



BUSINESS RELIEF AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR INTERVENTIONS

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1. BUSINESS SUPPORT

1.1 Debt Relief Fund

The Department of Small Business Development is establishing a debt relief fund to help mitigate the impact of the economic shutdown caused by the coronavirus on small, micro and medium enterprises (SMMEs).

The Debt Relief Fund will provide relief on existing debts and repayments to assist SMMEs during the COVID-19 State of Disaster. For SMMEs to be eligible for assistance under the Debt Relief Fund, the applicant must demonstrate a direct link of the impact or potential impact of COVID-19 on business operations.

1.1.1 Qualifying Criteria

- The business must have been registered with CIPC by at least 28 February 2020;
- Company must be 100% owned by South African Citizens;
- Employees must be 70% South Africans;
- Priority will be given to businesses owned by Women, Youth and People with Disabilities;
- Be registered and compliant with SARS and UIF;
- Seda will assist micro-enterprises to comply and request for assistance must be emailed to debtrelief@seda.org.za. Whereas small and medium enterprises must ensure own compliance;
- Registration on the National SMME Database – <https://smmesa.gov.za>
- Proof that the business is negatively affected by COVID-19 pandemic;
- Complete the simplified online application platform;
- Company Statutory Documents;
- FICA documents (e.g. Municipal accounts, letter from traditional authority);
- Certified ID Copies of Directors;
- 3 months Bank Statements;
- Latest Annual Financial Statements or Latest Management Accounts not older than three months from date of application – where applicable;
- Business Profile;
- 6 months Cash Flow Projections – where applicable;
- Copy of Lease Agreement or Proof ownership if applying for rental relief;
- If applying for payroll relief, details of employees - as registered with UIF and including banking details – will be required as payroll payments will be made directly to employees;
- SMME employers who are not compliant with UIF must register before applying for relief;
- Facility Statements of Other Funders; and
- Detail breakdown on application of funds including salaries, rent etc.

1.1.2 Application Process

- Register on <https://smmesa.gov.za/>;
- Complete online Application Form (See Annexure A); and
- Upload Required Supporting Documents (as per section 1.1.1).

1.2 Business Growth/Resilience Facility

Businesses geared to take advantage of supply opportunities resulting from the Coronavirus pandemic or shortage of goods in the local market.

1.2.1 Qualifying Criteria

- The business must have been registered with CIPC by at least 28 February 2020;
- Company must be 100% owned by South African Citizens;
- Employees must be 70% South Africans;
- Priority will be given to businesses owned by Women, Youth and People with Disabilities;
- Be registered and compliant with SARS and UIF;
- For non-compliant Micro businesses, Seda will assist them to comply and request for assistance Must be sent to: growthfund@seda.org.za;
- Registration on the National SMME Database: <https://smmesa.gov.za/>
- Complete the simplified online application form available from www.dsbd.gov.za; www.sefa.org.za; www.seda.org.za
- CIPC Registration Documents;
- FICA documents (e.g. Municipal accounts, letter from traditional authority);
- ID Copies of Directors/ members;
- months Bank Statements;
- Latest Annual Financial Statements or Management Accounts not older than three months from date of application;
- Business Profile;
- 6 months Cash Flow Projections – where applicable;
- Relevant Industry Certification – where applicable; and
- Estimations for funding requested.

1.2.2 Application Process

- Register on <https://smmesa.gov.za/> ;
- Complete online Application Form (See Annexure A); and
- Upload Required Supporting Documents (as per section 1.2.1).

1.3 South African Future Trust (SAFT)

SAFT, established by Nicky and Jonathan Oppenheimer, will make funds available to South African businesses impacted by the coronavirus.

The main aim of the SAFT is to mitigate the immediate economic impact of the Covid-19 crisis by keeping companies in business and protecting jobs, in order to fast track South Africa's economic recovery after this pandemic.

