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Department:
Rural Development & Agrarian Reform
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Call for applications to participate in the Eastern Cape Agriculture Production Infrastructure Support Program 2021/22

The Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform invites all interested subsistence, smallholder farmers and black commercial farmers of Eastern Cape Province to apply for infrastructure development program of the Department. The program's aim is to support: enterprises with potential to stimulate economic growth and create jobs; improve natural resource management and assist producers towards SA & Global GAP compliances; beneficiaries of land reform's restitution and redistribution; black producers who have acquired land through private means and are engaged in value-adding enterprises domestically or involved in exports; Wards that have been prioritized under the Comprehensive Rural Development Programme and District Corridors. The departmental approach to farmer support is also to encourage the participation of youth and women in agriculture it is therefore a minimum of 40% of all beneficiaries must come from this profile of farmers. Unemployed graduates that meet the criteria below are also encouraged to apply.

Qualifying Applicants

- Applicants must be from previously disadvantaged group residing in the Eastern Cape Province.
- Involvement of youth and women
- Applicants must provide proof of tenure and are required to attach copies of their title deeds certificates, lease contracts, PTOs or any proof of tenure.
- Applicants on viable units under communal tenure system are encouraged to apply as an association/commodity group.
- Applicants must have access to basic services (Electricity added advantage)

- There must be proven status of farm Governance Systems
- The applicants must demonstrate that the entity will contribute to job creation
- The applicants must provide proof of own contribution towards the intended infrastructure development.
- For irrigation infrastructure, the applicant must have water rights for the land.
- For enterprise that requires environmental authorisation; only funding for such environmental authorisation may be considered, infrastructure development may be considered once authorisation is obtained.
- The application must contribute towards the transformation of the sector and participation in formal market.
- The applicant must have proof of Access to markets.
- All smallholder famers/enterprises must be registered in the Farmer Producer Register (FPR) database of the Department before submitting the application.

Requisite Documents

- Application form
- Proof of land ownership or legitimate right to occupy the land
- Short project profile
- Copy of Identity Documents of applicant or Executive Committee for Association
- Viable business plan for commodity you are driving
- Community resolution for projects under communal land tenure system

What can you apply for:

- Livestock production infrastructure
- Crop production infrastructure
- Value adding and processing infrastructure

Excluded from the Application

- Beneficiaries of similar program from DALRRD in the same period
- Beneficiaries of the DALRRD post settlement support in the same period
- Non-registration in the FPR database will lead immediate elimination
- Non-disclosure of previous government support towards the enterprise

Terms and Condition of Application

- Commitment to ensure effective and productive usage of all equipment and inputs (assets may be removed if not used productively/misused).
- Give the Department access to financial, production and sales records of the business – through participation in the Financial Record Keeping Programme (FRK).
- Commitment to allow the Department access to the farm for extension services and monitoring purposes.
- Commitment to participate in the capacity building and training programmes facilitated by the Department and its commodity partners.
- Farmers will be required to sign an agreement with the department committing on operation and maintenance prior to provision of infrastructure.

NB! Application forms are available in all DRDAR Offices and DRDAR Website (www.drdar.gov.za).

Please note that if you have not received a response within 90 days after the closing date of applications, consider your application as unsuccessful.

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The deadline for application forms is 31 August 2020