



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

### 2021/22 SMMES AND COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT FUND

**Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM)** invites eligible SMMES and Cooperatives to apply for the inaugural **SMMES AND COOPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT FUND**. SDM has identified a need to provide support to SMMES and Cooperatives within its jurisdiction to create a conducive environment for sustainable growth and development of our SMMES and Cooperatives. To achieve the above objective SDM in partnership with **Sekhukhune TVET College Centre for Entrepreneurship Rapid Incubator(CfERI)**, has initiated the SMMES & Cooperatives Development Programme to support the growth of SMMES through incentives and business incubation during the 2021/2022 Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP). The key objectives of this support programme is provision of production infrastructure/equipment, inputs and business development support through business incubation to enhance production capacity.

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents: One(1) page letter of motivation for the support, fully completed Prescribed Application Form, Business Plan(on a prescribed template) highlighting funding required( limited to R200 000,00), Proof of Registration with CIPC, SARS Documents, Proof of address(for the business and key Director), Lease agreement or Proof of Land Ownership and Previous Annual Financial Statements(if available) or Six (6) months profit/loss summary and a 3 months bank statement. Criteria and other requirements are stated in the application form. Applicants should have never received any funding from SDM within the last two years. Applications in Tourism, Agriculture, Mining and Manufacturing sectors will be mostly favoured. The municipality has developed an LED Funding Policy to guide administration of the application processes for funding and assessment of the applications for selection of eligible SMEs and Cooperatives. Copies of the prescribed application form can be downloaded from SDM website: [www.sekhukhunedistrict.gov.za](http://www.sekhukhunedistrict.gov.za)

Applications not meeting the set criteria will not be considered. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted to present their businesses to the adjudication panel virtually or in person. The outcomes of final selection process will be communicated to all selected applicants only and should applicants not receive communication 1 month after the closing date, they should consider their application unsuccessful. For further enquiries, kindly contact us on the following contact details: Email Addresses; [nchabelengc@sekhukhune.gov.za](mailto:nchabelengc@sekhukhune.gov.za) or [marishanem@sekhukhune.gov.za](mailto:marishanem@sekhukhune.gov.za) ; Cell Numbers: 083 345 7579 and 082 216 0118 respectively. Applications must be hand delivered to SDM Fire Station in the dedicated box “**2021/22 SMMES and Cooperatives Development Fund**” or via email address at [LEDfunding@sekhukhune.gov.za](mailto:LEDfunding@sekhukhune.gov.za) on or before the **11th April 2022 by 12h00**.