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# 1. INTRODUCTION

Access to sources of finance at the right time is a cornerstone for building better living conditions for farmers by ensuring profitability of their business operations. Finance is required for various reasons in agriculture i.e. operating activities, purchase of different types of agricultural implements, machinery, high quality seeds, storage and for making marketing arrangements.

This document aims to provide information about the various programmes and products offered by financing institutions in South Africa. The information contained in this document outlines the funding criteria, application process that needs to be followed, and the contact details of each financing institution. We trust that this will provide agricultural businesses with access to information, which will assist them to secure finance.

N.B: Applicants need to ensure that all the required documents are submitted and need to take note that if all documentation is not submitted, the application will be disqualified.

# General documentation required by financial institutions before processing a loan application

- Business plan
- Organogram of management and staff
- Latest financial statements or, in the case of a sole proprietor, a written confirmation of earnings from an accountant
- Management accounts (required upfront should financial statements be older than six months)
- Projected balance sheets and income statements
- Cash flow projections with assumptions
- CC/Company/Trust agreement details (including Founding Statement, Memorandum and Articles of Association, Certificate of Incorporation, Certificate to Commence Business and Trust Deed (whichever applies)
- Personal bank statements (last three or six months depending on financier)
- Business bank statements (last three or six months depending on financier)
- Personal financial statements for members/directors/trustees
- Lease agreement if applicable
- Copies of contracts secured, if any
- Share certificates
- Debtors and creditors age analysis
- CVs of business principals
- Copies of ID document and marriage certificates
- Proof of physical address
- Full property description of fixed property together with a six month bond statement
- Disclosure of any claims, attachments, etc. by other financial institutions
- Compliant tax status

# 2. GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

# 2.1. WESTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



# 2.1.1. COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CASP)

The Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP) is a national governmental initiative, which was established in the year 2003. The aim of the programme is to support provincial departments of agriculture (PDAs) to create a favourable environment for emerging farmers and to expand the provision of support services for the development of agriculture. CASP has six pillars: information and knowledge management, technical and advisory assistance, and regulatory services; training and capacity building; marketing and business development; on-farm and off-farm infrastructure and production inputs.

CASP is currently being administered under Programme 3: Agricultural Producer Support and Development of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, in association with its governmental implementation partner, CASIDRA (Pty) Ltd. The APSD programme is centred on the six above mentioned priority areas of CASP to ensure that farmers are empowered to effectively manage their farming enterprises. It was identified that providing land and capital is not enough and that continuous extension services and assistance should rather be provided to farmers to ensure they manage these funding mechanisms obtained from the national government in a more ordinal manner.

#### 2.1.1.1. Potential beneficiaries

Agriculture-related projects that include vulnerable communities in the Western Cape, according to the following four levels:

- Household food security and subsistence
- Farm and business level activity
- Agricultural macro-system: consumer and economics environment

#### 2.1.1.2. Application requirements for CASP assistance

- It must be a land reform initiative.
- It must contribute to food security
- The project must have a minimum lease agreement of five years (at the date of application), as a food security project.
- It must have a minimum lease agreement of nine years and eleven months (at the date of application) as a commercial project.
- Projects that benefit women, youth and disabled persons are prioritised.
- Projects that have the potential to enhance job creation are prioritised.
- Projects must have the potential to become economically viable and sustainable.
- Projects should demonstrate the potential impact of the grant on the viability of the project.

#### 2.1.1.3. Application process for CASP assistance

- A CASP request form can be obtained from any of the below mentioned district offices
  of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. It is important to ensure that a completed
  CASP request form and a detailed business plan is handed in to the nearest provincial
  district office.
- Ensure that your business entity is registered at the district office. This serves as a recommendation for the application process.

#### 2.1.1.4. Funding threshold

- The Western Cape Department of Agriculture serves the right to allocate the funding in accordance with its own discretion and the availability thereof.
- Please note that the approved funding will not be directly disbursed to the business entity, but that the funding will be administered by the governmental implementation agency CASIDRA (Pty) Ltd and commodity formations.

#### Applicants should note the following:

- Applicants are required to declare previous government support, failure to do so will lead to automatic disqualification.
- There is no guarantee that the application will be approved or funded in full. The Department of Agriculture reserves the right to only approve critical items deemed necessary by its delivery structures.
- NB: Civil servants and public office bearers and those working for parastatals are excluded from the grant support listed above.

#### 2.1.2. Contact details

| District       | Town          | Physical address  | Contact number    |
|----------------|---------------|---|-------------------|
| Head Office    | Stellenbosch  | Muldersvlei Road,<br>Elsenburg, Stellenbosch                        | Tel: 021 808 5112 |
| Garden Route   | George        | Outeniqua Research Farm,<br>Old Airport Road                        | Tel: 044 803 3748 |
| Little Karoo   | Oudtshoorn    | PO Box 351, Oudtshoorn,<br>6620                                     | Tel: 044 203 9411 |
| Central Karoo  | Beaufort West | 104 Bird Street, Beaufort<br>West                                   | Tel: 023 414 2126 |
| Overberg       | Bredasdorp    | Albert Myburgh Hostel,<br>Golf Street, Bredasdorp                   | Tel: 028 425 4806 |
| Cape Winelands | Stellenbosch  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, ABSA Building,<br>Plein Street, Stellenbosch | Tel: 021 808 7050 |
| Cape Metropole | Goodwood      | Goulbourn center<br>C/o Voortrekker&<br>Goulbourn road,<br>Goodwood | Tel: 021 483 7785 |

| District         | Town         | Physical address  | Contact number    |
|------------------|--------------|---|-------------------|
| North West Coast | Vredendal    | PO Box 130, Vredendal,<br>8160<br>C/o Matzikama and<br>Noordweg Street,<br>Vredendal, | Tel: 027 213 2000 |
| Swartland        | Moorreesburg | 42 Lang Street,<br>Moorreesburg   | Tel: 022 433 2330 |

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#### 2.1.3. AGRIBEE FUND

The fund is managed by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. It was formed as an intervention to support black-owned small agricultural enterprises who were previously disadvantaged from participating in mainstream economic activities. The mandate of this fund is to also include the promotion of enterprise development initiatives through value add and agro-processing infrastructure. The WCDoA receives applications on behalf of DALRRD.

#### 2.1.3.1. Products offered under AgriBEE fund

#### New equity deals

This is meant for black people who want to acquire equity and shares, who have been operating in the sector for the past three consecutive years as well farm workers scheme who are starting new projects.

#### Increasing equity ownership and interest acquisition

This is a funding for increasing shareholding and interest acquisition of black people in a viable and sustainable agricultural business enterprise.

#### • Support for agro-processing/value adding enterprises

For enterprise development initiatives (value addition and agro-processing), the fund will be utilised as follows:

#### ✓ Start-up processing/value-adding businesses

This is a funding for businesses that have been doing very well at primary production level who then wish to start adding value or process their products.

#### ✓ Existing processing/value adding businesses requiring expansion capital

This is a funding for existing enterprises for improving operations and productivity so that they can generate more output and jobs.

#### • Enterprise development initiatives

This is funding for the support of development initiatives as outlined in the AgriBEE charter/sector codes.

#### 2.1.3.2. Potential beneficiaries

• Black people in the entire agricultural value chain are encouraged to apply.

#### 2.1.3.3. Eligibility criteria

- Applicants can only be juristic persons who are incorporated in South Africa with valid constitutional documents;
- The applicant (i.e. the individual/s within the legal entity) must be black and the entity 100% black-owned. In cases where the applicant is not 100% black-owned, AgriBEE fund can only support the portion held by the black person/s
- The applicant must be directly involved in the commodity or industry where investment is sought and should have been operating for at least the past recent three (3) consecutive years.

#### 2.1.3.4. Prerequisites for funding

- Complete application form.
- Applicants must provide supporting documentation for legal entities.
- A business plan should be submitted and the cash flow projections must be realistic and positive.
- Viability studies will be conducted by the Land Bank and the report of such studies shall form part of the evaluation.
- Proof of market partner or identified market, market plan and signed contract must be supplied.
- Minimum own contribution is needed from the applicant (refer to the criteria below)

#### 2.1.3.5. Criteria for funding

- Government and the Land Bank employees, including politicians will not be eligible to receive grant funding and/or support from the AgriBEE Fund.
- An applicant should have his or her own 10% contribution to the grant provided and it must be deposited into the AgriBEE Fund account before the disbursement of the grant. This shows an applicant's commitment to the initiative.
- An applicant can only receive a minimum grant that amounts to R1 000 000.00 and the maximum grant that amounts to R5 000 000.00, provided that DALRRD and Land Bank may apply their discretion and approve applications of more than R5 000 000.00 and 20% own contribution would be needed for such cases.
- The grant must only be used for purposes which it was applied, therefore DALRRD and Land Bank must have access to verify if the money is indeed used for the intended purpose..
- For equity deals, applicants may only be assisted to acquire at most, up to 49% in the initial investment. This is to ensure that the skill is transferred gradually over a period and that the business continues to be viable and sustainable.
- For value adding or agro-processing initiatives, the applicant/s must show the ability to sustain the operations of the marketing/processing facility running at full capacity.

