

Media Statement

Issued by the National Lotteries Commission



Media Statement by the National Lotteries Commission on the progress of adjudications from the 2023/24 Call for Applications

[Tshwane, 12 August 2024] In April 2024, the Commissioner of the NLC issued a statement to inform grant applicants of the status of adjudications from the 2023/24 Call for Applications, as well as the intended opening of the 2024/25 funding cycle. At the time of that statement, it was established that:

- 4416 of the 5304 applications received between 2 May and 11 August 2023 were awaiting adjudication;
- From the 888 applications that had been adjudicated, just over 500 applications had been approved for funding; and
- R616 million had been committed to good causes at the end of December 2023.

It was also anticipated that the next Call for Applications would likely be opened in the third quarter of the 2024/25 financial year.

In June 2024, communication around the impact of the small number of Distributing Agency members appointed to adjudicate applications was issued, outlining resultant delays and prolonged waiting times for applicants.

In the time since, the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**) has appointed two additional Distributing Agency members bringing the total to five (5).

PROGRESS TO DATE

The NLC wishes to update all stakeholders on the progress as at 5 August 2024:

Applications approved for funding	1187
Applications declined	703
Applications pending adjudication	3413
Total applications received	5304

We extend our appreciation to all current and potential applicants for their continued patience as we enhance our processes to ensure that funds are protected from fraud and corruption.

CONCLUSION

The NLC continues to engage **the dtic** regarding the capacitation of the Distributing Agencies.

An announcement regarding the Call for Applications for 2024/25 is anticipated for Q3 of the current financial year.

For further information or inquiries regarding grant applications or any other matter, please call the Contact Centre on 08600 65383.

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL LOTTERIES COMMISSION

The National Lotteries Commission is established in terms of the Lotteries Act No 57 of 1997 to regulate lotteries and sports pools in South Africa. From these regulatory activities, we collect revenue to distribute funds to qualifying organisations that work for the public good across South Africa.

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