

# Infrastructure Support Program

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The Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR) invites subsistence, smallholder farmers and black commercial farmers in the Eastern Cape Province to apply for infrastructure development programme of the Department.



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The programme's aim is to support enterprises with potential to stimulate economic growth and create jobs and improve natural resource management and assist producers towards SA & Global GAP compliance.



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It supports beneficiaries of land reform's restitution and redistribution and black producers who have acquired land through private means and are engaged in value-adding enterprises domestically or internationally.



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Wards that have been prioritized under the Comprehensive Rural Development Programme and District Corridors are also supported.



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The departmental approach to farmer support is to encourage the participation of youth and women in agriculture hence a minimum of 40% of all beneficiaries must come from this profile of farmers whilst unemployed graduates are also encouraged to apply.



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Applicants must be from previously disadvantaged groups residing in the Province, have involvement of youth and women and provide proof of tenure and are required to attach copies of their title deeds certificates, lease contracts, PTOs or any proof of tenure.



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Applicants on viable units under communal tenure system are encouraged to apply as an association or commodity group and must have access to basic services, electricity is an added advantage.



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There must be proven status of farm Governance Systems, demonstrate contribution to job creation, the applicants must provide proof of own contribution towards the intended infrastructure development and for irrigation infrastructure, the applicant must have water rights for the land.



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The application must contribute towards the transformation of the sector and participation in formal market whilst the applicant must have proof of access to markets.



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All smallholder farmers or enterprises must be registered in the Farmer Producer Register (FPR) database of the Department and must be registered with the South African Revenue Services as tax payers.



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The important requisite documents include proof of land ownership or legitimate right to occupy the land, short project profile, viable business plan and community resolution for projects under communal land tenure system



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You can apply for livestock and crop production as well as value adding and processing infrastructure



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Beneficiaries of similar program from Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) or the post settlement support from DALRRD in the same period do not qualify.



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Non-registration in the FPR database and non-disclosure of previous government support towards the enterprise will lead to immediate elimination



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The beneficiary must ensure effective and productive usage of all equipment and inputs or assets may be taken not used productively or misused.



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The beneficiary should give the Department access to financial, production and sales records of the business – through participation in the Financial Record Keeping Programme (FRK).



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The beneficiaries should allow the Department to have access to the farm for Extension services and monitoring purposes and commit to participate in the capacity building and training programmes facilitated by the Department and its commodity partners.



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Farmers will be required to sign an agreement with the department committing on operation and maintenance prior to provision of infrastructure.



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Application forms are available in all DRDAR Offices and DRDAR Website [www.drdar.gov.za](http://www.drdar.gov.za) and the closing date is 31 August 2021



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