Four of South Africa's leading banks will administer the scheme at no cost to the fund. The banking partners are [Standard Bank](#), [Nedbank](#), [ABSA](#) and FNB. The banks have also waived their normal credit fees for all loans approved under the SAFT scheme to maximise the funds available to recipients.

During this initial Covid-19 period, the funds will be disbursed as interest-free loans over a five-year term. Once Covid-19 has passed, any further funds donated or repaid to SAFT will be deployed towards initiatives aimed at accelerating economic growth and employment creation within South Africa.

The reason for choosing this approach is to allow SMMEs who are suffering from short-term cashflow constraints to continue operations during this time of crisis, whilst retaining their employees.

SAFT loans will be:

- Interest-free for a five-year period.
- Subordinated to other pre-existing debt.
- If businesses are unable to repay the loan, SAFT will work closely with SMMEs to ensure that repayment plans are in place which are sustainable for the business concerned.

If you have a banking relationship with one of the four stipulated banks (Standard Bank, Nedbank, ABSA and FNB) currently, please go to your bank manager as soon as possible. They will forward you the common terms of the loan agreements that will be executed by the banks, the agents of the Trust.

1.3.1 Qualifying Criteria

- Annual turnover below R25 million;
- Must have been trading for at least 24 months;
- It must have been a sustainable business at 29 February 2020; and
- It must have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 outbreak.

1.3.2 Application Process:

- Business owners must lodge an application at their respective bank.

- Needed documentation:
 - Company identification;
 - Registration number (for CCs);
 - Master’s reference number (for trusts);
 - ID number and address (for sole proprietors);
 - PAYE number;
 - Income tax number; and
 - Confirmation of employment status of employee.

1.4 Sukuma Relief Programme

This programme is aimed at providing financial assistance and aid for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) negatively impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The initiative is in response to the call by President Ramaphosa to all social partners to support SMEs sustain their businesses and preserve jobs. The Rupert family and Remgro Limited pledged R1 billion towards this financial aid.

Small and medium enterprises who are negatively impacted by the coronavirus are encouraged to apply for assistance from the Sukuma Relief Programme, which offers distinct financial aid to formal sole proprietors and close corporations, companies, and trusts.

For formal sole proprietors, the fund offers a grant of R25,000 per qualifying business to be used to pay for overheads. Close corporations, companies, and trusts can apply for financial aid in the form of an unsecured interest-bearing loan of between R250,000 and R1 million, coupled with a non-repayable grant of R25,000 per qualifying business. The loan portion will be interest-free for 12 months with no repayment obligations during this period.

To qualify, businesses must provide evidence of financial activity prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, be tax compliant, and abide by the necessary regulations.

1.4.1 Qualifying Criteria

- Be formally registered;
- Provide evidence of financial viability prior to the COVID-19 outbreak; and
- Be both tax and regulatory compliant.

1.4.2 Application Process:

- The application process is only available online and everything required will be done through electronic communication. To apply, you need to prepare all the required documents and apply online via the link: <https://finance.businesspartners.co.za/welcome-to-the-sukuma-relief-programme/>
- Applicants are required to submit the following documents and information with their application:

1.4.2.1 Close Corporations, Companies and Trusts:

- Annual financial statements for the financial period ended 28 February 2019, signed off by a professional accountant;
- Management accounts for the period 01 March 2019 until at least 31 December 2019;
- The latest available EMP201 document submitted to SARS, not older than 3 months;
- 3 months' bank statements of the business for the period 01 December 2019 to 29 February 2020 to assess operations before the lockdown;
- A rental (premises) statement, not older than 3 months;
- The statements for any other credit agreements such as asset finance or trade finance loan agreements as at 31 January 2020;
- Motivation and supporting documentation clearly illustrating the financial distress suffered by the SME as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. The motivation can cover the following information: Reduction in turnover; Erosion of working capital; Inability or difficulty to pay wages and preserve jobs; Inability to pay rent; Inability to pay for other overheads; Inability or difficulty in servicing existing debt obligations; or all of the above;
- Statement of assets and liabilities for the main business owner;
- Copies of identity documents of all directors, shareholders, members, and trustees as applicable;
- Copy of marriage certificate including ANC contract, divorce certificate, or death certificate where applicable;
- Company documents:
 - Copy of registration certificate;
 - Copy of memorandum of incorporation; and
 - Copy of the company's share register.
- Close corporation:
 - Founding statement.
- Trust documents (if applicable):
 - Copy of the trust deed;
 - Copy of the Master's Authority Certificate; and
 - Copy of IDs of all trustees.
- Confirmation of bank account details issued by the relevant bank.