#### 2.1.3.6. Exclusions

- Purchasing of farms and farming infrastructure at primary level (the Fund supports post production activities such as agro-processing/value addition infrastructure).
- 100% acquisition of a business at initial investment by the applicant(s) (applicants may

- only be assisted to acquire at most, up to 49% in the initial investment).
- Investment in farms under land claim.
- Applicant(s) who are not directly involved in the industry / commodity where investment is sought will be excluded (passive or speculative investors).

#### 2.1.4. Contact details

| Location | Physical address                                 | Contact number |
|----------|--|----------------|
| Pretoria | 20 Steve Biko Street,<br>Arcadia, Pretoria, 0001 | 012 319 8133   |

Alternatively you can visit: http://www.dalrrd.gov.za

#### 2.1.5. Provincial contacts

| Location  | Physical address                                   | Contact number  |
|-----------|--|---|
| Elsenburg | Muldersvlei Road, Elsenburg,<br>Stellenbosch, 7607 | Mr Edwin Boshoff Tel: 021 808 7739 E-mail: edwinb@elsenburg.com  Ms Londiwe Thabethe Tel: 021 808 7733 E-mail:londiwet@elsenburg.com  Mr Maliviwe Makeleni Tel:021 808 5413 E-mail: maliviwem@elsenburg.com |

# 2.2. DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (DSBD)



The Department of Small Business Development is a ministry that was formed in May 2014 to address the lack of support to small businesses and co-operatives. The department is mandated to lead an integrated approach to the promotion and development of cooperatives and small businesses by focusing on the economic drivers that stimulates entrepreneurship to contribute to economic transformation. This Department offers assistance to farmers through Black Business Supplier Development Programme (BBSDP).

# 2.2.1. BLACK BUSINESS SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (BBSDP)

The Black Business Supplier Development Programme (BBSDP) is a cost-sharing grant offered to black-owned small enterprises to assist them to improve their competitiveness and sustainability to become part of the mainstream economy and create employment by the Department of Small Business Development (DSBD).

#### 2.2.1.1. Objectives

- To fast track existing small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) that exhibit good potential for growth into the mainstream economy.
- To grow black-owned enterprises by fostering linkages between black SMMEs and corporate and public sector enterprises.
- To complement current affirmative procurement and outsourcing initiatives of corporate and public sector enterprises.
- To enhance the capacity of grant recipient enterprises to successfully compete for corporate and public sector tenders and outsourcing opportunities.

#### 2.2.1.2. Qualifying criteria

The applications are assessed in terms of the following criteria:

- Fifty-one percent black majority shareholding.
- R250 000 to R35 million turnover per year.
- One year in operation ad trading as a business.
- Fifty percent management positions held by black people (historically disadvantaged individuals).
- Enterprises formally registered for VAT.
- Eligible to obtain funding to a maximum of R1 million: R800 000 for tools, machinery, and equipment on a 50:50 cost sharing basis, R200 000 for business development and training interventions per eligible enterprise to improve their corporate governance, management, marketing, productivity and use of modern technology on a 80:20 costsharing basis.
- Be operating and trading for at least one financial year at the sole discretion of DSBD, an enterprise that has been operational/ registered for less than a year may be considered for this incentive, provided that the enterprise can supply sufficient evidence to service a tender/contract.

In order to access the scheme, the network facilitators are used as independent contractors who act as honest brokers between DBSDB and black enterprises seeking assistance under BBSDP.

#### 2.2.2. Contact details

| Location | Physical address   | Contact number    |
|----------|--|-------------------|
| Pretoria | BBSDP, The enterprise organisa-<br>tion, 77 Meintjies street, Sunny-<br>side, Pretoria | Tel: 0861 843 384 |

Alternatively you can visit: http://www.dalrrd.gov.za

# 2.3. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION (DTIC)



The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) has various incentive schemes, for those individuals who are planning to start their own businesses and those who have existing businesses. The DTIC seeks to broaden participation in entrepreneurial activity for all, with the emphasis on youth development, women and B-BBEE. Aquaculture Development and Enhancement Programme (ADEP), Agro-processing Support Scheme (APSS) and Critical Infrastructure Programme (CIP) are some of the funding schemes and are offered to the agricultural sector.

# 2.3.1. AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (ADEP)

Aquaculture Development and Enhancement Programme (ADEP) is an incentive programme provided directly to applications approved for new, upgrading or expansion projects. This programme started in September 2012. Aquaculture Development and Enhancement Programme is a cash grant that is paid to fish hatcheries, fish farms and as well as operations involved in the production, processing and preserving of aquaculture fish. The objectives of the ADEP are to stimulate investment in the aquaculture industry with intentions to increase production, create and sustain jobs, encourage geographic spread and broaden participation.

This programme offers a cost-sharing grant of up to a maximum of R20 million in qualifying costs in machinery and equipment, bulk infrastructure, owned land and buildings, leasehold improvements and competitiveness improvement activities. The incentive is disbursed over 2 (two) payment periods, i.e. the commencement of commercial production and at the end of the first full 12 months after start of commercial production.

The following projects will be considered for ADEP incentive and all applications must be submitted at least 60 (sixty) calendar days prior to commencement of the commercial use of the assets or undertaking activities being applied for:

#### 2.3.1.1. Primary aquaculture operations

- Nursery facilities and operations.
- Hatchery facilities and operations (e.g. broodstock, seed, spat, etc.).
- Nursery facilities and operation.
- On-growing operations, including but not limited to rafts, net closures, net pens, cages, tanks raceways and ponds.

#### 2.3.1.2. Secondary aquaculture operations

- Primary processing (post-harvest handling, eviscerating, packing, quick freezing).
- Secondary processing (filleting, portioning, packaging); tertiary processing (value adding: such as curing, brining, smoking, further value adding such as terrines, roulades, pates, paters).
- Waste stream handling (extraction of fish oils, protein beneficiation, organic fertilizers, pet feeds, animal feeds).

#### 2.3.1.3. Ancillary aquaculture operations

- Aquaculture feed manufacturing operations.
- Research and Development projects related to aquaculture.
- Privately-owned aquaculture veterinary services (farm inspections, disease surveillance and control, histopathological analysis, etc. specifically for the aquaculture industry).

#### 2.3.1.4. Funding criteria

- The applicant must be a legally registered entity in the Republic of South Africa.
- The applicant must be compliant with aquaculture legislative requirements.
- Must be tax compliant and a proof be supplied before the incentive is disbursed.
- Application is submitted at least 60 days prior to commencement of the commercial use of the assets or activities applied for.
- Must be a B-BBEE level 1 to 4 for entities with a turnover of more than R10 000 000. Affidavit is required for applicants with a turnover less than R10 000 000.
- Applicants must achieve at least level four B-BBEE contributor status or must submit a plan of how they will achieve this status within a period of four years.

#### 2.3.1.5. Application checklist

- Completed application form.
- Audited financial statements for the entity (latest).
- Authorised management accounts for the project.
- Proof of compliance from the relevant department.
- Incorporation certificate.

#### 2.3.1.6. ADEP conditions

 Approved projects may not reduce their base-year employment levels at the application date, and these employment levels should be maintained for the duration of the agreement.

# 2.3.2. Agro-processing support scheme (APSS)

The aim of the APSS is to stimulate investment by South African agro-processing enterprises. The scheme focuses on food, beverage value chain addition, feed and fertilizer production. The enterprise must prove that it will achieve some of the following:

- Increased capacity.
- Employment creation.
- Modernised machinery and equipment.
- Competitiveness.
- Productivity improvement.
- Broadening participation.

#### 2.3.2.1. APSS offers

- A 20% 30% cost-sharing grant to a maximum amount of R20 million over a two-year investment period.
- A last claim must be submitted within six months after the final approval is granted.

- The DTIC may grant an additional 10% grant for projects that meet all the economic benefit criteria which include employment, transformation, geographic spread and local procurement.
- Minimum qualifying investment size, including competitiveness improvement cost will be at least R1 million.

#### 2.3.2.2. Funding criteria

- A completed application form to be submitted.
- A completed business plan to be submitted, which include detailed agro-processing activities, budget plans, projected income statement and balance sheet, for a period of at least 3 years. The business must exhibit economic merit in terms of sustainability.
- Any assets bought and taken into commercial use or competitiveness improvements costs incurred before applying for the incentive with be considered as non-qualifying.
- Exiting entities must submit latest financial statements reviewed by an independent external auditor or accredited person, not older than 18 months.

#### 2.3.2.3. APSS conditions

Approved entities may not reduce its employment levels from the average employment levels for a 12-month period prior to the date of application, and these employment levels should be maintained for the duration of the incentive period.

## 2.3.3. Critical infrastructure programme (CIP)

The Critical Infrastructure Programme (CIP) aims to leverage investment by supporting infrastructure that is deemed to be critical, thus lowering the cost of doing business. The South African Government is implementing the CIP to stimulate investment growth in line with the national industrial policy framework (NIPF) and industrial policy action plan (IPAP). The CIP is a cost-sharing incentive that is available to the approved applicant/s or infrastructure project/s upon the completion of verifiable milestones or as may be approved by the adjudication committee. Infrastructure is deemed "critical" to the investment if such investment would not take place without the said infrastructure or the said investment would not operate optimally.

