



SERVICE SPECIFICATION FOR FUNDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES / PROJECTS

PROGRAMME 5
DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH
2025 / 2026 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. INTRODUCTION

The Department has adopted as its intervention strategy in the development process a short -term immediate intervention and a project based approach which involves planning, designing and implementing socio-economic development projects which have a defined lifespan and seeks to address poverty. When completed the development project is expected to leave behind and bring about the needed resources, capabilities and tangible changes with which people can willingly continue to work and earn a living.

2. STRATEGY FOR INTERVENTION

Community Development focuses on building active and sustainable communities using sustainable livelihoods approach which emphasizes on the strengths, needs & adaptive strategies of communities. The programme revitalizes local communities and poor households through building their capabilities and to access opportunities for sustainable livelihoods and self-reliance. It is based on recognition of existing strategies that a community uses to establish and sustain its livelihoods. The attainment of sustainable livelihood outcomes is a result of facilitation of a social mobilization process. Informed by a social mobilisation process, initiatives / projects to be funded under this programme should demonstrate a practical application of sustainable livelihoods frameworks and policies. Participation of project members in the social mobilization processes facilitated by a recognised community development agency is a prerequisite for funding by the Department of Social Development. The Department will be biased towards the most deprived communities in the province in its allocation of funds.

3. OBJECTIVE OF 2025/2026 FUNDING

The strategic objective of the Department is to empower and support community development initiatives/projects for Poverty Alleviation. These include Programmes under **Sustainable Livelihoods, Women Development and Youth Development** initiatives/projects that are designed and planned collectively with people for their benefit.

Annually, the Department of Social Development sets aside limited funding to support socio- economic empowerment initiatives/projects as part of its interventions towards community development.

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

4.1 SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS:

This programme focuses on building active and sustainable communities using sustainable livelihoods approach which emphasizes the strengths, needs and adaptive strategies of communities. This sustainable livelihood approach seeks to empower communities in order to identify and remove barriers that prevent poor people and vulnerable individuals, such as youth, women and disabled from participating in addressing issues that affect their livelihoods and development.

This sustainable livelihoods approach is carried out by engaging local communities in building and strengthening their livelihoods capabilities and strategies to respond to poverty and other vulnerabilities that affect them. While it acknowledges contributions from external stakeholders, it does not encourage “hand-outs” or initiatives/projects to be conceptualised and implemented without the collective participation of direct beneficiaries. The sustainable livelihoods approach encourages and supports community-led development.

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| COMMUNITY NUTRITION DEVELOPMENT CENTRES (CNDCs) | <p>A Community Nutrition and Development Centre (CNDC) is a registered non-profit initiative which provides nutritious meals to community members in need. It simultaneously enables them to participate in developmental activities such as skills training, life skills education and organisational skills that will address conditions of poverty.</p> <p>The implementation of CNDC's fits within the broad programme implementation framework that seeks to achieve the objective of ensuring that poor and hungry households (and individuals) have access to decent food regularly. The CNDC also provides a platform for affected households and individuals to discuss and plan ways to change their circumstance using readily available resources.</p> |
| HOUSEHOLD FOOD INITIATIVES | <p>A household food initiative is a registered NPO / Cooperative consisting of a minimum of 5-25 households where households are involved in self-help activities to produce their own food. Enhancement of livelihood strategies and elimination of food insecurity is addressed through comprehensive support provided to a group.</p> |

4.2 WOMEN DEVELOPMENT:

The Programme focuses on the **socio-economic empowerment of women** to enable them to develop constructive, affirmative and sustainable relationships while concurrently providing opportunities to build their competencies and needed skills to engage as partners in their own development as well as that of their families and communities. This builds and strengthens their livelihood capabilities and strategies to combat poverty and other vulnerabilities.