1.4.2.2 Formal Sole Proprietors:

- 3 months' bank statements of the business for the period 01 December 2019 to 29 February 2020 to assess operations before the lockdown;
- Copy of identity document;
- Copy of business license (where applicable); and
- Copy of tax clearance certificate.

1.5 IDC COVID-19 Essential Supplies Intervention

The IDC COVID-19 Essential Supplies Intervention is established to provide funding to companies for the acquisition and/or the manufacturing of essential supplies on an urgent basis to combat the Covid-19 pandemic that is facing South Africa. Essential supplies should include products on the comprehensive list published by the Treasury Department (which may be updated) and include other products that are critical to the treatment and curtailment of the spread of the disease.

1.5.1 Qualifying Criteria

- Companies that have a track record of manufacturing comparable products. In other words, that are capable of delivering on the contract in terms of capacity, resources and experience;
- In the case of imports and trade finance the lack or insufficiency of local manufacturing should be confirmed and capacity and experience to import at the required scale should be demonstrated;
- Company should be an accredited supplier (where applicable) if contract or purchase order is with government, retailers or multinationals;
- Company should demonstrate profitability as per historical financial statements;
- The intention should not be profiteering - the mark-up should be reasonable;
- Contract or purchase order with either the South African government or a strong customer for essential supplies;
- In the absence of a contract or orders a corporate guarantee from a company with Investment;
- Grade may be considered. Where a clearly demonstrable shortage of supply exists, letters of intent may be motivated;
- Geographic focus to be South Africa and SACU; and
- Exports are allowed if it forms part of a bigger contract for manufacturing but an excess portion of products is exported.

1.5.2 Financial Instruments and Terms

The following instruments are available:

- Short term loan for once off- contract or import funding;
- Revolving Credit Facility;
- Guarantees to banks for banking facilities, imports, ordering requirements; and
- Term to be limited to a maximum of 3 months for all facilities.

Interest rate and pricing:

- IDC loan and trade finance facilities: P + 1% pa
- MCEP Loan facilities 2,5% pa
- Guarantees: 2% p.a.

1.5.3 Priority Sectors

Essential supplies should include products on the comprehensive list published by the Treasury Department (which may be updated) and include other products that are critical to the treatment and curtailment of the spread of the disease typically as per the list below:

- Bulk supplies of disinfectants and sanitizers;
- Accredited masks and test-kits;
- Medical Gloves;
- Packaging (bottles, caps, pumps, sachets etc);
- Sanitisers (hand or industrial);
- Toilet Paper, Wipes, Tissue Paper, Sanitary Pads;
- Cleaning materials;
- Chemicals;
- Approved drugs;
- Ventilators and filters;
- Nebulisers and nebulising agents;
- Hospital beds;
- Oxygen;
- Aprons;
- Safety Visors;
- Raw materials to manufacture essential products; and
- Urgent regulatory and compliance testing of products or treatments if required.

