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FOR  
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1.	What is the criterion/criteria for application to the DFC initiative?	IT should either be a youth-based business or youth organization.
2.	What is the difference between financing a business plan vs a project plan?	The DFC initiative looks to financing a business plan/project plan for a project concept or project which has gained some momentum in achieving completion as a fully-fledged business plan
3.	How can one access the application form?	<b>Please visit the following link:</b> <a href="https://www.environment.gov.za/projectsprogrammes/drivingforceforchange_youthpilot">https://www.environment.gov.za/projectsprogrammes/drivingforceforchange_youthpilot</a>
4.	Are hard copies of the application accepted?	Yes, although we would encourage the submission of electronic applications, once completed, and submitted together with supporting documents. Kindly label documents correctly. The documents may be emailed to the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:dfc@environment.gov.za">dfc@environment.gov.za</a>
5.	Whom should the application be addressed to if hard copies are submitted?	Kindly address, as follows: <b>For Attention:</b> <b>Dr Jenitha Badul (DFC)</b> <b>Department of Environmental Affairs</b>  <b>Environment House</b>  <b>Private Bag X447</b>  <b>Pretoria</b>  <b>0001</b>  <b>South Africa</b>
6.	Can an organization submit more than one application?	Yes, ensure that each application is completed and submitted independent of the next application.
7.	What is that age which qualifies as Youth in South Africa	Technically, it is between the ages of <b>14 years -35 years</b> of age, will qualify as Youth. The Department officials and immediate family are not eligible to apply.
8.	What documents need to be submitted with the application form?	<b>Kindly submit the following:</b> a) A completed application form b) An implementation plan, should it be an existing project c) Budget

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) Business profile</li> <li>e) Profile of Owner/Owners, partner/partners</li> <li>f) Certified copies of Identification Documents</li> <li>g) Proof of Physical address</li> <li>h) Letter from the Bank confirming Banking details of the Business</li> </ul>
9.	What amount of funds will be allocated to the application, if successful?	The maximum amount which a successful application is eligible for is R100 000. However, the amount will be determined post the evaluation process and depending on the merit of the proposal. Support may be provided in the form of technical assistance for development of fully fledged bankable project plans/business plans.
10.	How will the funds be disbursed should the application be successful?	The disbursement of funds will be dependent on milestone deliverables for project plan development and nature of support (i.e., financial or technical assistance equivalent).
11.	How will the applications be evaluated?	The evaluation process will follow a two-step process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Pre- screening of applications for completeness</li> <li>b) Independent Panel of Evaluators per thematic area.</li> </ul>