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Guideline on funding of sport organisations

1. Overview

The Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation has embarked on a strategy to reposition sport, recreation and school sports in order to promote and develop sport and recreation. Sport organisations like sport clubs, sport federations and sport confederations at different levels play a major role in developing and promoting sporting codes in the Province. Such contribution needs funding to be implemented to enhance performance of District and Provincial sport teams in various sport competitions and tournaments.

The Department has been supporting sport organisations to promote active life style and increase mass participation in sport and recreation. These sports organisations are delivery agents of the Department since they assist the Department to deliver on its mandate and also deliver programmes that promote government priorities like nation building and social cohesion.

Formation of sustainable sport confederations (councils) in all local municipalities, Districts and Provincial level is one of the priorities of the Department. These sport confederations are controlling bodies of sport federations and they should enhance transformation of sport organisations in the Province. One of the responsibilities of the sport confederation is to coordinate high performance sport training in order to produce elite athletes in the Province and training of sport leaders.

Sport federations must affiliate to their respective National Federations and be aligned with political boundaries of the Province. Provincial sport federations must have the three Districts as members to qualify for Provincial status. Sport federations must ensure their respective sport codes are accessible to all communities in the Province. The purpose of this funding is to make strategic investments in the sport organisations and optimize economic benefit of sport, recreation and school sport in the Province.

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2.2 Objectives

The Funding objectives are:

- Sport and recreation development
(Promotion of sport and recreation with the aim to develop athletes, increase number of participants in sport and promote active life style and make the sport accessible to the majority of the population)
- Sport Talent identification and development
(Identification of talented athletes and nurture and develop the identified talent)
- Sport and recreation high performance training
(Training of talented sport athletes to prepare them for elite sport competitions at National and International level)
- Delivery of Provincial teams
(Preparations of District and/or Provincial teams to participate in Provincial and National tournaments and competitions)
- Skills development
(Training of technical officials, sport coaches and administrators to produce skilled workforce for sport and recreation.)
- Use of sport a tool to promote national priorities.
(Use sport and recreation as a tool to fight crime, drug abuse, promote peace, nation building and social cohesion)
- **Job Creation:**
(The result will be creation of temporary and permanent jobs for sport administrators, coaches, technical officials and volunteers).

2.3 Funding focus areas

The focus areas are namely:

- **Sport and recreation events**
- **Sport and recreation development programmes**
- **Talent identification and talent nurturing programmes**
- **High performance training and elite sport programmes**
- **Training and skills development programmes**

2.4 Summary of Application Process

- The funding is limited to a maximum of R 250,000 per organization.
- This will be a once off funding annually.
- Successful candidates will be subjected to a cooling off period for the following year.
- The approval of projects to ensure that the financing is responsive to focus areas.

2.5 Application Criteria

- Applicants must be citizens of the Mpumalanga and reside in the Province.
- The programme (s) and/or projects funded must be implemented within Mpumalanga Province.
- Projects must focus on the promotion and development of local sport and recreation talent.

2.6 Compulsory Accompanying Documents

- Affiliation letter (District federation must affiliate to Provincial federation, and Provincial federation must affiliate to National federation sport and Recreation Structures must affiliate to Sport Confederation).
- NPO registration certificates
- Proof of registration in the CSD
- Tax Clearance Certificate (applies to Individual Applicants also)
- Proof of residence
- Project Profile
- Business proposal with budget breakdown
- The Constitution of the organization
- The recent three months financial statement

SECTION B

3. PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

3.1 Sport and Recreation events

Programs should focus on:

- To promote and mass participation
- To promote social cohesion and nation building.
- To promote active and healthy life style

3.2 Talent nurturing programmes

Programs should focus on:

- To identify and develop sport talent
- To develop high performance athletes
- To create a platform for athletes to compete at elite level

3.3 Training and skills development programmes

Programs should focus on:

- To increase the number of accredited Officials
- To empower technical Officials and coaches with competitive knowledge

SECTION C

4. CRITERIA

Applicable Criteria to all applicants:

4.1 Administrative requirement applicable to applicants

- Applicants should be South Africans, sport and recreation organisations registered organisations (NGO, CBO and NPO) and individuals.
- Successful applicants will be awarded for three financial years subject to performance review.
- Only one application per organization will be considered
- Projects that have partnership, sponsors and are co-funded should be declared during application. Proof of such commitment must be provided.
- Application forms should be completed honestly and accurately.
- Project timeframe should fall within stated funding timeframes.
- Shortlisted applicants will be subjected to project verification and background check before the funding is concluded.
- The DCSR and adjudication panel's decision is final. No further correspondence will be entered into.
- Due to high volume of applications anticipated, correspondence will be limited shortlisted applicants only.
- Successful applicants are expected to enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Department.
- Applications should be delivered to DCSR Offices in the three districts and Head Office. (**See addresses in the application forms**).
- Only affiliated organisations will be considered.

SECTION D

5. PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

5.1 Adjudication Process

Step 1: Preliminary Review

- DCSR officials will conduct a preliminary review of each application to ensure compliance with the administrative criteria.
- Should the application be disqualified for any administrative reason, the submission will not be submitted to Step 2,

Step 2: Making the decision

- An adjudication panel of experts comprising DCSR officials will be appointed to evaluate the applications based on the merits and criteria of the funding instrument.

Amounts Limit	Project Experience
R 0 – R50 000	Individual and projects that are new, never been funded and implemented
R50 000 – R250 000	Individuals and projects that are successfully run and implemented. Consideration will be given to projects with good track record and sound financial management systems.

R250 000 – R1 000 000	Provincial and/or National Projects that have been running over a period of three years and are part of the Department's key programmes and are promoting the objective of the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation. The project must produce Provincial, National and/or International athletes.
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- The Head of Department /delegated official of the Department of Culture, Culture, Sport and Recreation will approve recommended applications.
- Funding will be awarded at the discretion of the Department, informed by the criteria, panel recommendations and availability of budget.
- The Department reserves the right to fund or not to fund any project that has been submitted for funding without stating any reason.