1.5.4 Information Required

The following information is required to the satisfaction of IDC:

- Applicant background detailing historical and existing manufacturing and trading facilities and capabilities (summary of business model, products and why IDC should fund them – commercial merits);
- Letter of standing from the bank (and all other financiers);
- Bank statements for the last 12 months;
- Confirmation and copies of all other financing facilities;
- FICA documentation and PEP status;
- Tax clearance certificate;
- CV's of Management;
- Financial statements (annual audited or reviewed and interim management accounts not older than 2 months);
- Analysis of stock, debtors and creditors;
- Budgets including the contract;
- Description of Project and products to be manufactured;
- Copy of contract or purchase order from government or reputable strong customer i.e. retailer, or multinational;

- Documentary evidence of product accreditation where required by government or customer;
- Quotations to support application of funds;
- Motivation/validation of applicant's supplier to determine its credibility and ability to deliver the contracted supplies;
- Payment terms of suppliers;
- Supply chain arrangements i.e. how will the product be shipped, after how long?
- Security available;
- Personal balance sheets and balance sheets of guarantor;

Legal information as per the fact track legal DD information request as below:

1.5.4.1 Corporate Records, Management and Shareholders

- Copies of the registration certificate, memorandum of incorporation, share certificates, securities register including particulars of share capital, showing authorised and issued capital and classes of shares, copies of any agreement or commitment to create, issue or transfer shares (including loans and share options).

1.5.4.2 Compliance

- Details of any compliance programmes of the company including: product liability, competition law.
- Copies of all compliance notices issued to the company by the companies' Commission.

1.5.4.3 Government Regulations and Filing

- Copies of all licences, consents, permits, authorisations required to carry on the business of the company or target.

1.5.4.4 Litigation

- Details of any litigation, arbitration, investigations, pending or threatened action by or against the company.

1.5.4.5 Agreements

- Copies of all material and long term contracts including leases, facilities agreements with financial providers, supply agreements, off balance sheet funding, preference shares, profit sharing agreements, options, share incentive schemes.
- Copies of any guarantees, sureties, indemnities, letters of comfort, notarial and mortgage bonds provided to third parties.

1.5.5 Application Process

- Applications to be completed online at <https://protected.idc.co.za/clientportal> ; and
- Required Supporting Documents (as per section 1.5.4).

1.6 Spaza Shop and General Dealers Support Scheme

Department of Small Business Development has announced guidelines for participation in the spaza shops and general dealers support scheme in partnership with Nedbank which opened on Saturday, 18 April 2020.

To improve access to the Spaza shops and General Dealers Support Scheme, the Department of Small Business Development wishes to clarify the following:

- a) The support scheme also benefits the general dealers/ traditional grocery stores in townships and villages with applicable licenses that are 100% owned by South Africans.
- b) Whereas the local hardware stores are also beneficiaries under this scheme, their funding package is being finalised to ensure their ability to operate as their businesses have been included in the updated list of businesses offering essential services. The support for artisans (e.g.: plumbers, electricians etc.) whose services have been classified as essential will also be announced during the week.
- c) The Department has finalised an Agreement with NEDBANK to support Spaza shops and general dealers on the back of the Khula Credit Guarantee Scheme of SEFA. Engagements to on-board the other banks continuing. Support through NEDBANK and its channels became available from Saturday, 18 April 2020.
- d) Given their footprint, NEDBANK has availed the NEDBANK Desks that are found in all the BOXER stores countrywide to serve as additional service points.

1.6.1 What is the support available under the scheme

1.6.1.1 Access to working capital investment and revolving credit facility that is backed by the Khula Credit Guarantee scheme of SEFA in partnership with NEDBANK. The facility is available at participating wholesalers that are distributed country-wide. The list of participating wholesalers will be shared with approved spaza and general dealer owners.

1.6.1.2 Business Management support that includes assistance with basic financial management with support of Financial/ Business graduates that will be assigned to give dedicated support to the business over a 24 month period.

1.6.1.3 Legal compliance that includes assistance to register with CIPC, SARS and UIF, and other compliance requirements that may be necessary for participation in the scheme.

1.6.2 How to apply for support under the scheme:

1.6.2.1 A spaza shop/ general dealer owner who is a South African and holds a valid trading permit (including temporary) or business license in the case of a general dealer qualifies to apply.

