

NOTICE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MATATIELE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AGRI-PARK PROGRAMME 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR **NOTICE NO:** **2026/2027-03**

Background

The Matatiele Local Municipality is implementing an Agri-Park programme which aims to bring about rural transformation and sustainable economic growth within the Municipal jurisdiction. The programme also aims to address issues of poverty and employment which is highly prevalent in the Matatiele area. In light of the afore-mentioned, Matatiele Local Municipality (MLM) is issuing a call to farmers in the MLM Jurisdiction to participate in the Agri-Park programme as per the categories below.

The specific objectives of this call are as follows:

- To increase the level of production in the Agricultural sector within Matatiele Area.
- To commercialise Matatiele farmers
- To exploit Matatiele competitive advantage
- To Complement the Municipal Vision.
- To alleviate poverty within Matatiele Local Municipality
- To unlock job opportunities in the area
- To grow the MLM economy in the Agricultural sector.

1. YELLOW MAIZE PRODUCTION - CATERGORY 1 (AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS)

MLM is issuing a call for the production of yellow maize to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Matatiele LM to apply for assistance.

Targeted Beneficiaries:

- Agricultural projects (that are unregistered and registered), implementing crop production within MLM and that demonstrate potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility and selection criteria:

In order to be eligible for application, applicants (Agricultural Projects) must;

- Be an entity from within the Matatiele Local Municipality Constituency.
- Be an entity that is owned by historically disadvantaged individuals.
- Be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC), with a tax clearance certificate/pin.
- If not registered, a project must be registered at least within three months after it acquired the support and registered in terms of the South African Co-operatives Act of 2005 or small business act or any other appropriate business form.

- If not in possession of a tax clearance, an SMME, co-operative or project must have tax clearance at least within six months after it has acquired the support.
- Have a co-operative constitution (if a co-operative).
- Have an autonomous bank account showing the contribution fee.
- Have a minimum of 3 ha and maximum of 10 ha.
- Fenced land will be an added advantage.
- Proof of land size and land ownership should be provided.
- Be biased towards women, youth and people with disabilities.
- Have potential to create sustainable job opportunities.
- Have the ability to sustain and maintain the business.
- Be competitive advantageous.

2. YELLOW MAIZE CATEGORY 2 (SEMI-COMMERCIAL FARMERS)

MLM is issuing a call for the production of yellow maize to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Matatiele Municipal Area to apply for assistance.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Agricultural SMMEs (Including co-operatives), semi-commercial farmers within the Matatiele Municipal Area, implementing crop production within Matatiele Municipal Area and that demonstrates potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible for application, applicants (Semi-commercial farmers) must;

- Must be a farmer within the MLM constituency.
- Must be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).
- Must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and a constitution (if a co-operative).
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have a minimum of 10 ha and a maximum of 49ha (not virgin land).
- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Must have a signed partnership letter, if the farmer has a partner.
- Farm land must be fenced.
- Must have at least 5 employees and have a potential to create more sustainable job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- Entity must be competitive advantageous.

3. YELLOW MAIZE CATEGORY 2 (FARMERS WITH FARM ASSETS)

MLM is issuing a call for the production of yellow maize to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Matatiele Municipal Area to apply for assistance.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Agricultural SMMEs (including co-operatives) with agricultural farm assets (tractors with all implements) from within the Alfred Nzo District, implementing crop production within MLM and that demonstrates potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible for application, applicants (Farmers with farm assets) must;

- Must be a farmer within the MLM constituency.
- Must be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).
- Must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and a constitution (if a co-operative).
- Must be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have a minimum of 10 ha and a maximum of 49ha (not virgin land).
- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Must have a signed partnership letter, if the farmer has a partner.
- Farm land must be fenced.
- Must have at least 5 employees and have a potential to create more sustainable job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- Entity must be competitive advantageous.
- Proof of assets ownership

4. YELLOW MAIZE CATEGORY 3 (COMMERCIAL FARMERS)

MLM is issuing a call for the production of yellow maize to qualifying Agricultural Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) within the Matatiele Municipal Area to apply for assistance.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Agricultural SMMEs (including co-operatives), commercial farmers from within the Matatiele Municipal Area, implementing crop production within MLM and that demonstrates potential to address objectives of economic development, sustainable employment creation, income generation and skills development.

Eligibility criteria

In order to be eligible for application, applicants (Commercial Farmers) must;

- Must be an initiative within the Matatiele Municipal Area.
- Must be a commercial farmer within the MLM constituency.
- Must be a registered entity with Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC).
- Must have all the necessary legal business documentation which includes registration certificate, tax clearance, business plan, an autonomous bank account and a constitution (if a co-operative).
- Be owned by historically disadvantaged individuals (HDIs).
- Must have a minimum of 50 ha (not virgin land) and more.

- Must have a signed proof of land size and ownership or lease agreement (signed by Chief).
- Must have a signed partnership letter, if the farmer has a partner.
- Farm land must be fenced.
- All farm directors must be involved on day to day activities
- Must have at least 10 employees and have a potential to create more sustainable job opportunities.
- Ability to sustain and maintain the entity.
- Entity must be competitive advantageous.

Submission of Applications

An application form will be available at the **ADDRESS.....** and it will also be uploaded on the MLM website. Applications can also be collected at the LED offices at the municipality.

Any application submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

All applications must be completed fully and applications can be submitted via hand delivery at Matatiele Local Municipality, Mountain offices(LED) Matatiele 4730

The outer envelope must bear the title **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AGRI-PARK PROGRAMME** and must also include the full name and address of the applicant. No faxed applications will be accepted.

The deadline for the submission of applications is :30 July 2026 at 15:00 hour's local time.

For enquiries please contact: 039 737 8129 / 039 737 8162

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