

Press statement

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National Lotteries Commission closes funding applications for the 2018/19 financial year

Pretoria, 12 November 2018. In October 2016 the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) introduced an 'Open Call for Applications', moving away from the previous model of 'Call for Applications' for funding good causes.

The 'Call for Applications' model only permitted the NLC to accept applications if they were submitted during a fixed window period (usually 3 months) in a financial year. This often created an incremental backlog and resulted in worthy and deserving causes not being able to access funding outside the fixed window period.

With the implementation of the 'Open Call for Applications' model and the permanent appointment of Distributing Agencies, the NLC managed to clear a backlog of 12000 applications by December 2017. The combined effect of clearing this backlog, and the impact of adjudication on a more frequent basis (by Distributing Agencies) has resulted in accelerated grant allocation for the 2018/19 financial year.

As a result, the NLC will close the receipt of funding applications for the current financial year on 30 November 2018.

All applications that are already in the system and are in line with the funding priorities areas of this financial year will be adjudicated within the stipulated 150 days.

The closure will also allow the NLC to educate the general public on the application guidelines and funding priority areas for the 2019/20 financial year.

These priority areas will be published within the current financial year, and new applications will be accepted as of 1 April 2019.

In future, it is the aim of the NLC to process applications and pay grants to beneficiaries in the financial year that they are received.

Ends.

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About the National Lotteries Commission

The National Lotteries Commission regulates lotteries and sports pools.

From these regulatory activities, we collect revenue to distribute to good causes.

About Priority Funding

At the start of each financial year, the Board sets out priority areas for funding to ensure that distribution of funds is fair and impactful. These priority areas are published in the media and available on the NLC website.

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