CIP funds various industries, however the focus will be on the agricultural sector.

#### 2.3.3.1. Grant offerings

The CIP offers a grant of 10% to 30% of the total qualifying infrastructural development costs, up to a maximum of R50 million, based on the achieved score in the economic benefit criteria (EBC).

CIP also offers a grant of 10% to 50% of the total infrastructural development costs, up to a maximum of R50 million to the agro-processing and projects that alleviate water and/or electricity dependency on the national grid.

#### 2.3.3.2. Funding criteria

- The applicant must be a registered legal entity in South Africa.
- The project must be at least a level four broad-based black economic empowerment

- (B-BBEE) contributor in terms of the codes of good practice for B-BBEE. This requirement takes into account the exemptions in terms of qualifying small enterprises (QSEs) as set-out in terms of the codes of good practice.
- For all projects, a grace period of 15 months after date of submission of the application is given for them to comply. In all cases, a B-BBEE certificate should be submitted at claim stage.
- The envisaged investment projects that may qualify for benefits under any investment incentive schemes offered by the DTIC are also eligible to apply for the CIP, provided it is not for the same infrastructure activity items proposed by the project.
- Projects that have applied for the Shared Economic Infrastructure Facility (SEIF) will not be funded or co-funded for the same infrastructure activity under CIP.

#### 2.3.4. Contact details

| Location  | Physical address                      | Contact number  |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Sunnysida |                                       | Tel: 0861 843 384<br>E-mail: contactus@thedtic.gov.za |
| Cape Town | 8 Riebeeck Street, Cape<br>Town, 8001 | Tel: 021 480 8050                                     |

Alternatively you can visit: <a href="http://www.dtic.gov.za/">http://www.dtic.gov.za/</a>

# 3. DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS

# 3.1. LAND AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA



The Land and Agricultural Development Bank of South Africa is an agricultural development financial institution. It is a state owned agricultural bank with an objective of serving emerging and commercial farmers by offering custom-made financial services within their reach. Since its inception in 1912, the bank has been the leading financier in the South African agricultural sector and it strives to be a world-class provider of agricultural financial services on a wholesale, retail, project and micro-finance basis. Land Bank supports economic growth through the provision of agricultural financial services by means of operating in the money market. Land Bank's broader objective is to contribute to rural development, stability, social upliftment and job creation in South Africa. The bank offers its products and services to mega/corporate farmers, medium to large and smallholder farmers in all the nine provinces of South Africa.

## 3.1.1. Financial products and services

Tailor- made solutions are available to clients, which entails the following:

#### 3.1.1.1. Mortgage loan

- The long-term loan is designed to finance capital expenditure related to agriculture; this is for the purchase and improvement of fixed agricultural property.
- Mortgage loans can also be used to consolidate debts related to the purchase of property or other purposes related to agricultural capital expenditure.
- Term is dependent on the purpose of the loan and offered for up to 25 years.
- The repayment of the loan is linked to the cash flow cycle of the business.
- Security for these loans can be in the form of a bond over fixed property or through additional security arranged in agreement with the bank.

#### 3.1.1.2. Medium-term loans

- This loan was designed for medium-term agricultural finance requirements. Various forms of finance include:
  - Purchase and installation of equipment related to agriculture.
  - ✓ Purchase of moveable assets.
  - ✓ Purchase of livestock.
  - ✓ Establishment of perennial crops.
  - ✓ Infrastructural improvements.
- The term depends on the purpose of the loan and it is up to 15 years.
- The repayment of the loan is linked to the cash flow cycle of the business.

• Security for these loans can be in the form of a bond over fixed property or through additional security arranged in agreement with the bank.

#### 3.1.1.3. Instalment loan finance (Assets finance)

These facilities are designed for farmers that require financing for the purchase of tractors, vehicles, agricultural equipment not covered under medium-term loans and any agricultural justifiable moveable assets.

- The term is up to 12 years.
- Security requirements; titleholder, specific and notarial bonds over the asset or through additional security arranged in agreement with the bank.
- Instalments are linked to the cash flow of the business and can be monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or annually.

#### 3.1.1.4. Short-term loans

Short-term loans are tailored to meet important financing needs faced by commercial and emerging farmers during the vital agricultural production cycle. These include the provision of advances of crop intake, production requirements, production credit and other related services that include the handling, manufacturing, packing, processing, storage, transport and marketing of agricultural products.

- These loans are available for terms up to five years and are reviewed annually.
- The loan is renewed at the end of the term.
- Security for loans can be with fixed property or other forms of security acceptable to Land Bank representatives.
- The loan is repayable in full annually or when proceeds of the crop is received.

#### 3.1.1.5. Revolving credit facility

The purpose of this short-term loan is for the finance of short-term capital requirements and other general or operational needs of the business. The loan is offered to agri-processing businesses, wine, poultry, feedlots, piggery, wine, cash crops and mixed farming (livestock and crop).

- The term of the loan is up to 5 years and is reviewed annually.
- The required security can be in the form of a first bond over fixed property or through additional security arranged with the bank.
- The facility is repayable in line with the income stream of the business.

#### 3.1.1.6. Value chain finance

This loan offers production finance to farmers against a written agreement between the buyer and the seller for the production of and sale of specific quantity, quality, specific price which allows the value of the contract to be determined over the loan term.

- The term of the loan is seasonal, and is renewable annually upon review at the end of the production season.
- Both the farmer and the buyer must meet eligibility conditions of the bank.

Security requirement is the cession of proceeds from the sale of crop and livestock financed by the bank. Additionally, cession of comprehensive insurance, off-taker agreement and

delivery contract at a specified price together with other additional security arranged with the bank.

#### 3.1.1.7. Potential beneficiaries

A broad spectrum of clients is provided for in the agricultural sector:

- Emerging farmers.
- Established farmers.
- Co-operatives.
- Agricultural related businesses.

#### 3.1.1.8. Application requirements

- Registered business.
- Tax compliance status.
- Certified copies of financial statements for the past 3 years for operational farms.
- Supporting documentation is required for legal entities.
- A business plan should be submitted.
- It is imperative to have an acceptable form of collateral/security.
- Be a South African citizen or a permanent resident holder.
- Have a clean credit record.
- Have enough security equivalent to the amount being borrowed; and
- Be able to afford the repayments on a loan.

#### 3.1.1.9. Application process

Please visit the nearest Land bank offices in your area for the applications. For further information you can contact the persons listed below.

#### 3.1.2. Contact details

| Location      | Physical address  | Contact number    |
|---------------|---|-------------------|
| Cape Town     | pe Town  Belvedere Office Park, Block C, Pasita Road, Durbanville, 7550 |                   |
| Beaufort West | 74 Bird Street, Beaufort West, 6970                                     | Tel: 023 414 8300 |
| George        | 55 York Street, George, 6530  | Tel: 044 803 8800 |
| Worcester     | 49 High Street, Worcester, 6850   | Tel: 023 342 1756 |

Alternatively you can contact: http://www.landbank.co.za or info@landbank.co.za

# 3.2. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (IDC)



**Industrial Development Corporation** 

The Industrial Development Corporation is a state-owned developing financial institution which is under the supervision of the Economic Development Department. It is mandated to act as an industrial development agency to facilitate, promote and to assist in the financing of industrial development funding activities. The corporation is a self-financing

institution of which the South African government is the sole shareholder. The broad objective of the IDC is to contribute to the economic empowerment and the prosperity of black Africans, by developing viable economies which are sustainable as well as environmentally and socially responsible. One of IDC's objectives, through Agriculture Business Strategic Unit is to invest in the development of projects and businesses that either create new or expand local manufacturing capabilities and enhance competiveness. This is done by lowering production cost, expanding production capacity and promote value adding to agro-processing activities. Therefore, the grant focuses on agriculture and agro-processing that utilises and develops local and regional resources to supply domestic demand and increase participation in international trade.

# 3.2.1. Agro-processing and agriculture strategic business unit (SBU)

This business unit provides support to a number of economically viable activities in agroprocessing (food and non-food) sectors such as:

- Horticulture and high value crops.
- Livestock value chain like cattle, poultry and pigs.
- Wheat and sugar.
- Fishing and aquaculture.
- Beverages.
- Forestry.
- Horticulture including fruit, vegetables, nuts, tea and coffee.

#### 3.2.1.1. Potential beneficiaries

- New and existing companies within the agro-processing and agriculture sector.
- These companies should plan to create new or expand industrial capacity within the economy.
- Funding for expansionary BBBEE acquisitions in the sector where the majority of the acquisition funds remain within the target company for expansionary purposes.

#### 3.2.1.2. Agro-processing and agriculture industry funding

- The funding application must facilitate the creation of new industrial capacity, save and create jobs.
- Risk-sharing from operating private-sector investment partners is non-negotiable and shareholders will have to guarantee the funding of shortfall.
- Equity related funding
  - ✓ It is applicable to larger investments.
  - ✓ Mainly applicable when a project is perceived of strategic importance.
  - ✓ Only minority interests.

