



## CHARITIES SECTOR

### FUNDING FOCUS AREAS

### 2024/25 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Charities Distributing Agency (CDA) established in terms of the Lotteries Act, 1997 (no. 57 of 1997 as amended) is once again able to consider applications from funding from the proceeds of the National Lottery.

The Charities sector's overall goal is to contribute to sustainable development of poor communities, poverty alleviation, and protection and support for vulnerable target groups through the provision of integrated holistic services.

In adjudicating applications, the CDA will give preference to applications that respond to social and economic challenges in underdeveloped areas; that advance the interests and participation of women, youth, and people with disabilities; that lead to job creation and retention; and that align to the priorities of government as captured in the NDP and the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP). Applicants will also be expected to demonstrate that they have the requisite capacity (i.e., personnel, skills, experience, systems) to manage the programme.

#### **PLEASE NOTE.**

**Applicants must register their organisations on the NLC portal before responding to the Call for Applications. Organisations that are not registered on the NLC portal will not be able to apply for funding. Please note that there is no deadline for registration. Registering your organisation does not constitute a grant application submission. Applicants are encouraged to read the published Application Guidelines to prepare for their funding submission.**

**Note further that applicants may only apply for grants under one sector.**



## **ADDITIONAL FUNDING SUPPORT FOR FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGES**

NPOs applying under Programmes 1 – 3 with suitable physical infrastructure may include the following measures to be supported in their application:

- Establishment / expansion of homestead / community gardens / permaculture / micro-agriculture initiatives (excluding livestock). The activity should not be stand-alone but linked to or integrated with existing initiatives or services e.g. a food garden to provide fresh vegetables for improved nutrition of beneficiaries.

Note that the above funding stream will not stand alone but are additional elected measures to be supported as part of the application for Programmes 1 - 3.

**PROGRAMME AREA ONE: EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT ( ECD)**

<b>OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROGRAMME AREA</b>	<b>FUNDING OUTCOMES</b>	<b>INTERVENTIONS TO BE FUNDED</b>	<b>TARGET ORGANISATIONS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribute to the development of children under seven from disadvantaged communities to realise their cognitive, emotional, social and physical potential.</li> </ul>	<p>Short-term outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in the number of children from low-income households accessing quality ECD services.</li> <li>Job creation / retention in ECD sector.</li> </ul> <p>Medium-term outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved quality of learning, teaching and care in ECD facilities.</li> <li>Improved school readiness of children</li> </ul>	<p>A combination of three or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General support for ECDCs (Operational costs, incl. food for children and provision of educational materials / toys)</li> <li>Provision of outdoor play equipment</li> <li>Practitioner Skills development</li> <li>Support staff Skills development</li> <li>Psychosocial Programmes for practitioners and children at ECDCs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered and provisionally registered ECDCs / Creches / Pre-schools</li> </ul>

PROGRAMME AREA TWO: GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE and FEMICIDE			
OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROGRAMME AREA	FUNDING OUTCOMES	INTERVENTIONS TO BE FUNDED	TARGET ORGANISATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased access for women and children to integrated and comprehensive survivor-focused prevention and response programmes</li> <li>Strengthened advocacy and policy interventions that focus on shifting the social structures, norms and practices that enable violence against women, children and boys</li> </ul>	<p>Short-term outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased access to adequate and relevant support services for survivors</li> <li>Increased advocacy and campaigns</li> </ul> <p>Medium-term outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased social and economic opportunities for survivors.</li> <li>Increased public awareness and changing attitudes regarding violence against women and children.</li> </ul>	<p>A combination of the following two interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holistic survivor-centred services including at least two of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psychosocial support services through counselling</li> <li>Access to specialised healthcare and referrals to healthcare facilities</li> <li>Support groups</li> <li>Legal information and advice</li> <li>Entrepreneurial training / skills development</li> </ul> </li> <li>Education / advocacy programmes to build</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPOs / NPCs / PBTs with aligned objectives</li> </ul>

