medical devices and equipment; research, development, and applied manufacturing of medical and nursing care robots; research, development, and manufacturing of chemical raw materials; research, development, and manufacturing of biosensors; research, development, and manufacturing of analysis and diagnostic devices (such as amino acid composition analyzers, automated glycan labeling machines); DNA analysis service businesses ; contracted genetic-testing services; development or manufacturing of equipment related to the development or manufacturing/certification of components and materials in the medical and healthcare fields, etc.
Advanced technology	Research, development, application, and manufacturing of micromachines; laser equipment manufacturing businesses; robot manufacturing businesses; aerospace-related equipment manufacturing businesses; plant-related equipment manufacturing businesses; research, development, application, and manufacturing of new materials; certification businesses related to the above manufacturing industries; AI technology utilization businesses; quantum technology utilization businesses; technology safety businesses, etc.
Childcare* ²	Development and manufacturing of childcare products (car seats, children's clothing, food, medical equipment, etc.); businesses related to digitization of childcare services; development and operation of childcare support apps; operation of childcare services with high-quality educational programs; development of software and hardware related to learning; distribution and publishing businesses of educational content; training businesses of human resources related to childcare services; housekeeping services; babysitting services, etc.

*1 Following the decision to grant the "Yokohama City Next-Generation Strategic Sector Location Promotion Subsidy" in the decarbonization field, small and medium-sized enterprises that have implemented Yokohama City's "Decarbonization Initiatives Declaration" will be eligible for preferential interest rates and guarantee fee subsidies under Yokohama City's small and medium-sized enterprise financing system, the "Decarbonization Yokohama Fund."

*2 Limited to those that contribute to improving the child-rearing environment in the city and are deemed by the mayor to be able to fully guarantee the safety of users and children.

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