13. Project Funding Criteria

The NDA supports projects that demonstrate integrated, holistic, comprehensive and sustainable approach to poverty eradication based on the following criteria:

- Effectiveness: The extent to which a project may achieve its stated objectives and other socially desirable outcomes.
- Poverty Impact: the potential demonstrable impact of the project in improving the quality of life of poorer communities and individuals, such as jobs created and income generated.
- Sustainability: The effectiveness, efficiency, ownership, viability and productivity of the project within the constraints it faces such as funding, staffing and others.
- Replicability: The potential value of the project in informing new ideas and good practices or poverty eradication programme.
- Partnership: Leverage funds to optimize NDA funds, extend capacity, enhance image and improve impact.
- Model of best practice: The extent to which a methodology is tried and tested to deliver results in the best possible way.
- Potential to become a centre of development in a community.
- · Institutional capacity to execute the projects

Grant Eligibility Status

Eligibility is restricted to civil society organizations that are registered as "Not for Profits Organisations" such as:

- NPOs registered with the Ministry of Social Development.
- A section 21 registration under the South African Companies Act.
- Registration as a Non for Profit Trust
- Registration as a Co-operative

Project Funding Criteria (cont.)

13.1 METHODS OF GRANT MAKING

The NDA provides grants to civil society organizations through two methods, namely, Request for Proposals (RFP) and Programme Formulation. The preferred method of committing grants is Programme Formulation.

Request for Proposals (RFP)

- The RFP is a competitive grant funding approach that targets well established CBOs, NGOs and co-operatives in organized communities.
- CSOs submit proposals based on pre-set criteria and process
- Proposals are submitted by provincial offices and recommended by management based on policy, criteria and budget approved by the board.

Programme Formulation

- Programme formulation is a grant making approach whereby the NDA engages less organized communities in social facilitation with the view of creating grassroots structures that will ultimately be the mechanism for implementation of projects.
- The approach targets specific areas and sectors based on primary research on priority poverty pockets.
- The process is driven by the NDA staff in provinces based on the assessment of the institutional capability and competencies of CBOs and NGOs in identified localities.
- The NDA Development Managers assume an active role in the conceptualization and planning of projects.
- The approach focuses less established organizations in identified localities

Special Projects

- The NDA may partner with relevant institutions to co-finance, provide technical support and implement specific projects with credible private and public sector institutions specifically in the areas of job creation and sustainable economic enterprises.
- The NDA may provide grant funding to national strategic projects that have the potential to yield best practice in enabling the poor to participate in the formal economy of South Africa. These shall include, but not limited to" projects in the bio-fuels, biogas, mining beneficiation, tourism and textile industries.

Project Funding Criteria (cont.)

13.2 FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR GRANT MAKING

Poverty Eradication Grants Fund

The NDA may:

- Allocate funds earmarked for grant funding to provinces to implement the RFP.
- Allocate funds to provinces to implement the programme formulation approach to grant funding.
- Provide nonsectarian faith based institutions with financial and non-financial support to
- o Implement development projects aimed at improving the quality of life of poor
- Communities.
- Support the faith based sector to dialogue with the state/government on issues of poverty.
- Source funds from other organizations.

Capacity Building

The fund may:

- Support targeted interventions aimed at strengthening the institutional
- o Capacity of NGOs, CBOs, FBOs and Co-operatives.
- Support processes and projects that promote an enabling environment for civil society consortia and networks to engage and impact on policy development and implementation.
- Assist civil society organizations to implement obligations resulting from their participation in international advocacy and policy to promote sustainable development.

14. Abbreviations and Glossary

CBO	- Community Based Organisation
CSO	- Civil Society Organisation
ECD	 Early Childhood Development
IDT	- Independent Development Trust
M&E	 Monitoring & Evaluation
NGO	 Non-Government Organisation
NDA	- National Development Agency
OVC	 Orphans and Vulnerable Children
RFP	 Request for Proposals
SADC	-Southern African Development Corridor

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