



**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

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RE: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MONTH ACTIVITIES; CALL FOR FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR THE 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR

October month is Social Development month. Social Development Month is the period in the year during which the democratic government focusses itself in making vulnerable members of society aware of plans, service, programmes and projects available and accessible for their empowerment and benefit.

The MEC for Social Development in her Budget speech for 2017/18 financial year, pronounced that “eleven million eight hundred thousand rand [R11, 8m] has been budgeted to fund more cooperatives which seek to empower and develop communities to become more self-reliant. Further to that, an amount of three million rand [R3m] has been set aside to target cooperatives specifically led by women. In the 2017/18 financial year we have increased the allocation to four million five hundred thousand rand [R4, 5m] to that effect, in line with the State of the Province Address”.

Special attention will be given to deep rural, impoverished, marginalized communities, women and youth. It is against this background that the Department in its Annual Performance Plan 2017/18 has targeted to fund 20 Projects or Cooperatives and 10 Youth NPOs.

- Entities contributing towards Food security for the poor and the vulnerable communities, households and individuals
- Entities contributing toward income generation for the unemployed youth between the age of 18-35
- Household change agents identified for skills development services
- NPO providing capacity building and support
- Biasedness towards rural women, unemployed Youth and people living with disabilities.

The advertisement or broadcast will be done through SABC Combo, which is Munghana Lonene FM, Thobela FM and Phalaphala FM, Community Radio Stations, National and/ or Local Newspapers and through Community Mobilization strategies by both Stakeholders and DSD officials.

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