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## DEPARTMENT OF

### AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES (DAFF) AND DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM (DRDLR)

#### CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: COVID-19 AGRICULTURAL DISASTER SUPPORT FUND FOR SMALLHOLDER AND COMMUNAL FARMERS

DAFF together with DRDLR invites applications from farmers/producers who are currently in production or are preparing for the winter crop to be supported through the DAFF/DRDLR COVID-19 Agricultural Disaster Support Fund for smallholder and communal farmers. The main objective of this support is to complete the current production cycle in an effort to ensure adequate food production and supply for the next six months while the country is managing the COVID-19 pandemic. The targeted beneficiaries are smallholder and communal producers with a turnover between R50 000 and R1 million per annum. 50% women, 40% youth and 6% people with disability will be targeted. The Funding is a grant and the voucher system will apply in partnership with distributors and manufactures of these inputs and the grant shall not exceed R50 000 per farming operation.

The specific targeted commodities to be supported are the following: *(this is guided by the country's self-sufficiency index)*

Commodity	Specific Support
Poultry	Day old chicks, Point of lay chickens, feed, medication and sawdust;
Vegetables	Seedlings, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides and soil correction.
Fruits	Final spraying programmes for fruits that are ready for harvest.
Livestock	Feed and medication
Winter Crops	Soil correction, fertilizer, seeds, herbicides and pesticides.

#### Minimum Requirements

- Smallholder farmers/producers must have a minimum turnover of R50 000 per annum but not exceeding R1 million. (produce financial records or evidence if financial statement cannot be produced during this lockdown period )
- South African Certified ID copy; not older than 3 months

- Valid confirmation of land tenure/ownership (title deeds, Tribal Resolution, Permission to Occupy, minimum 5 years lease agreement)
- Already farming
- Application form completed
- Farming operation able to create permanent and/or seasonal jobs
- In cases where the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Certificate is necessary for the operations, evidence of such to be provided.
- Proof of access to water for irrigation in case of fruits, vegetables and winter crops (i.e. water license/rights or proof that it had been applied for, borehole or other sources).
- Non-Government Employees

**more detail on the selection criteria please visit the respective provincial Department of Agriculture OR national department of Rural Development and Land Reform or visit [www.daff.gov.za](http://www.daff.gov.za)**

Black, Indian and Coloured owned farming businesses are encouraged to apply. The applications will be evaluated in line with the agreed selection criteria.

Application forms are available at Both National and Provincial Departments of Agriculture offices as well as at the district and National offices of Rural Development and Land Reform. DAFF website: [www.daff.gov.za](http://www.daff.gov.za). DRDLR website: [www.drdir.gov.za](http://www.drdir.gov.za) **Completed application forms with the supporting documents must be submitted to the nearest Local. District or Provincial offices of Department of Agriculture or DRDLR offices.**

Disclaimer: due to limitation of funds not all qualifying farmers will be funded.

**Closing Date for the application is 22 APRIL 2020 by 16h00. *Late applications will not be considered.***

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