

City of Cape Town invites NGOs to apply for new grant funding

Organisations wishing to apply for a portion of the R14m in grant funding have to outline exactly which projects they require funding for, and have to submit a business plan and supporting documentation, in line with the City of Cape Town's Grant-in-Aid policy.



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The funding is available to qualifying organisations which work with the following groups:

- Youth development and education
- Early childhood development (ECD)
- Gender-based violence (GBV)
- Persons with disabilities
- LGBTQQIA+
- Street people

"We call on applicants to be as detailed as possible in their applications. Funding is limited and not everyone may qualify or receive funding in full. It is also important that applicants be mindful of the requirements set out in the policy. Often, organisations are disqualified because they do not have the necessary documentation like audited financial statements or a tax clearance certificate," said the city's mayoral committee member for community services and health, councillor Zahid Badroodien.

"The city wants to assist as many organisations as possible, because we recognise the very real need in our NGO sector, and the amazing work that many of these organisations are doing. However, we are bound by legislation and the grant application and disbursement process has to be faultless in that regard, so I urge organisations to make sure they meet all of the requirements in submitting their applications."

All applications must be accompanied by:

- A copy of the latest, audited financial statements or audit certificate if grant funding was received from the city in previous financial years;
- A copy of the organisation's constitution;
- A copy of the organisation's latest municipal rates and services accounts (if applicable);
- A zero-rated VAT invoice if confirmed as a VAT vendor;
- Valid tax clearance certificate (applications will not be accepted without a valid tax clearance accompanying the application);
- Date of establishment of organisation;
- Type of organisation (NPO, Section 21 company);
- Details of previous funding by the city;
- Details of other funding received from the city for the current financial year;
- Detailed description of project to be implemented;
- Information on how the allocation of a grant-in-aid will promote job creation and the estimated number of job opportunities it will create;
- Detailed breakdown of project costs;
- Project start and end date; and
- A detailed business plan explaining funding proposal applied for.

The closing date for applications is 27 November 2020. Applicants can contact Genevieve Adams on 0214001139 or SocialDevelopment@capetown.gov.za for official grant application forms or more information.

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