



## **Media Statement**

### **NLC Proactive funding brings relief to flood victims in Kwazulu Natal and Eastern Cape**

#### **For Immediate Release**

**24 April 2019** – The National Lotteries Commission (‘the Commission’) has pledged R 10 million through its proactive funding model to assist the flood-hit provinces of Kwazulu-Natal and the Eastern Cape.

The Commission’s intervention will bring much-needed relief to residents of the two provinces, who lost relatives, their homes and belongings in the floods and mudslides that have left at least 51 people dead in KZN and scores displaced in the Eastern Cape.

The Commission has sent a team, led by board chairperson Professor Alfred Nevhutanda, to the ravaged areas to make a proper assessment of the immediate needs of the affected communities.

#### **Proactive Funding**

The Commission’s Proactive Funding Policy is implemented as per the Lotteries Act No 57 of 1997, as amended, and has been approved in line with sec 2A (3) of the Lotteries Amendment Act 32 of 2013, which permits direct intervention in the form of pro-active funding.

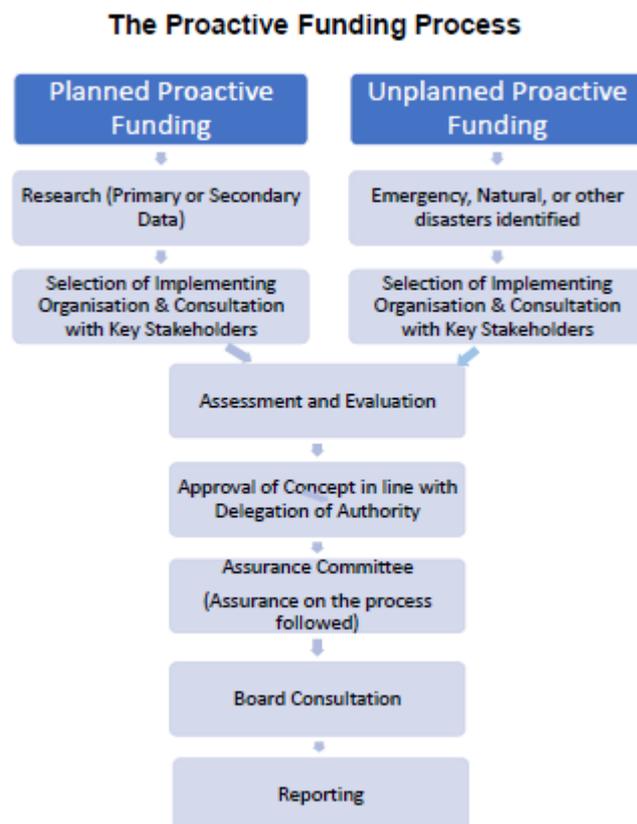
According to the Act “The Commission may, upon request by the minister, board or on its own initiative, in consultation with the board conduct research on worthy good causes that may be funded without lodging an application prescribed in terms of the act”.

In the recent past, the Commission has used proactive funding to provide relief for the drought of 2015/16 in four provinces, the rebuilding of Vhafamadi Secondary School in Vuwani which was destroyed during civil unrest in the area, the fires that ravaged Alexandra in late 2018 and the construction of sanitation facilities in twenty (20) schools in rural Limpopo and the Eastern Cape which is still underway.

Through this mechanism, funding is able to reach the most vulnerable members of society and provide much-needed relief in emergency situations. These are South Africans who would not

be able to apply for funding through the normal route. The Commission is in the process of identifying implementing organizations for this emergency relief.

The model below has been introduced as part of the policy and approved accordingly.



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