

IV. Guidelines for Establishment of Institutional Facilities in Footwear and Leather Sector sub-scheme of Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme(IFLDP)

1. Background

1.1 Footwear and Leather products sector is one of the fastest growing sectors in the Indian economy and is emerging as a huge employment provider. There is a huge demand for skilled and trained workforce in the footwear manufacturing, design, marketing and retail sector.

1.2 Footwear Design & Development Institute was established in 1986, under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India. FDDI is playing a key role in imparting education, facilitating the Indian industry by bridging the skill gap in the areas of Footwear, Leather Accessory & life style product, and because of its continuous contribution towards nation building, FDDI has been granted the status of “An Institution of National Importance” under the FDDI Act 2017.

1.3 FDDI is a premier academic and training institution dedicated to the development and growth of the Footwear & Product, Leather Products, Retail and Fashion Merchandise and Fashion Design sectors. FDDI has Pan India Presence with 12 state-of art campuses spread across the country. It has world class Infrastructure & Facilities (equipped with Smart Class Rooms, Workshops with latest machineries & equipment's, High tech IT lab, High end Product development centre, International Testing centre, Comprehensive Library, Auditorium & Sports facilities, and In campus Hostels etc.), created across the functional domain to ensure international standards of higher education, training & delivery for Footwear, Leather products, Retail and Allied Industries - 360° interventions under one umbrella.

2. Objective

This sub-scheme of FLADP aims at providing infrastructure by way of upgrading the existing infrastructure of campuses of Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI).

3. Pattern of Assistance

Assistance would be provided as a one-time grant-in-aid for establishment / upgradation of the institutional infrastructure of FDDI. DPIIT would provide for the cost of setting up of infrastructure excluding the land cost. No recurring cost would be provided by the Department.

4. Fund Release

(i) The fund under the scheme would be released in three instalments as per the following schedule:-

1 st installment	30% of the project cost as advance on approval of the project
2 nd installment	40% on utilization of the previous instalment
3 rd installment	30% on utilization of the previous installment and after satisfactory progress of the project.

5. Implementation of the Scheme

5.1 The Empowered Committee to be notified by DPIIT under chairmanship of Secretary (DPIIT) would be the Project Sanctioning Committee. FDDI will be responsible to submit a DPR to DPIIT for approval of Empowered Committee.

5.2 After the approval of the scheme by the Empowered Committee, depending upon project cost of setting up and upgradation of requisite infrastructure, funds would be released to the implementing agency.

5.3 FDDI shall hire suitable technical consultants with requisite experience for tendering, evaluation and supervision of the construction/upgradation work. FDDI would submit the report on the progress of the scheme quarterly. Steering Committee to be notified by the Department would monitor the progress of the scheme.

5.4 For the purpose of monitoring and verification of progress/proper utilisation of benefits, an appropriate system, including targets for physical verification by Group A/Class I officers will be set by the empowered committee.

5.5 Digital portal for beneficiaries in all sub-schemes enabling proper identification and monitoring of beneficiaries/benefits is being established.

5.6 Provision of these guidelines can be modified with the approval of Secretary, DPIIT.