#### 3.2.1.3. Funding structure

- Start-up businesses: IDC's maximum funding equates to 60% of the total funding requirement.
- Expansion projects: IDC's can fund a full expansion if the equity structure at peak is a minimum of 35%.
- Preferred equity structure for start-up projects of at least 50% at peak.

- IDC expects all business partners to have at least a level 5 or 4 accredited BBBEE rating or provide IDC with an undertaking to achieve these rating within a specific period of time.
- BEE empowered, women and youth-owned business are encouraged to apply.
- Value-chain base projects are preferred.

#### 3.2.1.4. Application requirements

- A complete and comprehensive business proposal or business plan should be submitted, specifying all the particulars of the business operation, as the IDC conducts through due diligence evaluation of all proposals and projects.
- Collateral will be dependent on the economic merit of individual applications, as well as the nature of risk of the specific entity.
- The owners and shareholders of the entity seeking funding should have the ability to make an equity contribution.
- Applicants should comply with international environmental standards.
- Applicants should have the potential to economically sustain the entity or project.

#### 3.2.1.5. Funding threshold

- Each business proposal and request for finance is considered on its individual merit, with a minimum loan amount of R1 million.
- This loan amount is charged at prime rate linked interest.

# 3.2.2. Agri-industrial fund

• This is a fund that has been established by the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development (DALRRD). It is targeting to support a wide range of economically viable activities in agro-processing i.e. food and non-food sectors. The aim is to ensure that industries such as food, beverage, fibre, forestry and agro-derivative are competitive. Furthermore, it seeks to ensure that these industries utilise and develop local and regional resources to supply domestic demand and increase participation in international trade. This fund assists clients and other businesses operating in agriculture and agro - processing subsectors within the IDC's mandate.

#### 3.2.2.1. Qualifying subsectors

- High-value export-oriented crops: citrus, avocado, table grapes, blueberries, and tree nuts (macadamia, etc.).
- Poultry: contract growers with a minimum 200 000 birds per cycle, independent vertically integrated operations and layers with a minimum of 50 000 birds.
- Livestock: piggeries, cattle, sheep etc. in vertically integrated operations.
- Expansionary acquisitions in all of the above subsectors.

#### 3.2.2.2. Qualifying criteria

- The investee must be at least 60% black owned.
- The acquisition of primary agricultural land parcels and/or commercially viable agricultural sector value chain operating entities (agri-businesses).
- Support existing operations for expansion in production on privately owned or land

- reform farms (brownfields and greenfields operations).
- The purchasing of capital equipment and infrastructure ("CAPEX").
- Working capital and/or production loan.

#### 3.2.2.3. Funding specifications

- Debt and grant to qualifying applicants only (quasi equity/equity on a case-by-case basis).
- Scheme-related pricing.
- The grant cannot be used on its own but in conjunction with IDC funding.
- The assessment and approval process will follow current IDC processes.
- Owner's contribution will be required.

#### 3.2.2.4. Exclusions

- Politicians who hold public office at the time of application, a cooling period of 12 months after leaving the public office.
- Employees from all three spheres of government.
- Employees of state owned enterprises (SOEs).
- Employees of all organizations serving as administrators of the scheme within credit providers.
- Foreign nationals and illegal immigrants.
- Dual citizens who hold public office in a foreign country.
- Special advisors for agricultural programmes at local, provincial and national levels.
- Part time producer.
- Joint ventures where the targeted producer collectively exercise less than 60% of the voting rights.
- High risk politically exposed persons.
- Producers who have mismanaged previous government support.
- Distressed farmers where the grant is required to settle existing debt.

#### 3.2.3. Contact details

| Location  | Physical address  | Contact number    |
|-----------|---|-------------------|
| Cape Town | 2817, 28 <sup>th</sup> Floor ABSA Building Centre, 2 Riebeck Street | Tel: 021 421 4794 |

Alternatively you can visit: www.idc.co.za

# 3.3. ANGLO AMERICAN ZIMELE FUND



Anglo American Zimele Fund is an enterprise development initiative that was founded 28 years ago, to help/support aspirant entrepreneurs from previously disadvantaged communities in South Africa with funding and support to build their own successful small to medium enterprises. Zimele has 6 funds namely; Supply chain fund, Community fund, Green fund, Sebenza fund, Anglo American Sefa fund and Godisa fund. However, in the Western Cape the focus is on the Sebenza fund which started in 2013.

## 3.3.1. The Anglo Sebenza fund

Anglo Zimele is the enterprise development division of Anglo American PLC, which has been established to aid the sustainability of businesses with the aim of creating new and sustainable jobs. The Anglo Zimele Sebenza fund provides loan funding to new businesses (businesses that can prove sustainability and the ability to repay the loan); existing businesses for expansion purposes and businesses that have been awarded tenders / contracts for a period of 12 months or longer.

The Sebenza fund can be utilised at financing the following:

- Machinery and equipment.
- Commercial vehicles.
- Stock and raw materials.
- Working capital.

#### 3.3.1.1. Lending conditions

- The applicant has to be a registered entity i.e. private company, close corporation or co-operative ( Individuals, sole-proprietors, trusts or associations are not funded by Sebenza fund)
- The maximum repayment period is up to 3 years (36 months).
- Applicable interest rate of prime less 5%, with a minimum interest rate of 6%.
- (Interest rate is subject to change)
- One of the key objectives of the Sebenza fund is the creation of new sustainable jobs. (Sustainable job being for a period of 12 months or longer).
- The loan amount is aligned to the number of jobs to be created, for example, for every R50, 000 lent; the business needs to create 1 new job.
- A contribution by the owner/s is required in the form of cash and/or assets and additional collateral / security may be requested in need.
- All applicants must be fully compliant in terms of income tax, UIF/PAYE, COIDA, etc.

#### 3.3.1.2. Application process

- In order for the Anglo Zimele to determine whether your business model is aligned to their funding criteria, a preliminary assessment is conducted first. The following documents to be forwarded via email:
- Copy of the business plan/proposal and a 12 month cash flow projection;
- A preliminary assessment form has to be completed (This form can be requested via email from the below mentioned email addresses).
- Upon completion of the preliminary assessment, a feedback will be provided as to whether your business plan/ proposal can be considered for a funding application or not and advise on a way forward.

# 3.3.2. Contact details

| Location  | Physical address  | Contact number                   |
|-----------|---|----------------------------------|
| Cape Town | Shop 06a, Ground Floor, The<br>Waldorf Arcade, St George's<br>Mall, Cape Town, 8001 | Tel: 021 422 1511 / 060 972 0503 |

Alternatively you can visit: http://www.angloamerican.co.za/

# 4. COMMERCIAL BANKS

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## 4.1. ABSA BANK

ABSA is one of the largest financial services providers operating in the South African money markets. The bank is a dedicated strategic and financial partner to the agricultural sector, and therefore it is pursuing a holistic approach to ensure that long term sustainability and optimised profitability is obtained in the agricultural sector. ABSA acknowledges the fact that agriculture is the main driving force for rural development and that the Southern African economy is largely dependent on the performance of the agricultural sector. Therefore, ABSA's agricultural specialist specializes in financial planning and other wideranging financial products and services. ABSA Bank has therefore partnered with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and Khula Enterprise Finance to accelerate the transformation process taking place in the sector.

# 4.1.1. Financial products and services

#### 4.1.1.1. Short terms loans

#### Cheque accounts and overdraft facilities

Tailor-made, flexible solutions are available to take care of the farmer's daily financial needs. The farmer can ensure that the working capital is accessible in an easy and convenient manner.

#### · Credit line

This solution provides farmers with a regular line of credit that is separately operated from their cheque accounts.

#### · Production credit

✓ Production credit is offered to ensure that inputs can be acquired for crop production and livestock production.

#### Input cost insurance facility (ICIF)

This is an alternative option which also provides input cost to farmers, however in this instance the proceeds of the crop(s) is used as collateral.

#### Complete physical solution

✓ This option is available for farmers exercising commodity trading on the SAFEX. In this case, ABSA will take ownership of the silo certificate and recognises 90% of the current SAFEX value as collateral.

#### Warehouse receipt finance

This option allows ABSA to purchase the SAFEX traded commodity from the client and to sell it back at a later date.

#### ABSA Milldoor

✓ This option is available to provide finance to the miller's procurement position

against a cession of the commodity trader's forward sale agreement.

#### · Aircraft finance

✓ It offers credit facility to finance aircrafts. The repayment period is between 6 months to 60 months.

#### 4.1.1.2. Medium loans

#### Commercial Asset Finance (CAF)

This option provides the farmer with asset finance for all his extensive faming needs such as tractors, bakkies, centre pivots and any other moveable assets. Farmers are given different options which include instalment sales, rentals and leases. There is flexibility attached to loan repayment as it can either be monthly, quarterly or annually.

#### Marine finance

✓ It offers asset based credit facilities to buy commercial boats registered within South Africa. Only vessels registered in the national vessel register can be bonded with the marine finance.

