

CALL FOR EMPOWERMENT FUND APPLICATIONS FOR 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR: GRANT FUNDING TO SMMES IN NORTH WEST PROVINCE FOR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

The Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation & Tourism invites start-up and small business enterprises with duly registered companies/enterprises/cooperatives to apply for the Empowerment Fund. The objective of the Empowerment Fund is to support qualifying applicants with machinery and equipment to reduce their cost of doing business and improve their viability and competitiveness in the market.

Who can apply?

- Start-up business (businesses that have been operational for less than a year) may qualify for a maximum of R100 000.00, through the provision of production equipment and machinery including VAT, transport, installation and technical training costs.
- Existing businesses that have been operational for more than a year, may qualify for a maximum of up to R200 000.00 through the provision of production equipment and machinery including VAT, transport, installation and technical training costs.

Qualifying Criteria

- An applicant/applicants must be a South African citizen residing and operating a business in the North West Province.
- Be incorporated and registered in South Africa in terms of the Co-operatives Act No. 14 of 2005 and Company Act 71 of 2008 as amended.
- Must have attended business related training from any institution/agency for both start-ups and existing businesses.
- Must have a secured business operational site within the boundaries of the North West Province.
- The site must be used for its intended business purposes. Preference will be given to businesses owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Applicants must be directly involved in the business operations.

The following documents **MUST** be attached to the application form:

- 4.1 Covering/Application Letter
- 4.2 Business Profile
- 4.3 Copy of the CIPC Registration Certificate (CK1/CK2/CM29/CM49)
- 4.4 Copy of the SARS Tax Clearance Certificate
- 4.5 Copy of the BBBEE Certificate
- 4.6 Copy of Identity Documents for Directors
- 4.7 Quotation/s for Intervention – 1 Quotation with clear specifications (Supply Chain processes will be followed)
- 4.8 Copy of the Lease Agreement/Proof of Ownership – if leasing, if you operate business from home attach proof of ownership or permission letter from the house owner.
- 4.9 Proof of Market (copy of Sales Contract, sales/cash receipts)
- 4.10 Proof of annual return submission for Private Companies
- 4.11 Cooperatives meeting minutes (Resolution) in case of Cooperatives
- 4.12 Confirmation of Business Account plus 12 months bank statement

Exclusions - Beneficiaries of similar interventions from other organs of the state; Costs associated with tendering and tendering documentation; Liquor related activities, Gambling related activities; Cost of acquiring property; including renovations; Cost of building of office structures and factories; Primary Agriculture; Operational costs (working capital); Fire arms and Ammunition; Transport.

Closing date for all application is: 06 August 2021 at 16h00

For more information and application process please visit our website: www.nwpg.gov.za/dedect or Call Sarah Mendle, tel. (081) 277 9391, Email: smendle@nwpg.gov.za/Phenyo Duiker, tel. (061) 427 8295 or tel. (018) 388 5828, Email: pduiker@nwpg.gov.za

NB: Failure to comply with qualifying criteria will lead to automatic disqualification from being considered for funding.



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