1.6.2.2 The qualify spazas and general dealer owner must go to their nearest Nedbank Branch or

Nedbank desk at their nearest BOXER store for assistance to apply. The following documents will be required:

- a) A valid South African ID document
- b) A valid and original municipal trading license/ permit to trade or business license in case of a general dealer (COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE). Only permits or licenses issued by the municipality, NOT a councillor are valid

1.6.1.3 The qualifying Spazashop/ General Dealer owner must be willing to accept assistance to register with CIPC, SARS and UIF, in the case were the owner is not already registered before approval to participate in the scheme.

1.6.1.4 At the NEDBANK branch/ desk, the owners will be assisted to register on the SMMESA database, and complete the applicable application form.

1.6.1.5 The participating owners will be required to commitment and undertake to the following:

- a) To buy products on the department approved basket of goods that will change from time-to-time, in particular products produced by South African SMMEs and cooperatives;
- b) To operate a business banking account and will accept to participate in the SEDA supported business management support programme that includes assistance with inventory management and stock control, preparations of management and annual financial statements.
- c) To uphold Environmental Health and Food Safety Standards and the Guidelines of the Department of Health, which will include:
 - i. Sanitizing before and after serving each customers;
 - ii. Disinfecting the service counters;
 - iii. Maintain the applicable social distance between customers and customer and service point;
 - iv. No sale of counterfeit goods and stale/ expired foodstuff;
 - v. Not use trading spaces as sleeping quarters.

For additional assistance or enquiries, spaza shop and general dealer owners may call 0860 663 7867 or e-mail to Spazasupport@dsbd.gov.za

Additional information may be obtained from any of the official websites:

www.dsbd.gov.za;

www.sefa.org.za;

www.seda.org.za;

www.mybindu.org.za

1.7 Youth Micro Enterprise Relief Fund

The outbreak of COVID-19 has impacted a lot of enterprises globally and locally. Youth-owned enterprises have not been spared from this. A number of interventions have been announced by government and the private sector to help SMME mitigate the impact of COVID-19. It is therefore appropriate that NYDA should also provide a response for youth-owned enterprises. The NYDA is

going to provide a Relief Fund to youth-owned enterprises for a period of three months. This fund is targeted at youth-owned businesses that meet the criteria below.

1.7.1 Qualifying Criteria:

- The youth owned enterprise must have been existing and operating for a period of six (6) months prior to the lockdown. Proof of this must be submitted in a form of management accounts (i.e. invoices, orders, etc.)
- The youth owned enterprises must be able to provide financial statement for three (3) months before the lockdown and statements during the lockdown.
- The youth owned enterprise must submit CIPC registration documents except for informal businesses
- The youth owned enterprise must provide proof of banking details that is not older than six (6) months
- Demonstrate how the enterprise has been impacted by COVID-19
- The relief fund will cover operational costs only
- The relief fund will be capped at a maximum of R10,000.00 per youth owned enterprise and this will be a once-off amount
- The application period is from 20 April up to 30 May 2020
- The applicant must provide evidence of the following:
 - The enterprise is owned by youth between the age of 18 to 35 years
 - The owners are South African citizens
 - They are residing in South Africa
 - The business operates within the borders of South Africa

1.7.2 Application Process:

- Applicants must complete the application form (see annexure D) and email it along with the supporting documents as highlighted in section 1.7.1 to the branch or District Office closest to them (see annexure E)

1.8 National Empowerment Fund Covid-19 Emergency Funding Intervention

As South Africa intensifies the fight against COVID-19, the global pandemic that must be defeated, the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) in partnership with the NEF call upon black businesses to come forward for funding geared at supporting the manufacture of various medical supplies and the production of food.

R200 million has been set aside under the COVID-19 Black Business Fund as a blended facility for SMEs that manufacture and supply Identified Priority Products to access concessionary loan funding.

Salient Features of the Fund:

- Limited to R10 million per applicant for working capital, machinery and equipment;
- Up to 12 months payment moratorium at 0% fixed interest rate;

- After 12 months a fixed interest rate of 2,5% will apply;
- Maximum term is 60 months, including moratorium; and
- First drawdown must occur within 1 month from approval date.

