

HONEYBUSH SMALL GRANT CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - ERRATUM

As part of the UNDP/GEF-6 Bioprospecting Value Chains Project, the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment opened the Honeybush Small Grant on 5 March 2026. This erratum updates the Call to include an additional applicant category eligible for the grant. Please refer to the revised “Who Can Apply” section below.

Who can apply:

- **Non-profit Companies (NPCs)**
- Emerging (< 3 years) or established Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) to form and support a cohort of beneficiaries who will receive the intended areas of support from the grant funding.
- Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to implement their own grant-funded initiatives.

Application journey & timeline:

Deadline	Actions
7 April 2026	Stage 1: Submit Expression of Interest
17 April 2026	Decision notification* and request for comprehensive applications
11 - 12 May 2026	Stage 2: Application pitch sessions
18 May 2026	Submit Comprehensive Application
9 June 2026	Decision notification*

Enquiries: Ms. Karlin Muller; honeybush2026@dffe.gov.za. More information can be found on the [project webpage](#).



Investment Area 1: Sustainable Harvesting Training & related Initiatives

Aim:

The investment area will support applications that strengthen the Honeybush sector through refresher training aligned with the Sustainable Harvesting Guidelines. It will also advance initiatives that promote continuous capacity building and improved monitoring of sustainable harvesting practices. A minimum of 25 harvesters is expected to benefit from the training.

Requirements:

NPCs, NPOs or CBOs must:

Stage 1 of the Application process: Expression of Interest

- ✓ Have knowledge and experience in the Honeybush industry or related industry, located in the Eastern Cape or Western Cape (e.g. projects or employment history).
- ✓ Have skills development and capacity building expertise (in the case of CBOs, traditional methods can be considered, e.g. proof of trainings as a trainer and/or trainee).
- ✓ Applicants must provide information indicating its capacity to run procurement processes (e.g. policy). CBOs must indicate if support will be needed.
- ✓ Have proof of credibility by submitting the following: (i) Business plan or CBO concept explaining organisation purpose and services; (ii) Proof of organisation registration and in the case for a CBO, provide proof of constitution; (iii) SARS Notice of Registration (IT150); and (iv) a South African bank account confirmation letter.
- ✓ Commit to the sustainability of your project, by aligning with UNDP Social and Environmental Standards by factoring safeguards in your application, e.g. Stakeholder Engagement Plan and/or Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) with community-based partners where necessary.

Stage 2 of the Application process: Comprehensive Application

A sound project proposal including:

- ✓ Information of the project team to implement the project.
- ✓ Project plan with activities, outputs, budget and timeline. Implementation should be completed by 31 March 2027.
- ✓ Stakeholder Engagement Plan to mobilise beneficiaries as part of project implementation and/or Free or Prior Informed Consent.
- ✓ Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.
- ✓ Presentation outline of project for a pitch session to the Technical Advisory Group.

NPCs / NPOs	Eligible budget range for CBOs & emerging NPOs
ZAR >0 – ZAR 1,050,000	ZAR 25,000 – ZAR 300,000

For applicants applying for both investment areas, submit an integrated application, whereby the total budget should not exceed ZAR 1,900,000.



Investment Area 2: Honeybush Processing

Aim:

This investment area supports initiatives benefiting a producer or producer clusters within the Honeybush processing value chain. Support may include basic or small-scale processing equipment, as well as training to strengthen processing practices, quality control, and compliance. This also covers the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) and training on its safe use.

Requirements:

NPCs, NPOs or CBOs must:

Stage 1 of the Application process: Expression of Interest

- ✓ Have knowledge and experience in the Honeybush industry or related industry, located in the Eastern Cape or Western Cape (e.g. projects or employment history).
- ✓ Have skills development and capacity building expertise (in the case of CBOs, traditional methods can be considered, e.g. proof of trainings as a trainer and/or trainee).
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- ✓ Commit to the sustainability of your project, by aligning with UNDP Social and Environmental Standards by factoring safeguards in your application, e.g. Stakeholder Engagement Plan and/or Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) with community-based partners where necessary.

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For applicants applying for both investment areas, submit an integrated application, whereby the total budget should not exceed ZAR 1,900,000.

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STAGE 1: Submit an Expression of Interest for 1 or 2 or both Investment Areas

1. Access the Expression of Interest (EOI) application form via the [Google Drive folder](#).

2. Download the form and complete all sections. Where relevant, include certified copies of supporting documents.

Join us for an [information-sharing session](#) either on Thursday, 19 March; Thursday, 26 March 2026, 09:00-10:00 that will help you complete the form.

3. Submit your Expression of Interest to Ms. Karlin Muller via email at honeybush2026@dfpe.gov.za by **midnight 7 April 2026**.

Use subject line *Expression of Interest: Honeybush Small Grant*.

4. The DFPE team will review these submissions against the requirements outlined for Stage 1 of the application process.

For EOIs that meet the requirements, the DFPE will invite those applicants to continue to Stage 2: Comprehensive Application for further consideration.

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STAGE 2: Submit a Comprehensive Application for 1 or 2 or both Investment Areas

1. Access the Comprehensive Application form via the [Google Drive folder](#).

2. Download the form and complete all sections. Where relevant, include certified copies of supporting documents.

Join our [online information-sharing sessions](#) held from 09:00–10:00 on Thursday, 16 April; Thursday, 23 April; and Thursday 30 April, where we will introduce the project and provide guidance on the proposal-writing process.

3. Submit your Application to Ms. Karlin Muller via email at honeybush2026@dffe.gov.za by **midnight 18 May 2026**.

Use subject line *Comprehensive Application: Honeybush Small Grant*.

4. **Evaluation:** All applicants at this stage will be invited to provide a pitch presentation.

The collective submission will be evaluated and scored by the Technical Advisory Group based on the requirements established for Stage 2 of the application process.

5. **Partnership agreements**

Successful applicants will enter into a partnership agreement with UNDP to formalise project implementation and reporting obligations.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I know I am eligible to apply?

Organisation	Description
Emerging NPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Formally registered non-profit organization with National Department of Social Development.Operational for less than three (3) years.Located within the Eastern Cape or Western Cape.Typically still developing governance, financial, and operational systems.
NPC/NPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Formally registered non-profit entity – NPC registration with CIPC; NPO registration with National Department of Social Development.Operational for three (3) years or more.Located within the Eastern Cape or Western Cape.Have established governance structures and a demonstrated track record of project implementation.NPOs include trusts or other associations of persons established for a public purpose.
CBO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Locally formed community-based organization that operate at community level to address specific needs.Located within the Eastern Cape or Western Cape.CBOs may be formally registered or informal but must demonstrate a clear governance structure and community mandate.

2. What is my application journey when applying for both Investment Areas and successful for both?

- Submit an integrated application for both Investment Areas.
- Total project budget limit not exceeding ZAR 1,900,000.
- Implement sequentially, focusing on one Investment Area at a time.

3. What are the application limits?

- Investment Area 1: Approximately 5 applicants (2 NPCs/NPOs and 3 CBOs).
- Investment Area 2: Approximately 5 applicants (2 NPCs/NPOs and 3 CBOs).

NB: Applicants are encouraged to apply because the above figures are based on assumption.

4. How will grant funds be allocated?

Grant funds will be disbursed in three (3) instalments over the course of project implementation.