

## **Press statement**

### **For immediate Release**

#### **NLC announces priority funding areas for 2019/20**

**12 February 2019** – The National Lotteries Commission has announced new priority funding areas which will inform funding decisions for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

At a media briefing in Johannesburg on Tuesday, the Commissioner of the NLC Thabang Mampane gave insight into what would be the focus areas for the coming year.

“We first announced priority funding in the 2016/17 financial year as a means to ensure impact and relevance for our funding”, said Mampane.

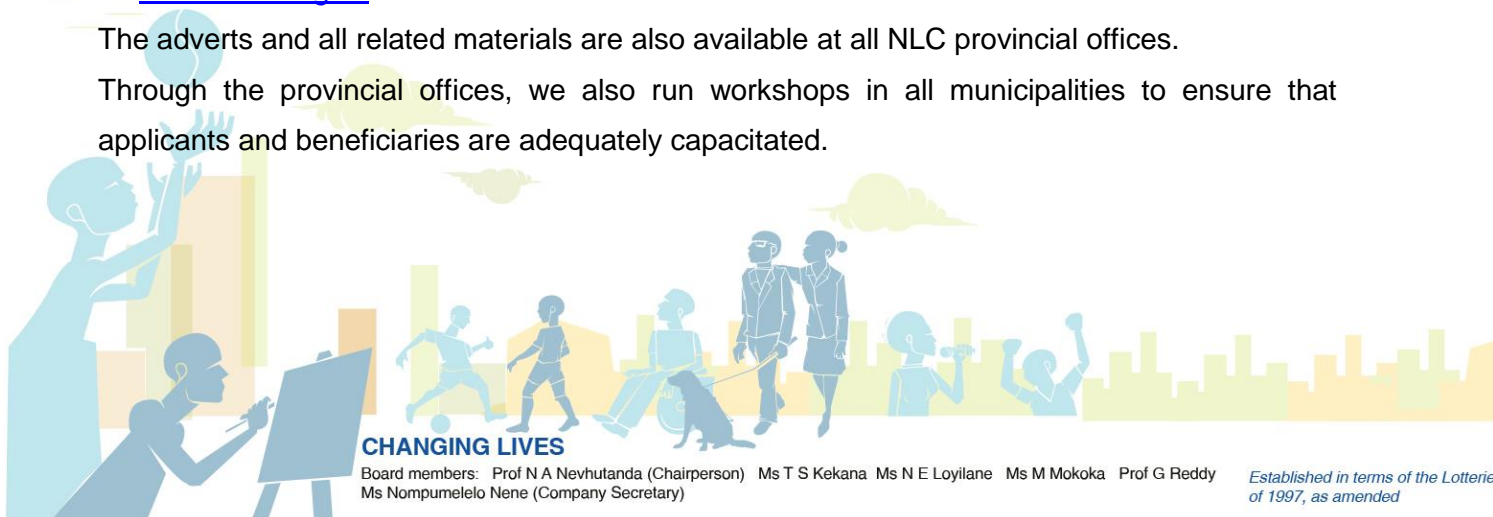
“In a country where the needs are so vast, our budget of around R 1.5 billion per annum cannot realistically reach everyone. To make sure our distribution is fair and impactful, we have dedicated priority areas that are informed not only by our Sectors of Charities, Arts, and Sport and Recreation – but also by the prevailing needs in those areas”, she added.

Focus areas include projects that target pollution control, renewable energy, adaption to climate change, development of the arts in Quintile 1 -3 schools through outreach programmes in the Arts Sector. In Charities, focus areas include skills development for ECD practitioners, protection and support for the vulnerable, Gender-based violence projects, and animal welfare. Sport and Recreation focus areas include training of coaches, technical officials and administrators with the emphasis on rural areas, women, and people with disabilities.

These priority funding areas will be published in national and community newspapers, as well as on [www.nlcsa.org.za](http://www.nlcsa.org.za).

The adverts and all related materials are also available at all NLC provincial offices.

Through the provincial offices, we also run workshops in all municipalities to ensure that applicants and beneficiaries are adequately capacitated.





The NLC will begin receiving applications under these new priority areas on 1 April 2019.

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