1.8.1 Qualifying Criteria:

- Be a registered legal entity in South Africa in terms of the Companies Act, 2008 (as amended); the Close Corporations Act, 1984 or the Co-operatives Act, 2005;
- Be a taxpayer in good standing with a valid tax clearance certificate at assessment as well as before the loan is disbursed;
- Be a current and registered supplier with retailers and other institutions in good standing or have a purchase order/ contract/ letter of intent;
- Require working capital or funds to purchase machinery and equipment;
- The fund WILL NOT service any pre-existing debt or help settle monies owed;
- Have greater than fifty percent (>50%) Black shareholding and management control. Must be directly involved in the day-to-day running of the operation and must have requisite expertise in the sector. Owned by black South Africans as defined by the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Act;
- In line with the NEF's transformation mandate, preference will be given to applications that demonstrate meaningful black women ownership, management and control;
- Have a project with a minimum requirement of R500 000 in working capital, machinery and equipment;
- Must result in retaining or increasing direct jobs; and
- Submission of all relevant documents for commercially viable applications.

1.8.2 Application Process:

- Applicants need to complete the NEF application form (see Annexure B) accompanied with required documentation.
- Required documentations:
 - Declaration on BEE status and size of business;
 - Summary of production in the last 3 months;
 - Copy of the historical financial statements (up to 3 years if available);
 - Signed copy of the contract, purchase order or letter of intent from the applicant's client/s;
 - Financial forecast for the duration of the contract, order, or letter of intent. The forecast should include income statement, cash flow statement and balance sheet for the duration of the funding; and
 - Additional information that would be necessary to enhance the application may be requested by the NEF as and when deemed necessary.
- For further information visit: <https://www.nefcorp.co.za/covid-19-business-funding/>

1.9 COVID-19 Small Business Relief Centre

The Covid-19 Small Business Relief Centre has been launched by the National Small Business Chamber (NSBC) to assist small businesses during this crisis. With the collaboration of experts in various business fields, this centre hopes to help small businesses weather the current coronavirus storm successfully.

Some of the key areas the centre will focus on include: low-interest disaster recovery loans, moratoriums on vehicle and equipment leases, bond repayments, supplier negotiation and communication, landlord negotiation with regards to property leases, increased cleaning, disinfecting and hygiene protocols, digital marketing strategies in a time of crisis, quick digital migration for meetings, business continuity plan creation, etc.

NSBC calls on experts to join in helping small businesses survive and prosper. Contributions, suggestions, tips and advice are welcomed to add value to The Covid-19 Small Business Relief Centre to help small businesses get through this crisis, especially those in dire need of financial relief and general business survival, will be well received.

For more information visit: <https://www.nsbcafrica.com/COVID-19>

2. TOURISM SUPPORT

2.6 Tourism Relief Fund

The National Department of Tourism has made an additional R200 million available to assist SMEs in the tourism and hospitality sector who are under particular stress due to the new travel restrictions. This is amongst the interventions we believe will help to cushion our society from these economic difficulties.

The Tourism Relief Fund provides once-off capped grant assistance to Small Micro and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMMEs) in the tourism sector to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in order to ensure their sustainability.

Capped at R50 000 per entity, grant funding can be utilised to subsidise expenses towards fixed costs, operational costs, supplies and other pressure cost items. Preference will be given to enterprises with the highest score in terms of the scoring criteria below which serves as a pre-qualification. The final evaluation will be done by a panel of experts in terms of functionality.

Guided by the Tourism Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Codes of Good Practices approved by the Minister of Trade and Industries in 2015 (in line with the B-BBEE Amendment Act No. 46 of 2013), the Tourism Relief Fund is administered in line with the objectives of Economic Transformation, and our vision to ensure sustainable and inclusive tourism development.

The applications will be processed weekly, subject to availability of funds, while observing equitable spatial distribution in terms of provinces.

