

AGRO-PROCESSING SUPPORT SCHEME (APSS)

The objective of the APSS is to stimulate investment by South African agro-processing and beneficiation (agri-business) enterprises

This grant fund is available to new and existing agro-processing facilities, including a range of processing or beneficiation activities of:

- Post-harvest, that result in value addition and/or enhanced storage life
 - The forestry value-chain may also include sawing, pulping, peeling and preservation.
- The APSS will be targeted at five (5) key identified sub-sectors (focus areas) as follows:

- (i) Food and beverage value addition and processing (including Black winemakers);
- (ii) Furniture manufacturing;
- (iii) Fibre processing;
- (iv) Feed production; and
- (v) Fertilizer production

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Be B-BBEE compliant in terms of the B-BBEE codes (achieve level 1 to level 4) and submit a valid
- B-BBEE certificate of compliance or affidavit
- Adhere to sectoral minimum wage and legislative requirements governing the sector
- Demonstrate that at least 50% of the inputs (raw materials) will be sourced from South African
- suppliers and that at least 30% of the inputs will be sourced from Black South African suppliers in particular



Qualifying Assets & Investments

- New equipment, tools and machinery
- Commercial vehicles
- Buildings
- Competitive improvement

Grant Allocation

20% to 30% cost sharing grant of R1mil to R20mil

The dti may consider an additional 10% grant for projects that meet all Economic Benefit Criteria as per the guidelines

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