#### 4.1.1.3. Long term loans

#### Agribusiness mortgage loan

This option is applicable to purchase or develop fixed property. In this regard, ABSA will offer an agricultural mortgage loan using a mortgage bond over a form of property as collateral. The repayment period is 10 to 15 years. There is flexibility attached to loan repayment as it can either be monthly, quarterly or annually with an option to reduce instalments. There is also a flexi reserve facility on mortgage loans which enables the farmer to deposit surplus funds to the mortgage loan account, and to withdraw these funds when required.

#### Black owned agriculture business loan

Lack-owned small, medium to large enterprises operating in South Africa can apply for Agriculture BEE finance of up to R15 million. With repayment periods of up to 10 years, this agriculture business loan targets growing business to provide a bespoke credit facility.

#### Business loan for women

This loan is designed to provide assistance to new and existing woman-owned business. If their businesses have a revenue stream and positive cash flow but lacks a deposit, collateral or security, they can qualify for a loan of up to R50 million.

# 4.1.2. Application requirements

Financial assistance is dependent on individual merit and different indicators such as the financial performance and position of the business, the repayment ability, level of risk and the level of collateral.

### 4.1.3. Application process

Please visit your nearest ABSA branch where an agricultural executive or advisor will assist with applying for your product of choice.

# 4.1.4. Funding threshold

Financing solutions are tailor-made to specifically meet the individual needs of clients.

#### 4.1.5. Contact details

| Location     | Physical address   | Contact number                         |
|--------------|--|--|
| Johannesburg | 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Absa Towers West, 15<br>Troye Street, Johannesburg,<br>2001 | Tel: 0800 227 592 - (6) / 0861 000 734 |

Alternatively you can visit: www.absa.co.za

## 4.2. STANDARD BANK



Standard Bank is one of the leading commercial banks in South Africa. The bank is most certainly also contributing to the development taking place in the agricultural sector. Standard Bank is committed to the sector and has been providing a range of specialised financial services and products for over 140 years. Due to the nature of agricultural sector which is characterised by strong cyclical trends, Standard Bank is offering a comprehensive range of financial, investment and risk management solutions across a diverse range of agribusiness products and commodities. Standard Bank is able to develop a holistic approach, by building a thoughtful affiliation and serving with sector value chain participants.

# 4.2.1. Financial products and services

#### 4.2.1.1. Short terms loans

- Cheque accounts and overdraft facilities
  - ✓ Tailor-made, flexible solutions are available to take care of the farmer's daily financial needs. Farmers can ensure that their working capital is accessible in an easy and convenient manner.
- Business Revolving Credit Plan (BRCP)
  - This solution provides farmers with a regular line of credit that is separately operated from their cheque accounts. A business revolving credit plan could be used for financing intermediate assets (physical or biological assets), recurring expenditure or to expand your business. The maximum amount that can be taken is R10 million.

#### Agricultural production loan

- This option enables the farmer to compensate for agricultural input cost for a period of up one year 6 months. Input costs qualify for crop production inputs and livestock production inputs. This loan must be paid back in full at the end of each season and at the latest a year after it was taken up. The loan limit depends on the costs involved in the production process.
- ✓ Debtor finance
- This type of finance enables businesses to improve cash flow by freeing up funds that are owed to them for work done, products sold, or services rendered. It is a flexible financing option that creates working capital by converting unpaid sales invoices into cash, thus giving your agribusiness access to finance that is directly linked to your turnover.

#### 4.2.1.2. Medium loans

#### Fixed term business term loans

✓ This option is applicable to finance moveable assets and fixed property for a period of up to 10 years.

#### Medium term loans

✓ This option is applicable to finance farm related assets with an extended economical life-span.

#### 4.2.1.3. Long term loans

#### Agribusiness mortgage loan

This option is applicable to purchase or develop fixed property. In this regard, Standard Bank will offer an agricultural mortgage loan using a mortgage bond over a form of property as collateral.

#### Flexi reserve facility on mortgage loans

This option is available on application of the farmer and enables the farmer to deposit surplus funds into the mortgage loan account, and to withdraw these funds when required.

#### Vehicle and asset finance

✓ This option is available on application of farmers to acquire fixed assets according to their economic life span.

#### Agricultural Black Economic Empowerment (AgriBEE)

The product finance is directed to Black Small and Medium Enterprises (BSME) individuals to produce goods for local and international markets by providing short, medium, and long term loans.

#### 4.2.2. Potential beneficiaries

These loans are applicable to all the participants in the agricultural value chain, from producers to distributors.

# 4.2.3. Application requirements

Financial assistance is dependent on individual merit and different indicators, such as the financial performance and position of the business, the repayment ability, and level of risk and the level of collateral.

# 4.2.4. Application process

An applicant can visit the nearest Standard Bank branch where an agricultural executive or advisor will assist with applying for your product of choice or apply online on Standard Bank website.

# 4.2.5. Funding threshold

Solutions are tailor-made to specifically meet the individual needs of clients.

#### 4.2.6. Contact details

| Location   | Physical address  | Contact number   |
|------------|---|--|
| Provincial | 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Intercare Health<br>Centre<br>43 Old Oak Road<br>Tygervalley | Provincial Agricultural Manager<br>Tel: 021 970 4261                                   |
| Paarl      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor<br>Standard Bank<br>45 Lady Grey Street<br>Paarl              | Agricultural Advisor<br>Tel: 021 872 0615  |
| Worcester  | 36 Adderley Street<br>Worcester   | Agricultural Advisor<br>Tel: 023 348 8435<br>Agricultural Advisor<br>Tel: 023 348 8432 |

Alternative you can visit: www.standardbank.co.za

## 4.3. NEDBANK



Nedbank is a financial institution which aims at assisting every individual regarding credit cards, saving, investing, home loans or vehicle finance. Regarding to agriculture, Nedbank assists farmers with funds in relation to agronomy, horticulture, livestock and secondary agriculture.

#### 4.3.1. Products and services offered

#### 4.3.1.1. Short, medium and long term finance solution

#### Instalment sale agreement

Nedbank offers financing on all types of agricultural equipment and agreement machinery (e.g. tractors and farming implements) with flexible repayment options, such as annual payments and extended repayment periods of up to a period of ten years, depending on life expectancy and depreciation.

#### Medium-term loan

The Agri Medium Term Loan (AMTL) can be utilised for financing productive assets (e.g. breeding herds of cattle) or enhancing existing assets, and includes an option to withdraw surplus funds arising from excess payments.

#### Agricultural production loan

This is the loan that assists farmers in financing their production inputs such as fertiliser, seed and diesel. The product takes into account seasonality, the need to hedge prices, as well as the procurement of crop insurance.

#### Agri NedBond

The agribusiness section of Nedbank specialises in financing fixed property or capital improvements to fixed property. They offer flexible finance to buy or enhance fixed property, incorporating interest-only periods and repayment options of up to a period of fifteen years.

#### Agri trade finance and debtor management

- ✓ A creative approach to trade finance and interlinking risk control means one can optimise the risk-return relationship. Key components offered include:
  - Post import financing;
  - Pre-export financing; and
  - Discounting of bills.
  - Hedging

#### 4.3.2. Innovative solutions

# • Shade-netting finance

✓ It caters for field and tree crop farmers in helping them improve the yield of underperforming orchards and protect them from natural hazards.

#### Renewable energy and efficiencies

✓ It provides finance to reduce effects of load-shedding and continued rise on energy costs. Various finance options can be tailor made with a repayment term up to 10 years.

#### 4.3.3. Contact details

| Office location | Physical address                         | Contact number   |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Head Office     | 135 Rivonia Road Sandown<br>Sandton 2196 | Tel: 0860 116 400<br>E-mail address: agriculture@<br>nedbank.co.za |
| Paarl           | 35 Main Road, Paarl, 7646                | Tel: 021 807 1000  |

Alternatively you can visit: www.nedbank. co.za

### 4.4. FIRST NATIONAL BANK



First National Bank (FNB) is an integrated financial service provider which is no stranger to the agricultural sector. It offers a comprehensive package of financial solutions to its South African agricultural clients. It is evident that innovation is the key driver in FNB's business operations, thus clients can be assured that FNB will fulfil their financial needs to the best of the bank's ability; by designing financial solutions which best fit the client's individual circumstances. The "How can we help you" slogan of FNB is taken far beyond an effortless approach, forming the bank's holistic centre point of its operations and extends to engage in local and rural community development initiatives. Due to environmental sustainability, FNB is creating access to finance for the agricultural sector to ensure enterprise development and economic growth collectively.

# 4.4.1. Financial products and services

#### Short term loans (FNB overdraft)

This option is available to assist with working capital for day-to-day expenses, and is packaged in the form of a current account that is interlinked with an overdraft facility or credit production account.

#### Medium term loans (Agricultural project loans)

This option is medium termed, and can be used to assist in the upgrading of the farm such as to purchase breeding livestock, to plant orchard plantations or to build farm buildings in order to ultimately improve the farms net income.

#### Long term loans

This option is designed as a mortgage facility, and can be used to purchase fixed assets such as farmland and to assist with capital improvements (buildings, dams and fencing). The size of the loan is linked to the valuation of the property to be mortgaged as security, the level of indebtedness and the extent to which you are able to repay the loan. The loan term is up to 15 years.

