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National Lotteries Commission (NLC) Introduces Zero-Rated Bandwidth to Support Funding Applicants

[Tshwane, 26 February 2025] The National Lotteries Commission (NLC) has launched a Zero-Rated Bandwidth initiative on its grant application platform to improve accessibility for grant applicants and beneficiaries.

Civil society organizations are encouraged to have basic data on their devices to have internet accessibility which will allow them to surf the NLC website (www.nlcsa.org.za). Once the organizations are on the NLC website, they can access **Funding Portal** which will give them permission to **register and submit applications** without incurring any data costs.

"We reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that organisations can **register and submit applications** without incurring any data costs, making the process more inclusive and efficient", said Jodi Scholtz – NLC Commissioner.

By covering all data charges, the NLC is removing financial barriers, particularly for **non-profit organisations, community groups, and small enterprises** that may face connectivity challenges. This will allow applicants to **seamlessly upload required documents, track their applications, and engage with the NLC without worrying about internet expenses.**

"This initiative reflects the NLCs ongoing commitment to **transparency, accessibility, and digital transformation**, ensuring that funding opportunities remain **equitable and widely accessible**," said Jodi Scholtz.

The Call for Applications opens on 2 December 2024 and closes on 31 March 2025.

Ends.

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