Categories eligible to apply for the Tourism Relief Fund include the following:

- Accommodation establishments: Hotels, Lodges, Bed and Breakfast (B&B's), Guest Houses and Backpackers;
- Hospitality and related services: Restaurants (not attached to hotels); Conference venues (not attached to hotels); Professional catering; and Attractions; and
- Travel and related services: Tour operators; Travel agents; Tourist guiding; Car rental companies; and Coach Operators.

Non-Qualifying Activities:

- Fast food and take away restaurants, nightclubs, bars, gaming and gambling venues;
- Franchised restaurants and those attached to tourism facilities; and
- Establishments wholly or partially owned by Government will not be considered.

2.6.1 Qualifying Criteria

- Proof of valid registration with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC);
- Must be an Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME) defined in terms of the Amended Tourism B-BBEE Sector Code, 2015;
- Must have a valid tax clearance certificate or PIN;
- Proof of compliance with the minimum wage requirements;
- Must provide proof of UIF registration for employees employed by the business;
- Be an existing tourism-specific establishment as outlined in the scope of application (suppliers and intermediaries are not eligible);
- Must be in existence for at least one business financial year;
- Proof that the relief is required as a result of the impact of COVID-19;
- Must submit the latest statements of financial position, financial performance and cash flows;
- Must submit six months bank statements; and
- Grading certificate or proof of application to be graded for accommodation establishments.

2.6.2 Delivery Mechanisms

- The relief will be distributed in a spatially equitable manner to ensure that all provinces benefit;
- At least 70% of beneficiaries will be businesses that are Black owned;
- At least 50% of beneficiaries will be businesses that are women owned;
- At least 30% of beneficiaries will be businesses that are youth owned; and
- At least 4% of beneficiaries will be businesses that are owned by people with disabilities.

2.6.3 Application Process

- SMMEs can submit funding applications by completing a form accessible online at <https://www.tourism.gov.za/Pages/COVID19TOURISMRELIEFFUND.aspx> or by email at covidrelief@tourism.gov.za
- Application forms must be submitted with the following pre-qualifying/compulsory documents:
 - Complete application form online: <https://www.tourism.gov.za/Pages/COVID19TOURISMRELIEFFUND.aspx>;
 - Registration certificate issued by CIPC;
 - Certified ID copies of Directors/members;
 - Six months bank statements;
 - Latest annual financial statements – Income, Cash flow statements and statement of financial position;
 - Business profile – 2 to 5 pages maximum;
 - Relevant industry certification – depending on the business focus area;
 - Latest UIF/U-filing contribution certificate;
 - Indicate the intended use of the resources – budget breakdown (to be adhered to in the expenditure);
 - Grading certificate or proof of application to be graded (where applicable);
 - Certificate of B-BBEE or Affidavit;
 - Tax clearance certificate or PIN;
 - Medical certificate for people with disabilities where applicable.

Western Cape Tourism Plan

Apart from the Tourism relief fund, the Western Cape provided a plan to identify the way forward for the tourism industry and its subsectors. The more Tourism is built into recovery plans, the more rapidly confidence will grow in travel and therefore reactivation of the industry itself.

What we know in terms of destination recovery after a crisis:

1. Lower the level of familiarity (not awareness) the slower the recovery (repeat visitors);
2. The perception of a destination;
3. The perception of personal risk once in destination;
4. Travel motivations;
5. Make domestic a focus – build product and awareness;
6. Build your database, we can share content via videos, images, copy articles, research); and
7. The Plan:
 - a. Segmentation - Associations are the route to the industry;
 - b. Business Support - Single voice through the various infection phases (see business support platforms launched);
 - c. Pro-Active Destination Management - Promotion of the destination through the development of content and distribution thereof through online assets;
 - d. Destination Monitoring - Online tracking of conversations and engaging with the

- correct facts; and
- e. Content Creation - Videos and images; Research and articles; Statements and infographics as well as stories of kindness.