#### Agricultural commercial cheque account

✓ This package can be exercised to manage everyday working capital of a commercial base farming enterprise. Furthermore, it can also be used for upgrading and expansion purposes to the farm.

#### Asset finance

- ✓ The purchase of vehicles, machinery and plant assets can be financed through WesBank a partner of FNB.
- FNB pre-plan account

It is a contract which provides seasonal finance for production inputs, however it is only available for JSE listed agricultural products. Production will also be covered by insurance.

#### 4.4.2. Potential beneficiaries

All participants in the agricultural value chain, from producers to distributors.

### 4.4.3. Application requirements

Financial assistance is dependent on individual merit and different indicators, such as the financial performance and position of the business, the repayment ability, the level of risk and the level of collateral.

- A valid SA identity document (ID) or passport if not a SA resident.
- Proof of residential address.
- Income tax reference number.
- Personal bank statements for the past 6 months.
- Latest available financial statements.

# 4.4.4. Application process

An applicant can visit the nearest First National Bank branch where an agricultural executive or advisor will assist with applying for your product of choice.

# 4.4.5. Funding threshold

Solutions are tailor-made to specifically meet the individual needs of clients.

# 4.4.6. Contact details

| Responsible area           | Physical address   | Contact number  |
|----------------------------|--|---|
|                            | FNB Building,<br>1 Enterprise Road,<br>Fairlands   | Gert Breet<br>Business Development Head<br>Tel: 087 335 5312 or 071 603 7356<br>Email: gbreet@fnb.co.za                               |
| National                   |  | Teresa Le Roux<br>Business Development Manager (Deal<br>Maker)<br>Tel: 011 632 2000 or 082 577 7091<br>Email: teresa.leroux@fnb.co.za |
| Western & Eastern<br>Cape  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Willowbridge<br>Place ,<br>Cnr. Old Oak and Carl<br>Cronje Drives,<br>Tygervalley, 7530 | Arno Cloete<br>Regional Head<br>Tel: 087 736 6413 or 082 302 3621<br>Email: arno.cloete@fnb.co.za                                     |
| Overberg                   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Willowbridge<br>Place ,<br>Cnr. Old Oak and Carl<br>Cronje Drives,<br>Tygervalley, 7530 | Johan Beukes<br>Agricultural Manager<br>Tel: 087 736 6411 or 082 372 4656<br>Email: johan.beukes@fnb.co.za                            |
| Boland                     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Willowbridge<br>Place ,<br>Cnr. Old Oak and Carl<br>Cronje Drives,<br>Tygervalley, 7530 | Andries Van Zyl<br>Agricultural Manager<br>Tel: 012 678 9360 or 073 280 8703<br>Email: andries.vanzyl@fnb.co.za                       |
| West Coast & Cape<br>Metro | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Willowbridge<br>Place ,<br>Cnr. Old Oak and Carl<br>Cronje Drives,<br>Tygervalley, 7530 | Michelle Swarts<br>Agricultural Manager<br>Tel: 087 736 6414 or 061 587 9719<br>Email: michelle.swarts@fnb.co.za                      |

Alternatively, general enquiries can be directed to agric@fnb.co.za

# 5. AGRICULTURAL COMPANIES



# 5.1. KAAP AGRI (PTY) LTD

Kaap-Agri (Pty) Ltd is a private company, which operates mainly in the agricultural sector. Its headquarters are located in Malmesbury, situated in the Swartland area. The core of Kaap-Agri's business operations is to provide a wide range of agricultural production inputs and agricultural-related services to its agricultural clientele. As a subsequent service offering, the company offers financial solutions to ensure that the financial and technical challenges of farmers are addressed. It is important to emphasise that Kaap-Agri is not purely a financial service provider. The additional services top up the added-value that the company is offering its clients, due to the increasing demand for such product offerings in the agricultural sector.

### 5.1.1. Financial products and services

#### General credit finance

This option is a current account, which is financed with a period of up to 30 days. This account is strictly payable within 30 days of date of statement.

#### Production credit

This credit facility extends finance for up to a maximum period of 12 months, and can be utilised to purchase agricultural production inputs.

#### 48-hour grain trading credit

✓ Utilised for handling grain sales, and is payable within 48 hours after date of invoicing.

#### Agriculture establishment credit

Credit covers input costs for purchases from Kaap-Agri business units. The repayment period is 12 to 60 months.

## 5.1.2. Application requirements

Financial assistance is dependent on individual merit and different indicators, such as the financial performance and position of the business, the repayment ability, and level of risk and the level of collateral.

## 5.1.3. Potential beneficiaries

Kaap-Agri's major clients are mainly the agricultural producers, although creditworthy agricultural value-chain participants are encouraged to apply for financial services and products.

### 5.1.4. Application process

An applicant can visit the nearest Kaap-Agri branch or regional financing services office to obtain an application form

# 5.1.5. Funding threshold

Kaap-Agri finance solutions are tailor-made to specifically meet the individual needs of clients.

#### 5.1.6. Contact details

| Location   | Physical address                         | Contact number    |
|------------|--|-------------------|
| Malmesbury | 65 Voortrekker Road, Malmesbury,<br>7300 | Tel: 022 482 8000 |

Alternatively you can visit: www.kaapagri.co.za



# 5.2. CAPITAL HARVEST (PTY) LTD

Capital Harvest (Pty) Ltd is a niche agricultural finance company for the primary and secondary agricultural market; based in the Stellenbosch area. Harvest's solution-driven approach to agricultural finance, emphasis on sustainable relationships, the taking and managing of calculated financial risks and the taking of ownership of every transaction where they are involved, are what differentiate the company in the market.

# 5.2.1. Financial products and services

#### Term loan

- Repayment terms of up to 15 years are available for financing of farmland, immovable assets and expansions/improvements to such property (e.g. vineyard and orchard plantings).
- Term loans are structured in a way that will match the repayment ability of the underlying asset with the cash flow generated by that asset.

#### Instalment sale agreements

Financing is made available for all agriculture related moveable assets with repayment terms of up to 60 months.

#### Capital harvest production finance

- ✓ Capital Harvest's production finance is available for qualifying export fruit farmers.
- ✓ The finance is made available in accordance with the cash flow needs against a cession of the harvest as main security.

#### Grain input finance facility (GIFF)

The GIFF, similar to the Capital Harvest production finance, offers production finance for grain farmers against a cession of the harvest and input insurance as security. The product is suitable for farmers in higher risk areas and as is the case with the Capital Harvest production finance product, the farmer's tangible assets are not attached as security to obtain the production finance.

#### Winter and summer facilities

The product provides production finance for grain farmers growing winter and/ or summer crops; and is suitable for farmers in lower risk areas with finance that is considered against the strength of the balance sheet of the particular client.

#### Revolving credit facility

- The facility is made available depending on the cash flow needs of the business and is reviewed annually.
- Funds are transferred to the cheque account of the business upon request and can be deposited in the revolving credit account as soon as there is surplus cash available.

#### 5.2.2. Contact details

| Office location | Physical address                          | Contact number    |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| Stellenbosch    | 18 Papegaai street,<br>Stellenbosch, 7600 | Tel: 021 886 7030 |

Alternatively you can visit: www.capitalharvest.co.za



#### 5.3. UNIGRO FARMER LENDING

UNIGRO farmer lending is one of the businesses making up AFGRI's financial portfolio; AFGRI is an agricultural company with a core focus on grain commodity. UNIGRO provide agricultural finance to commercial farmers throughout South Africa.

#### 5.3.1. Products and services

- Mortgage bond finance for purchasing land.
- Flexible security options.
- Product specific seasonal facilities for the purchase of production inputs.
- Term loans for new infrastructure.
- Financing for the purchase of new and used agricultural equipment.
- Revolving credit.
- Seasonal facilities for production inputs.
- Online services (e-accounts).

#### 5.3.2. Contact details

| Location  | Physical address  | Contact number                      |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Centurion | 1st Floor, 12 Byls Bridge,<br>Boulevard Highveld Ext 73 | Tel: 011 063 2347 /<br>076 479 1648 |

Alternatively you can visit: http://www.afgri.co.za



#### 5.4. HORTFIN

Hortfin is a ring-fenced loan facility directed at the deciduous fruit industry value chain. It aims to provide innovative and comprehensive financing and support systems in a manner that promotes job creation, transformation and sustainability.

#### 5.4.1. Products financed

- Orchard establishment.
- Production finance / working capital.
- Equipment and movable assets.
- Infrastructure.
- Equity investment to increase black ownership linked to expansion.

## 5.4.2. Eligibility criteria

- The application must relate to the deciduous fruit value chain within the pome, stone, table and wine grapes industries.
- Be able to create sustainable permanent and seasonal jobs within the 3 year implementation period at an approximate cost of R300 000 per job.
- Be at least 51% black owned or reach at 51% black ownership within 3 years.
- Must be a "juristic person" in the form of a company, trust or cooperative.
- The business must have the ability to meet the repayment obligations.
- Must consent to appropriate post investment support, which includes mentoring, capacity building, reporting, implementation of financial and admin systems and regular monitoring and evaluation audits.