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| WOMEN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES/ PROJECTS | <p>Women Development Initiatives that are registered NPOs/Cooperatives (inclusive of women who are participants in the Integrated Mother & Child Development & Support Programme (IMCDSP) which is a Child Malnutrition Intervention Programme. These are Self-Help initiatives owned and driven by unemployed women that focus on skills development and income generation to alleviate the effects of poverty, unemployment, inequality and powerlessness. Ownership of the initiative should consist of at least 100% women who are between the ages of</p> |
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| | <p>18-65 years (economically active group) including women who are mothers of children diagnosed with Malnutrition.</p> <p>Examples of self-help initiatives include small-scale farming such as poultry, piggery and vegetable production, bakery, small-scale manufacturing such as sewing, furniture making and brickmaking as well as arts & crafts such as bead work and shoemaking, cleaning services.</p> |
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4.3 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The programme focuses on socio-economic empowerment of young people to enable them to develop constructive, affirmative and sustainable relationships while concurrently providing opportunities to build their competencies and needed skills to engage as drivers in their own development as well as that of their families and communities. This builds and strengthens their livelihoods capabilities and strategies to combat poverty and other vulnerabilities.

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| <p>YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES/ PROJECTS</p> | <p>Youth Development Initiatives are registered NPOs/Cooperatives which are Self-Help initiatives owned and driven by young people, that focus on skills development and income generation for poverty alleviation. Ownership of initiatives should consist of 100% young people between the ages of 18-35. Examples of self-help initiatives include small-scale business initiatives that require utilisation of acquired skills and qualifications to generate and income such as marketing, media & communications. Small-scale farming such as poultry, piggery and vegetable, small-scale manufacturing such as welding, furniture making and brickmaking, Information Technology initiatives such as computer skills training, sound engineering as well as arts and crafts such as woodwork, shoemaking and fashion designing.</p> |
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5. GUIDING LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS:

- SA Constitution of 1996
- The White Paper on Social Welfare of 1997
- Non - Profit Organization Act of 1997
- Cooperatives Act of 2005 as Amended
- Youth Employment Accord of 2013
- National Youth Policy 2015-2020
- National Youth Development Act of 2008
- Eastern Cape Provincial Youth Development Strategy of 2015
- Skills Development Act 97 of 1998
- National Policy Framework for Women Empowerment and Gender Equality of 2002
- EC-DSD Women Empowerment & Gender Equality (WEGE) Strategy
- Integrated Mother & Child Development & Support Strategy (IMCDSP)
- The Sustainable Development Goals
- The Integrated Food Security Strategy of 2002
- The Zero-Hunger Programme for South Africa of 2012
- The National Development Plan (Vision 2030), especially **Outcomes 7 and 13**
- National Skills Development Strategy III
- National Community Development Strategy
- Eastern Cape Anti-Poverty Strategy 2012

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- Community Development systems & Operational Manual

6. DETAILED FUNDING SPECIFICATION

6.1 CATEGORY OF SERVICES : COMMUNITY NUTRITION AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (CNDC)

6.1 (b) SERVICE DESCRIPTION : NUTRITION AND DEVELOPMENT

(N.B: The programme has been subjected to a Multi-year funding for a period of 3 year starting from 2023 to 2025 end of financial year funding.

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| AIM OF THE PROGRAMME | |
| TARGET GROUP (S) | Vulnerable individuals and group, |
| TARGETED DISTRICTS AND METROS | All districts: Amathole, Alfred Nzo, Chris Hani, BCM, NMM, JOE Gqabi, O.R. Tambo & Sarah Baartman |
| AREAS OF EMPHASIS | Food Security |

| OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS | | | |
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| OBJECTIVES | | OUTCOMES | |
| To provide community development services targeting poor communities and vulnerable groups particularly youth, women and people with disabilities. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved nutritious status of community, individuals and groups • Access to decent meal regularly • Access to development capabilities • Improved awareness of development challenges and opportunities • Access to opportunities to participate in development initiatives • Fresh vegetables all year round | |
| SERVICES REQUIRED | PROGRAMME | FUNDABLE ITEM | NON-FUNDABLE ITEMS |
| TYPE OF FUNDING | | | |

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| Grant Funding | CNDC and Shelters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of CNDC utilities • Food supply to CNDCs • Administration Costs • Cleaning & Food Sorting Materials • Water & Electricity • Minor renovations • CNDC Developmental activities • Gas for cooking • Stipends for cooks • Minor renovations of facility • General maintenance • Travelling Costs • Information Communication Tech, (Tel, internet & airtime) • Cleaning & Food Sorting Material • Uniform for Cooks • CNDC mobile structures | Building infrastructure Vehicles |
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6.2 CATEGORY OF SERVICES : HOUSEHOLD FOOD GARDENS

