



KwaDukuza Mayor, Cllr. Muzi Ali Ngidi invites all entrepreneurs, co-operatives, and SMME's to APPLY

Mayoral LED Start - Up Programme 2025

Elevate Your Business Dream And Help Create More Jobs

All entrepreneurs operating within KwaDukuza area of jurisdiction are invited to apply for the Mayoral LED Start-Up Support Programme aimed at supporting entrepreneurs with the start-up equipment. Preference will be given to businesses or co-operatives owned and operated by youth, women and persons living with disabilities. Each qualifying businesses will be granted support not exceeding R50 000.00 in the form of business utensils/equipment, excluding stock and operation costs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Applicants director/s or owner/s shall be a permanent resident of KwaDukuza and the business must be operating within the boundaries of KwaDukuza Local Municipality.
2. Applicants shall provide a proof of registration or permission to operate the business, which should include the following compliance documents if they are required by law i.e. CIPC Registration documents, SARS Tax Clearance/Pin or exemption letter, relevant business documentation.
3. Business or cooperative must be in existence and operating for the period of 12 months or more.
4. The business or cooperative must have a valid and active bank account and also provide a 3 months business banking statement.
5. A one-page motivational letter and at least two quotations for working utensils/equipment or infrastructure support required must be submitted with the application form.
6. The business or co-operative must also show potential for sustainability and growth e.g. be able to source funding or grant or business opportunities or increase market share from the other stakeholders except KwaDukuza Municipality.
7. At least one member of the business or cooperative's member must have a skill on the business rendered for the required funding support.
8. The applicants must provide lease agreement, title deeds or Ingonyama Trust Rights of Occupation or municipality utility bills. Failure to provide security of tenure will disqualify the applicant.
9. Applicant (s) that have received support in the last five years through other Government or Municipality SMMEs/Cooperatives or Informal Traders relief measures i.e (KZN Youth Fund Grant, Operation Vula, KDM LED Start-Up, DTI/SEDA/SEFA/IDC Relief schemes and Coca Cola Bizniz in a Box) etc do not qualify to apply for this funding or support.
10. The required item/s or quotations submitted shall NOT exceed R50 000.00 per business.
11. Government employees, state-owned enterprises, municipal workers, ward committee members, immediate family members of KwaDukuza Municipality employees and Councillors are not eligible to apply for this programme.
12. Applicants that are employed on full-time or fixed term contract basis by any employer are not eligible to apply for this support or grant.
13. All application forms shall be signed or endorsed by ward councillor.
14. Preference will be given to cooperatives and businesses that will create additional new jobs through this intervention and operating in various economic sectors.

The above eligibility criteria included in the application form, will form part of the basis of evaluating applications received by the municipality. The applicants that meet administrative requirements will be assessed further, including physical inspection of business premises or wherever the business operates. Failure to give evaluation team access to your business premises will automatically disqualify the applicant.

The municipality reserves its right to award or not to award or even award portion of requested support by the applicant.

COLLECTION OF APPLICATION FORMS:

Can be collected at KwaDukuza Youth and LED Centre (NYDA Office): opposite the corner of Lindley and Goolam street and also on the KwaDukuza Municipal website: www.kwadukuza.gov.za. | E - Thandom@kwadukuza.gov.za Closing date: Thursday 27 March 2025.

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