



ALFRED NZO

DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AGRI-PARK** **PROGRAMME FOR 2025/26 FISCAL YEAR**

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, unemployment and inequality which is vastly predominant in the Alfred Nzo region. In light of the aforementioned, Alfred Nzo District Municipality (ANDM) is issuing a call to agricultural farmers and producers in the region to participate in the Agri-Park Programme.

The specific objectives of this programme are as set out below:

- 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 diverse agricultural commodities (i.e. yellow maize, dry bean, soya bean), vegetable (cabbage and spinach) and sweet potato to qualifying Agricultural Micro, Small & Macro Enterprises (MSMEs) within the Alfred Nzo Region to apply for assistance. The assistance will be provided to all three (3) categories which are Agricultural projects (registered/non-registered), Semi- Commercial as well as commercial farmers.



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Targeted Beneficiaries

Agricultural projects, Semi and Commercial farmers implementing crop production within ANDM 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 jurisdiction.
- Must be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) and a project must have all the necessary legal business documentation which (i.e. registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and constitution.
- Must have access to a minimum of 3ha (vegetable production) 10ha (grain production), 20ha (semi- commercial farmers) and 50ha and more (commercial) and must be fenced.
- The entity must be able to provide latest soil sample results not older than two (2) years.
- Must have clear proof of land ownership signed by the Chief of the area or lease agreement with a minimum of 10 years and it must also be signed by both parties involved.
- 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.
- 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.



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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 LED offices at your respective Local Municipality (Matatiele, Umzimvubu, Ntabankulu and Winnie Madikizela Mandela LM).

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: **Friday, 02 August 2024** at 15:00 hour's local time. Any application submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. For enquiries please contact: Mr. Z. Mazwi/ Mr. S. Ngesi/ Mr. N. Madlala/ Mr. D. Keke at 039 254 5101/5024/5025