# 5.4.3. Loan specifications

- The loan size varies from R2.5 million to R35 million.
- Interest rates in the range of prime less 2% to prime plus 1% depending on the risk profile.

#### 5.4.4. Contact details

| Location | Physical address                                  | Contact number   |
|----------|---|--|
| Paarl    | Postal address:<br>258 Main road<br>Paarl<br>7646 | Tel: 021 870 2900<br>Email: <u>babalwa@hortfin.com</u> |

Alternatively you can visit: www.hortfin.com



# 5.5. BKB AGRIFIN

BKB Agrifin is a product offered by BKB Ltd specifically established to provide financial support the primary agricultural sector. BKB Ltd an agricultural company, which is based in Port Elizabeth, in the Eastern Cape, provides agricultural related products and services. The company markets products such as wool, grain, mohair, livestock, and other products as well as shearing and logistic services.

# 5.5.1. Production loan fibre (Mohair/Wool)

- The loan is offered for a maximum of 12 months for the production of fibre provided that the applicant has a track record with regards to the delivery of fibre to BKB Ltd or an undertaking that a cession on proceeds of the fibre will be delivered to BKB Ltd.
  - ✓ The term of the loan is up to a maximum of 12 months.
  - Minimum loan amount depends on where the wool is regarding production cycle.
  - ✓ Capital and interest is paid within a period of 12 months.

## 5.5.2. Credit line: Livestock

- This loan enables livestock farmers, owners of feedlots and abattoirs to purchase livestock via BKB auctions or liaison transactions.
  - ✓ The minimum loan amount is from R50 000.
  - ✓ The term of the loan is between 7 days to 6 months depending on production cycle and is reviewed annually.
  - Capital and interest is paid within the agreed period and interest is calculated from the transaction date until date of full repayment unless the full amount is paid within 14 days from transaction.
  - Required security: general or notarial bond over livestock. Commercial covering bond over property.

# 5.5.3. Trade Finance: Monthly account

- This loan enables businesses to direct and indirect transactions concerning the purchasing of production inputs through BKB trade.
  - ✓ The minimum loan amount is from R500.

- ✓ The term of the loan is ongoing and is subjected to an annual review.
- Capital and interest is payable 30 days after the statement. No interest is charged if repayment is made within 30 days after the statement.

# 5.5.4. Trade finance: Production loan

- This loan enables businesses to direct and indirect transactions concerning the purchasing of production inputs through BKB trade. The repayment of the account is linked to the specific farming enterprise such as wool, mohair, potatoes and is settled from the proceeds of that enterprise.
  - $\checkmark$  The minimum loan amount is from R100 000.
  - ✓ Full repayment from the proceeds of an enterprise depending on the production cycle of the enterprise with an understanding that the maximum term is 12 months.
  - Capital and interest repayment is determined by the production cycle of the enterprise.

## 5.5.5. Contact details

| Location | Physical address                                    | Contact number    |
|----------|---|-------------------|
| Gqeberha | 61 Grahamstown Road, North End, Gqe-<br>berha, 6001 | Tel: 041 503 3074 |

Alternatively you can visit: www.bkb.co.za/agrifin

# 6. DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

# 6.1. NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



The National Youth Development Agency commonly known as NYDA was launched in 2009 as a result of the merger of the National Youth Commission and Umsobomvu Youth Fund. NYDA's mandate is to create and promote co-ordination in youth developmental issues and is created to tackle challenges that are facing the country's youth.

# 6.1.1. NYDA'S grant programme

The grant programme is designed to provide the youth (young entrepreneurs) with an opportunity to have access to financial and non-financial business development support, for youth to grow their businesses. This programme focuses on youth entrepreneurs who just started and are not fully developed but show potential in the future. The NYDA also provides non-financial support to those applicants whose business ideas qualify for the grant programme. The non-financial support services includes; mentorship, market linkages, entrepreneurship development programme, voucher programme and youth cooperative development programme. Grants will be issued to individuals, co-operatives and community development facilitation projects and it is compulsory for successful applicants to participate in the non-financial programme for a minimum of two years.

NYDA provides grants from R1 000.00 to R200 000.00 depending on the developmental stage of the business. For agriculture and technology related projects, the maximum threshold is R250 000. There are four (4) thresholds under which grant is offered:

## 6.1.1.1. Grant funding thresholds

- Threshold 1: Survivalist businesses
  - ✓ Grant is from R1, 000.00 R10, 000.00.
  - ✓ These businesses should must have a complete application form.
  - ✓ Business plan is not required.
  - ✓ Business experience is not required.
  - ✓ Un-registered businesses can apply.
  - √ Viable business idea must be presented.
  - Bank account and proof of supplier banking details are required.
- Threshold 2: Startup businesses
  - ✓ Grant is from R10, 001.00 R50, 000.00.
  - ✓ Must submit a business plan.
  - ✓ The business must be registered.
  - ✓ Bank account and proof of supplier banking details are required.
  - ✓ Skills necessary to operate the business are required.
  - ✓ The business must create or sustain at least 1 additional job, excluding the owner.
- Threshold 3 and 4: Growth businesses
  - $\checkmark$  Grant is from R50 000.01 to R100 000.00 for threshold 3 and R100 001 -

- R200 000 for threshold 4.
- ✓ Must have a business plan.
- ✓ Must be tax compliant.
- ✓ Must provide management account.
- ✓ Bank account and proof of supplier banking details are required.
- ✓ The business must create or sustain at least 2 jobs, excluding the owner.

#### 6.1.1.2. Potential beneficiaries

#### Individuals

✓ Formal and informal businesses grants will be issued to individuals who are at the promising and start-stage.

#### Co-operatives

- Which are autonomous associations of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic and social needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise organised & operated on co-operative principles.
- Community development facilitation projects
  - The NYDA will also facilitate a process of community development through identifying projects that will be funded through NYDA funds and/or funds sourced from partners.

#### 6.1.1.3. Financial services

- Working capital.
- Asset finance.
- Stock purchases.

## 6.1.1.4. Application process:

#### Pre-assessment:

- NYDA aspiring applicants will be requested to complete pre-assessment. The purpose of pre-assessment is to evaluate the business concept / idea and the stage of the business in terms of performance, business skills of the owner and employees.
- ✓ Assess the feasibility and sustainability of the concept and determine if the aspiring applicant meets NYDA's qualifying criteria.

NB: Credit check will be conducted on all applicants.

#### Entrepreneurship development program EDP Training:

Entrepreneurship development program (EDP) is a program designed to train and inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship and business development in young people. After the training if the applicant still qualifies in terms of NYDA qualifying criteria, the aspiring applicant will be requested to collect documents to submit attached with grant application.

NB: If your business has been operational/trading for more than 6 months, you may choose not to attend the training.

## 6.1.1.5. Funding criteria

- South African citizens and are resident within the borders of South Africa
- Applicant/s should be involved in the day-to-day operation and management of the business
- Applicants are between the ages of 18 35 years with skills and experience for the enterprise/s they conduct or intend to conduct

## Require the grant for business start-up or growth

- Operate their business formally or informally
- Have a profit motive and are commercially viable and are sustainable
- Members of entities comprise 100% South African citizens (youth)
- The minimum persons for cooperatives is 5 persons
- Full time employed applicants should resign upon approval of the grant, and provide proof of resignation to the grant officer
- Proof of attending business management training course.

## 6.1.2. Contact details

| Location  | Physical address                             | Contact number                  |
|-----------|--|---------------------------------|
| Cape Town | 18a Piazza, Golden Acres,<br>Adderley street | Tel: 087 158 7701/0800 52 52 52 |

Alternatively you can visit: www.nyda.gov.za

# 6.2. SMALL ENTERPRISE FINANCE AGENCY



Small Enterprise Finance Agency abbreviated, as SEFA is a state-owned company (SOC), established in 2012 resulting from a merger of Khula Enterprise, South African Micro Apex Fund (SAMAF) and small business activities of the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC). SEFA is mandated to address the challenges faced by Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises (SMMEs) such as access to financial support. Moreover, SEFA is targeting sustainable SMMEs and cooperatives that are unable to attract commercial credit because applicants are blacklisted, lack security or there is no initial cash flow.

# 6.2.1. Product offering

Small Enterprise Finance Agency's products ranges between R50, 000.00 and R5, 000 000.00 and the repayment of the loan duration is up to the maximum of 60 months depending on the credit option and in order to apply, the applicant must be a South African citizen or a permanent resident. There are a lot products offered by SEFA but the financial assistance that is directed to agricultural sector is in relation to the following:

- Agro-processing
- Cash crop contract farming

#### Start-up loans

✓ Start-up capital is financial assistance needed to start a new business. This loan ensures that the enterprise has enough capital to start the business up until the business is sustainable. The repayment duration of this type of loan is up to 5 years (60 months).

#### Working capital facilities

✓ Working capital is money used to run daily activities of the business. Entrepreneurs can use this money to finance overhead cost while waiting for cash receipts. This facility provides the business with immediate access to cash. The repayment duration is up to 12 months.

#### Asset finance

This type of finance is used to purchase new and used moveable assets such as machinery and equipment. Assets purchased through this funding must have a serial number because they can be used by SEFA as a security for the loan. The loan repayment term is up to a maximum of 5 years (60 months).

