

Media Statement

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Funding for Impact – NLC Changes Lives

Since inception in 1999, the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) has published the names and grant amounts of beneficiaries publicly. This is evidenced in the annual reports from Financial Year 1999/2000 through 2016/17.

After receiving numerous complaints from beneficiaries regarding the publishing of this information, the NLC sought legal opinion on the matter. The outcome of this process led to a refrain from publishing beneficiary grant information in line with the interpretation of the provisions of the Lotteries Act 57 of 1999, as amended.

This decision has not affected the mandate to distribute funds equitably across the country, and in the 2017/18 financial year, the NLC funded 2536 projects. 361 of these were in the Arts Sector, 1424 in Charities, 715 in Sport and Recreation, and 36 in the Miscellaneous Purposes Sector which would have included emergencies.

In the Financial Year 2018/19, funding was directed at 312 projects in the Arts Sector, 2943 in Charities, 1000 in Sport and Recreation, and 18 under Miscellaneous Purposes.

The impact of this funding led to 14 414 temporary and permanent jobs in 2017/18 and offered social upliftment to over 691 000 secondary beneficiaries.

In the 2018/19 financial year, 25943 jobs were created as a result of NLC funding.

As the country navigates its way around the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and related restrictions on movement and business, the NLC allocated R50 million to the Solidarity Fund and R10 million for the distribution of food parcels through 54 NPOs nationwide.

The NPO sector was also hard hit as a result of the lockdown, and the NLC availed a further R150 million as a relief measure to enable these organizations to stay afloat during this time.



Over 5000 applications were received, and to date 300 of these have been allocated and paid, making it possible for them to keep their doors open.

Adjudication of the COVID-19 relief fund applications continues.

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