6.2 (b) SERVICE DESCRIPTION : NUTRITION AND DEVELOPMENT

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| AIM OF THE PROGRAMME | |
| TARGET GROUP (S) | Vulnerable individuals and group, |

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| TARGETED DISTRICTS AND METROS | All districts: Amathole, Alfred Nzo, Chris Hani, BCM, NMM, JOE Gqabi, O.R. Tambo & Sarah Baartman |
| AREAS OF EMPHASIS | Food Production |

| OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS | | | |
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| OBJECTIVES | | OUTCOMES | |
| To provide community development services targeting poor communities and vulnerable groups particularly youth, women and people with disabilities. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved nutritious status of community, individuals and households • Access to decent meal regularly • Access to development capabilities • Improved awareness of development challenges and opportunities • Access to opportunities to participate in development initiatives • Fresh vegetables production all year round • Access to markets and income | |
| SERVICES REQUIRED | PROGRAMME | FUNDABLE ITEM | NON-FUNDABLE ITEMS |
| Household Food Initiatives | Household Food Initiatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inputs i.e. Seeds and Seedlings, Chickens and Livestock • Garden hand tools • Administration and traveling • Fencing of vegetable garden plot | Tractor |

6.3 CATEGORY OF SERVICES : WOMEN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

6.3 (b) SERVICE DESCRIPTION : INCOME GENERATION AND SELF HELP GROUPS

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| AIM OF THE PROGRAMME | |
| TARGET GROUP (S) | Unemployed Women between the ages of 18-65 years (Unemployed women with children under 5 will be prioritised) |
| TARGETED DISTRICTS AND METROS | All districts: Amathole, Alfred Nzo, Chris Hani, BCM, NMM, Joe Gqabi, O.R. Tambo & Sarah Baartman |
| AREAS OF EMPHASIS | Skills Development and Income Generation |

| OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES | | | |
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| OBJECTIVES | | OUTCOMES | |
| Create an environment to help women to develop constructive, affirmative and sustainable relationships while concurrently providing opportunities for them to build their competencies and needed skills to engage as partners in their own development and that of their communities through Intervention Programmes and Services (Leadership and Life-skills, Service Centres, Inter-generational programmes and Support Structures) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased levels of self-reliance and empowerment amongst women. • Increased participation of women in socio-economic development within communities • Enhanced skills levels. • Improved household income. • Improved nutritional status | |
| SERVICES REQUIRED | PROGRAMME | FUNDABLE ITEMS | NON-FUNDABLE ITEMS |
| TYPE OF FUNDING | | | |
| Grant Funding | Women Development Initiatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production Inputs • Production Materials • Equipment and Machinery (including servicing) • Capacity Building • Protective Clothing • Minor Renovations • Administrative costs • Cleaning material | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salaries |

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6.4 CATEGORY OF SERVICES : YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

6.4 (b) SERVICE DESCRIPTION : SOCIO ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

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| AIM OF THE PROGRAMME | |
| TARGET GROUP (S) | Young People between ages of 18-35 years, NEET (Not in Employment Education or Training) |
| TARGETED DISTRICTS AND METROS | All districts: Amathole, Alfred Nzo, Chris Hani, BCM, NMM, Joe Gqabi, O.R. Tambo & Sarah Baartman |
| AREAS OF EMPHASIS | Skills Development and Economic Empowerment |

| OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTPUTS | |
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| OBJECTIVES | OUTCOMES |
| The programme focuses on socio-economic empowerment of young people to enable them to develop constructive, affirmative and sustainable relationships while concurrently providing opportunities to build their competencies and needed skills to engage as drivers in their own development as well as that of their families and communities. This build and strengthens their livelihoods capabilities and strategies to combat poverty and other vulnerabilities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased levels of self -reliance and empowerment amongst youth. • Maximize participation of youth in socio-economic development within communities • Enhanced skills levels. • Improved household income. |

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| SERVICES REQUIRED TYPE OF FUNDING | PROGRAMME | FUNDABLE ITEM | NON-FUNDABLE ITEMS |
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| Grant Funding | Youth Development Initiatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production Inputs • Production Materials • Equipment and Machinery • Capacity Building • Administrative Costs e.g. Travelling, Stationery & Auditing fees • Protective Clothing • Minor Renovations • Structure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary |



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