

# Media Statement

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### **NLC to extend 2024/25 Call for Applications to ensure greater participation by Civil Society Organisations**

**Pretoria, 14 May 2025** – The National Lotteries Commission (NLC) will officially extend the 2024/25 Call for Applications to **Friday, 30 May 2025**.

The current application window, which originally opened on *2 December 2024*, was previously extended from the initial deadline of *31 March 2025* to *16 May 2025* and now to **30 May 2025** to ensure greater participation by Civil Society Organisations.

Organisations that have already registered and intend to register their profiles on the NLC's Thuthuka Online System are still encouraged to complete their registration and proceed with the application process subject to qualifying.

"We humbly apologise for the challenges experienced by many applicants on the Thuthuka Online System, and in keeping with our commitment to fairness, accessibility, and public accountability, the NLC will continue implementing urgent support measures such as help desk sessions in Provinces," said NLC Commissioner Jodi Scholtz. "

These will include personalised continuous communication and the targeted education and awareness sessions to ensure that no deserving organisation is excluded.

The NLC is committed to contacting all organisations already in the system to assist in resolving outstanding issues, ensuring they are given a fair opportunity to complete their applications.

"All prospective grant applicants must ensure that their Board of Directors are verified and fully compliant with the Department of Social Development (DSD) for NPOs and the Companies Intellectual Property Commission's (CIPC) database records for NPCs. The registered organisations with at least 50% of their directors verified may submit their applications before **30 May 2025**," said NLC Commissioner Jodi Scholtz. "

It is imperative that 100% directors' verification including mandatory documents complies before any Grant Agreement can be accepted. **No Grant Agreement will be signed unless all directors are fully verified.**

Failure to comply with all funding requirements will result in an automatic decline in application.

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