		community awareness, change attitudes, and strengthen legislative provisions or procedures to protect and support victims and survivors.	
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PROGRAMME AREA THREE: PROTECTION OF THE VULNERABLE			
OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROGRAMME AREA	FUNDING OUTCOMES	INTERVENTIONS TO BE FUNDED	TARGET ORGANISATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased access to integrated community-based and / or residential wellness and support services to the following vulnerable groups:</li> <li>Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVCs,) Older Persons, People with Disabilities and / or Chronic Illnesses (including but not limited to hypertension, diabetes, cancer, HIV/AIDS,</li> </ul>	<p>Short-term outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased access to quality facilities / support services for listed vulnerable groups.</li> </ul> <p>Medium-term outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved social, physical and economic outcomes for residents e.g., rehabilitation, independent living, improved health status etc. as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p>A combination of two or more of the following (as appropriate to the target group):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life skills, enrichment / stimulation, counselling, support groups and other psycho-social support services</li> <li>Basic Care</li> <li>Foster-care placements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered NPOs / NPCs / PBTs providing services and care to the listed vulnerable groups (note that some social and clinical services require separate registration with the relevant authorities – see guidelines for details)</li> </ul>

<p>mental illness and addiction / substance abuse) and Refugee Communities</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to specialised healthcare and referrals to healthcare facilities</li> <li>• Legal information and advice</li> <li>• Access to entrepreneurial training / skills development opportunities</li> <li>• Special needs educational services</li> </ul>	
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PROGRAMME AREA FOUR: FOOD SECURITY			
OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROGRAMME AREA	FUNDING OUTCOMES	INTERVENTIONS TO BE FUNDED	TARGET ORGANISATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To improve food security in vulnerable households through the local sustainable production.</li> </ul>	<p>Short-term outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to safe and nutritious food for vulnerable households</li> <li>• Improved household nutrition and dietary diversity in vulnerable households</li> </ul> <p>Medium-term outcomes</p>	<p>A combination of activities (i) and (ii):</p> <p>(i) Localised sustainable food production and processing strategies e.g., food gardens / urban farms linked to community kitchens or feeding schemes. NB Innovative and water / energy efficient</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPOs / NPCs / PBTs and Schools with aligned objectives i.e., food or homestead gardening; small scale urban / rural food production systems; community-based food security programmes including poultry and bakery.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased individual and community self-reliance, resilience and agency through the development of sustainable local food production systems.</li> </ul>	<p>alternative cultivation methods and practices e.g., drip irrigation, permaculture etc. are encouraged.</p> <p>(ii) Promotion of good nutritional practices at household level through education and awareness</p>	
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PROGRAMME AREA FIVE: ANIMAL WELFARE			
OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROGRAMME AREA	FUNDING OUTCOMES	INTERVENTIONS TO BE FUNDED	TARGET ORGANISATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve welfare of animals in a manner that reduces harms and contributes to the benefit, health and safety of poor communities.</li> </ul>	<p>Short-term outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in number of animals provided with veterinary and general care by shelters / clinics (including vaccinations, sterilisation and paramedic assistance)</li> </ul>	<p>A combination of two or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Affordable or free essential care and veterinary services for animals including treatment for illness or injury, deworming, vaccinations and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPOs / NPCs / PBTs with aligned objectives e.g., animal shelters, animal care units.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased community outreach promoting animal health, welfare, protection and safety issues.</li> </ul> <p>Medium-term outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved welfare and care of domestic animals including livestock in target communities</li> <li>• Reduced uncontrolled reproduction, strays and unwanted animals in target communities</li> <li>• Positive attitudes and increased knowledge of animal sentience, welfare, behaviour, care, and zoonotic disease prevention by target communities</li> </ul>	<p>sterilisation. Mobile animal clinics for increased reach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and awareness programmes regarding animal welfare and care, animal protection legislation, and prevention of zoonotic diseases.</li> <li>• Shelter provision for strays and unwanted or abandoned animals including fostering and adoptions.</li> <li>• Animal Welfare inspectorates.</li> <li>• Advocacy campaigns regarding humane treatment of animals, protective legislation and benefits to communities of improved animal welfare.</li> </ul>	
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Website: [www.nlcsa.org.za/charities/](http://www.nlcsa.org.za/charities/)

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*NB The Distributing Agency reserves the right to (i) decide on the amount to be allocated which may be less than the amount requested (ii) decline to award a grant if the application does not meet the NLC's strategic funding objectives.*