



Mbhashe
Local Municipality
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Mbhashe Local Municipality invites interested emerging farmers within its jurisdiction to apply for participation in its Maize Support Programme, for assistance with Maize Seeds Certified Roundup Ready (R) for 2024/2025 Financial Year.

Mbhashe Local Municipality, in response to its reviewed Local Economic Development (LED) Strategy has identified Agricultural Development as one of cogwheel to efficiently and effectively respond to the triple challenges, which are confronting the South Africa's development trajectory. Thus, the sector of Agriculture has a great potential to unlock great economic opportunities within Mbhashe which will inadvertently lead to pro-poor and inclusive socio-economic growth, more especially if it is well supported through the creation of a conducive and enabling environment by government. It is therefore against this backdrop that the municipality continues to support emerging local Farmers with Maize Seeds for Maize Production in 2024/2025 Financial Year.

The aim of the program is to make full use of the under-utilized arable land into a large scale of production within Mbhashe region, to promote the growth of smallholder and emerging farmers and to assist rural farmers with tested cultivars produced to withstand existing climatic conditions in Mbhashe within its 3 units namely: Dutywa, Willowvale, and Elliotdale.

THIS SERVES AS A CALL FOR PROPOSALS FROM THE MBHASHE MAIZE FARMERS ASSOCIATIONS THAT NEED SUPPORT IN MAIZE PRODUCTION.

The support of the Maize Seeds will be provided to the Emerging Farmers that meet the following requirements:

- Maize project that will improve food security.
- Support is granted for the expansion of the existing Agricultural development project.
- Producing good quality maize product on a large scale for boosting the local economy.
- Addressing the triple challenges of poverty, Inequality and Unemployment as well as positive contribute to food security, Job creation through temporal employment, self-sustainability, and skills development.

PEOPLE WHO SHOULD APPLY ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- Maize Producing Projects located within the Wards of Mbhashe that have ploughing fields.
- Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDIs) - youth, women and people with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply for Mbhashe Maize Support Programme, for assistance with Maize seeds.



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REQUIREMENTS FOR FUNDING/SUPOORT APPLICANTS

The applicants must be a South African Citizens and be full-time residents of Mbhashe, who are 18 years and above in terms of age. More importantly, the applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Completed Application Forms
- Project / Cooperative Profile of the p
- ID Copies of Applicants (not later than 3 months)
- Proof of Address (not later than 3 months)
- Motivational Letter outlining why your project must be supported/funded.
- Letter from Ward Cllr (stamped) confirming the existence of the project in a ward.
- Letter from Department of Rural Development & Agrarian Reform (DRDAR) confirming the no of ha of the project.
- Proof of land ownership/ lease agreement
- Proof of bank account or Bank statement

NB: -Applications will only be considered from Maize Producing Projects that are operating and residing within the municipality, applicants from outside will not be considered. If the above-listed documents are not available, your application will not be accepted.

- **Selection process** – the selection process will include short-listing of potential beneficiaries, on site visits by the LED standing committee to conduct project assessments for verification of information provided by applicants.
- Applications must be submitted to the nearest Municipal Offices and as well as the Developmental Planning/LED offices of Mbhashe Local Municipality situated at no. 454 Streatfield Street, Dutywa on or before **1 July 2024**.
- If you have not received a response within 30 days after the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful. Thus, you are strongly encouraged to enquire as to why your application was unsuccessful.

Enquiries should be addressed to the LED Officer: Agriculture Mr Mabiya B on 0636890665.or e-mail: mabiyab@mbhashemun.gov.za and Acting Dev. Planning Senior Manager Mr. Cobokana S 082 5104982. or email address cobokanas@mbhashemun.gov.za.

Yours in developmental local government

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