

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FABRIC FACE MASK MANUFACTURERS

Calling applications from **Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs)** to manufacture COVID-19 quality compliant fabric face masks.

Support is aimed at SMMEs requiring support in order to sustain their business due to the negative impacts of COVID 19. Both formal and informal businesses may apply.

Only businesses located within selected municipalities in Gauteng and the Northern Cape Provinces are eligible to apply. Businesses that have already received social/relief support during the COVID 19 pandemic will not be considered.



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Closing Date:

23 June 2020

No late applications will be considered.

Criteria

Northern Cape Province

- Frances Baard District Magareng, Phokwane, Sol Plaatjie & Dikgatlong
- Namakwa District Namakhoi, Richtersveld & Hantam
- ZF Mgcawu District Dawid Kruiper, Kgatelopele, Tsantsabane
- John Taole Gaetsewe District Ga-segonyana
- Pixley Ka Seme District Ubuntu

Gauteng Province

- Sedibeng District Emfuleni, Lesedi, Midvaal Local Municipalities
- West Rand District Merafong City, Mogale City, Rand West City Local Municipalities
- Metropolitan Municipalities City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality
- City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality
- City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality

- Evidence of B-BBEE status level of contribution
- For formal businesses, evidence of registration and compliance with CIPC, SARS, UIF, and the National SMME Database. Note this is not required for informal businesses.
- Where business have already certified the quality and performance of their fabric face masks, please provide the necessary evidence. Evidence will be required to confirm that face masks meet the necessary quality and performance guidelines as outlined by the Department of Trade, Industry & Competition
- Where face masks have not yet been certified, please indicate this. Mask design specifications will be requested as part of the application in order to assess mask quality.
- Evidence of a loss of income due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Reasons may include a disruption in businesses operations and the consequential loss of income due to staff being incapacitated as a result of COVID 19, or a decrease in market demand during the lock down.
- Where businesses have repurposed their operations in order to sustain an income during the pandemic, this should be indicated (e.g. clothing manufactures adapting to produce textile based personal protective equipment).
- Evidence of innovative approaches to face mask manufacture or business operations e.g. use of innovative materials, designs to increase comfort, designs to promote usage through fashion, where manufacturing lines were adapted to make PPE, etc.
- Indicate mask price and production capacity (e.g. 100 masks per week). This will be used to gauge if masks are competitively and fairly priced and will be judged against market related prices and against the prices of masks from other applicants.
- Evidence of the business belonging to a South African citizen with a valid SA identity document.
- Evidence that the business has been in the Clothing and Textile sector for at least one year (including a record of transaction for the same period).
- An indication of the mask manufacturing site. This could be a home address or any site that can be visited for validation.
- Provide a list of clients who can confirm purchase of related products over time.
- Provide a valid home address, a recent municipal utility bill, a bank account and a contactable phone number.

Successful applicants will receive financial support to help recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and are required to produce fabric face masks using these funds. Therefore, all applicants should confirm in the application, their ability to manufacture fabric face masks on receipt of the funding. Businesses should attach a projection of the activities and associated costs required to produce the face masks. The manufactured masks will be assessed for quality and performance, and distributed to those in need by the UNDP, SALGA and Local Municipalities.

Disclaimer

Please note that preference will be given to applicants from previously disadvantaged backgrounds, women, youth, persons living with disability and businesses that comply with the norms and standards of business practices in the Republic of South Africa.