



ALFRED NZO

DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AGRI-PARK PROGRAMME

BACKGROUND

The Alfred Nzo District is in the process of implementing an Agri-Park programme which aims to bring about rural transformation and sustainable economic growth within the District. The programme also aims to address issues of poverty and employment which is vastly predominant in the Alfred Nzo region. In light of the aforementioned, Alfred Nzo District Municipality (ANDM) is issuing a call to farmers in the region to participate in the Agri-Park programme as per the below.

The specific objectives of this call are as follows:

- To increase the level of production within the agricultural sector in Alfred Nzo District
- To commercialise ANDM farmers
- To exploit the District's competitive advantage
- To alleviate poverty within ANDM
- To unlock job opportunities in the District
- To grow the ANDM economy

ANDM is issuing a call for production of grain crops (yellow maize, wheat, sorghum and soya bean and dry bean), vegetable (cabbage and spinach), potato and sweet potato to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. A total of **700 ha** will be ploughed for all the above-mentioned commodities. The assistance will be provided to all 3 categories which are Agricultural project (registered), Semi-Commercial and commercial farmers.

Targeted Beneficiaries, Eligibility and selection criteria:

Agricultural projects, Semi and Commercial farmers implementing crop production within ANDM



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and that demonstrate potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible for applicants must satisfy all the mandatory requirements as set out below:

- Must be an initiative/farmer within the Alfred Nzo Region.
- Must be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) and or a project must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and constitution (if a co-operative or project).
- Must have access to a minimum of 10ha (Agricultural Projects), 20ha (semi- commercial Farmers) and 50ha and more (commercial) and must be fenced.
- Must have clear proof of land ownership signed by the Chief of the area or lease agreement with the minimum of 10 years and it must also be signed by both parties involved.
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must be biased towards women, youth and people with disabilities.
- Must have a signed partnership letter, if the farmer has a partner.
- Must have potential to create job opportunities. Agricultural Projects must at least employ 5 employees (temporal/ permanent) Semi- Commercial farms at least 10 employees (temporal/ permanent) and Commercial farmers must have 15 employees (temporal/permanent).
- Must have ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- Farmers with own mechanization implements will have additional advantage.
- Directors must be involved on day-to-day activities.
- An entity will be required to contribute **R2000.00** per hectare the contribution fee will be paid to the Municipal account. The contribution fee will utilized to cover items that will be deemed



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necessary by the Municipality. The appointed Agricultural SMMEs will be obligated to pay contribution fee within 21 days after appointment.

Submission of Applications

An application form will be available at the **Alfred Nzo District Municipality offices at Erf 1400 Ntsizwa Street, Mount Ayliff, 4735, Office No. L20 (3rd floor)** and it will also be uploaded on the ANDM website. Application forms can also be collected at the LED offices at your respective local Municipality (Matatiele, Umzimvubu, Ntabankulu and Winnie Madikizela Mandela Local Municipality).

All applications must be completed fully and applications can be submitted via hand delivery at ANDM LED office. No faxed or emailed applications will be considered.

The outer envelope must bear the title **CALL FOR APPLICATION AGRI-PARK PROGRAMME** and must also include the full name and address of the applicant.

The deadline for the submission of applications is: *Thursday, 09 June 2022 at 15:00 hour's local time. Any application submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.*

For enquiries please contact: Mr Ngesi or Mr Madlala at 039 254 5101/5024/5099.