3. OTHER INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORT

3.6 Solidarity Fund

In an effort to mitigate the economic impact of the coronavirus and the 21-day lockdown which President Cyril Ramaphosa announced earlier this week, government has set up an independent relief fund called the Solidarity Response Fund. The aim of the fund is to offer assistance to South Africans affected by the outbreak.

The Solidarity Response Fund will be independently administered and will work with other initiatives to achieve these objectives. Through this Fund individuals and organisations will be able to support these efforts through secure, tax deductible donations.

The Fund will operate with the highest principles of corporate governance and through an independent Board. All activities will be reported in a transparent manner. The Fund administration will be done through professional managers and organisations in the private sector.

For more information visit: <https://www.solidarityfund.co.za/>

3.7 Covid-19 Agriculture Disaster Support Fund

The Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development has announced that government has set aside a package of R1.2bn to address effects of the coronavirus on the Agriculture sector and ensure sustainable food production after the pandemic. The department has also availed R100m to the Land Bank to help farmers in distress.

The main objective of this support is to complete the current production cycle in an effort to ensure adequate food production and supplies. The targeted beneficiaries are smallholder and communal producers with a turnover between R20 000 and R1 million per annum. 50% women, 40% youth and 6% people with disability will be targeted. The Funding is a grant and the voucher system will apply in partnership with distributors and manufactures of these inputs and the grant shall not exceed R50 000 per farming operation.

The specific targeted commodities to be supported are the following: *(this is guided by the country's self-sufficiency index)*

Commodity	Specific Support
Poultry	Day old chicks, Point of lay chickens, feed, medication and sawdust;

Vegetables	Seed, Seedlings, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides and soil correction.
Fruits	Final spraying programmes for fruits that are ready for harvest.
Livestock	Feed and medication
Winter Crops	Soil correction, fertilizer, seeds, herbicides and pesticides.

3.7.1 Minimum Requirements

- Smallholder farmers/producers must have a minimum turnover of R20 000 per annum but not exceeding R1 million. (produce financial records or evidence if financial statement cannot be produced during this lockdown period);
- South African Certified ID copy; not older than 3 months;
- Valid confirmation of land tenure/ownership (title deeds, Tribal Resolution, Permission to Occupy, minimum 5 years lease agreement);
- Actively farming for already 12 months;
- Application form completed;
- Farming operation able to create permanent and/or seasonal jobs;
- In cases where the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Certificate is necessary for the operations, evidence of such to be provided;
- Proof of access to water for irrigation in case of fruits, vegetables and winter crops (i.e. water license/rights or proof that it had been applied for, borehole or other sources); and
- Non-Government Employees.

3.7.2 Application Process

- The applications for this funding will be open from 8 April and will close on 22 April — no late entries will be accepted.
- Applications will be lodged electronically to applications@dalrrd.gov.za
- Application forms (see Annexure C)
- Minimum required documents:
 - South African ID Document (Certified copy not older than 3 months required);
 - Financial reports which indicate income earned is within requirements listed above. Bank statements if possible;
 - Valid confirmation of land tenure or ownership (Title deeds, Tribal Resolution, Permission to occupy, minimum 5 year lease agreement);
 - EIA document (if there is one required for operations); and
 - Proof of access to water for irrigation for the case of fruits, vegetables and winter crops (i.e. water license/rights or proof that it had been applied for, borehole or other sources).

4 USEFUL SITES AND CONTACT NUMBERS FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION

4.1 Updates and information on Covid-19

- World Health Organization website: www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019
- Western Cape Health Department website: www.westerncape.gov.za/dept/health
- National Institute for Communicable Diseases website: www.nicd.ac.za

The Municipality strongly advises residents to take precautions, follow good hygiene principles and only rely on information from trusted, verifiable sources such as the above.

4.2 Industry updates and resources:

SA wine industry: <https://www.wineland.co.za/covid-19-info/>

Tourism industry: <https://www.southafrica.net/gl/en/trade>

UIF Guide in response to COVID-19: www.labour.gov.za

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