#### Term loans

This type of loan offer businesses cash to buy other forms of moveable assets that cannot be identified by serial numbers like equipment and machinery, such assets includes office furniture, fittings etc. Businesses can purchase fixed assets like equipment that is used in the production processes. The repayment of the term loan ranges between 12 months and 60 months.

## Revolving loans

✓ Revolving loans are used for operating purposes and the amount varies from month to month depending on the cash flow needs of the applicant. This service is provided to existing established businesses with credit record that is satisfactory. The maximum repayment duration is 12 months.

#### The land reform empowerment facility (LREF)

This a broad based black economic empowerment fund capitalised by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and is supported by the European Union. The grants under land reform empowerment facility are as follows:

#### √ Mortgage loan facility

- This is a financing facility which enables the target market to buy and own land for agricultural production purposes, under the following criteria:
- Maximum loan value of R15 million per project
- Maximum loan of R1 million per black person participating in the project
- Loan repayment period must not exceed 12 years.

#### √ Equity share scheme

- An equity share scheme is a business arrangement in which both land reform beneficiaries and private sector partners buy equity in the form of shares in a land-based agricultural enterprise.
- Maximum loan of R1m per person participating in the venture; and loan

repayment period must not exceed 12 years.

#### ✓ Production loans

- For the purchase of agricultural inputs such as fertilizer, seeds for land reform projects.
- Available for both crop and livestock enterprises.
- Repayable within 12 to 18 months (depending on length of production cycle).
- Loan amount of R500 000 per enterprise production cycle.
- Own contribution of 10 % (of total funding required) may be required.

#### ✓ Agricultural asset finance

- For the purchase of agricultural machinery and equipment.
- Lending threshold of R800 000 per farmer.
- Repayment period must be within the useful lifespan of financed asset to a max of 5 years.
- A registered bond over financed assets can be used as a collateral.

# 6.2.2. SEFA'S AMAVULANDLELA SCHEME

The Amavulandlela Scheme is designed solely for entrepreneurs with disabilities. Entrepreneurs who can apply must have at least 51% ownership. The scheme will offer entrepreneurs with disabilities the standard credit facilities ranging from R50 000 up to R5 million at a preferential fixed interest rate of 7% per annum. Repayment terms for facilities will be up to 60 months. The actual loan duration will be subject to the projected cash flows of the business. Normal SEFA loan administration fees will apply.

# 6.2.3. Application criteria

- The disabilities will have to be verified.
- The entrepreneur will have to be operationally involved in the daily running of the business.
- Funding will be granted to businesses that seek to expand and meritorious start-ups; or to fulfil orders or contracts.
- Financing applications must have economic merit (financially sustainable & technically feasible).

#### 6.2.4. Exclusions

- Labour brokers.
- Manufacturing and selling of ammunition.
- Tobacco, liquor, gambling and sex trade.
- Non-profit organisations.
- Political organisations.
- Persons under debt review.
- Un-rehabilitated insolvent shareholders and/or directors of applying entities.
- Primary agriculture (except cash crops and the applicant must have an off take

agreement).

Speculative property development.

## 6.2.5. Contact details

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|--------------|--|-------------------|
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| Saldanha Bay | Tonyn Street                                       | Tel: 022 714 1713 |
| George       | 1st Floor Beacon Place, 124 Meade<br>Street        | Tel: 044 874 4770 |

Alternatively you can visit: www.sefa.org.za

# 6.3. MASISIZANE FUND



The Masisizane Fund is a non-profit funding entity. The fund is an Old Mutual initiative that was established in 2007. The fund offers development finance and business support. The main objective is to contribute meaningfully to employment creation, poverty eradication and reduction of inequality, economic growth, and the attraction of investment. This is achieved through enterprise finance and support to small, micro and medium enterprises (SMMEs). There are several industries which are being funded by the Masisizane fund, namely:

- Agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Supply chain
- Franchising
- Commercial enterprise

The main focus however will be on agricultural related products offered by Masisizane which are the following:

- Grain and vegetable crop
  - ✓ This product offers a revolving production facility (seasonal crops), the term runs from 36 to 60 months and is reviewed seasonally. Prime pricing of -5% to +5% is informed by rate recovery. The risk mitigation has seasonal or cyclical reviews to reduce exposure on every harvest, off-take agreements and crop insurance.
- Livestock (Breeding)
  - ✓ This offers long term instalment financing, a product life cycle of 30 to 60 months. Prime pricing is -5% to +5% and informed by rate of recovery. The risk mitigation is a loan paid within the productive life of the livestock as well as livestock insurance.
- Livestock (Sale stock)
  - ✓ This is short term secured with working capital. The term is up to 36 months

and is reviewed annually. The prime pricing is -5% to +5% and informed by rate of recovery. Risk mitigation is off take-agreements and loan repaid within each cycle.

- Implements and equipment
  - This offers instalment financing, a term of 60 months of productive life of the equipment. Prime pricing is -5% to +5% and informed by rate of recovery. Risk mitigation is asset insurance.

## 6.3.1. Contact details

| Location    | Physical address  | Contact number    |
|-------------|---|-------------------|
| Head Office | 4th Floor Sandown Mews<br>88 Stella Street<br>Sandton<br>Johannesburg | Tel: 011 779 9400 |

Alternatively you can visit: www.oldmutual.com

# 6.4. SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SEDA)



The Small Enterprise Development Agency (SEDA) is an agency of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, which was established in December 2004. The vision of SEDA is to develop, support and promote small enterprises to ensure growth and sustainability. In order to accomplish this, SEDA aims to support the growth of small enterprises in South Africa while creating a better regulatory environment and encouraging a culture of entrepreneurship. SEDA's main aim is to provide information to prospective and current small entrepreneurs that will assist in building sustainable businesses.

# 6.4.1. SEDA's objectives

- To design and implement delivery networks.
- To promote a service delivery network.
- To strengthen the capacity for service providers to support small enterprises.
- To enable small enterprises to compete successfully domestically and internationally.
- To strengthen support for SMME's access to finance.
- To create an enabling regulatory environment.
- To expand market opportunities for specific small enterprises.
- To localise small business support through rigid access points.
- To initiate a national entrepreneurs drive and expand education and training for small businesses.
- To co-fund minimum business infrastructure.
- To strengthen technology commercialisation which directly helps investors and new enterprises to use technology optimally in improving the competitiveness of their products and services.
- To ensure that small businesses have access to quality control and assessment

- processes, and provides training and access to accreditations and certifications.
- Provide SEDA courses for the support of entrepreneurial successes (5 days).
- To strengthen the organisation to deliver on its mission.

## 6.4.2. Potential beneficiaries

- Small businesses operating in South Africa.
- Projects that have the potential to promote historically disadvantaged individuals, with special emphasis on the youth and women development.
- Projects that have the potential to develop emerging markets.

# 6.4.3. Contact details

| Location                          | Physical address  | Contact number                 |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Western Cape<br>Provincial Office | 6th Floor,<br>Pinnacle Building,<br>2 Burg street, Cape Town, 8001            | Tel: 021 487<br>3640/4761/3660 |
| Bellville                         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor,<br>Lowville Place,<br>23 Vrede Street, Bellville, 7350 | Tel: 021 949 2227              |

Alternatively you can visit www.seda.org.za

# 6.5. ENABLIS ACCELARATION FUND



The Enablis Acceleration Fund is a partnership between Enablis Financial Corporation SA (Pty) Ltd and Khula Enterprise Finance Limited. It is currently capitalised at R50 million. The main objective of the fund is to improve access to SME early stage funding, while reaching out and supporting SME's that are developing in remote or rural areas with a view to creating new sustainable jobs that alleviate poverty and reduce unemployment. This acceleration fund offers equity and debt instruments over loan periods no longer than 60 months.

# 6.5.1. Requirements in order to qualify for the fund:

- South African SME's that are accredited by the Enablis entrepreneurial network.
- Black and women entrepreneurs for start-ups and the expansion of a business.
- SME's involved in all sectors, specifically ICT, transport, tourism, agriculture and services industry.
- SME's that need working capital and or asset finance.

# 6.5.2. How to apply for Enablis acceleration funding

To become a member and start on your journey with Enablis, visit the "Join Enablis" section

at http://www.enablis.org/ and fill out the application form. The appropriate chapter manager will contact you.

## 6.5.3. Contact details

| Location  | Physical address                                  | Contact number    |
|-----------|---|-------------------|
| Cape Town | Suite 202 Sir Lowry Studios,<br>95 Sir Lowry Road | Tel: 021 422 0690 |

Alternatively you can visit: www.enablis.org

# 6.6. NATIONAL EMPOWERMENT FUND



The NEF is a driver and thought leader in promoting and facilitating black economic participation by providing financial and non-financial support to black empowered businesses, and promoting a culture of savings and investment among black people. The NEF is an agency of the Department of Trade and Industry mandated to grow black economic participation. Accordingly, its funding mandate is directed by the codes of good practice on Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment, as well as by the industrial policy action plan (IPAP). The NEF provides business loans from R250 000 to R75 million across a range of sectors, for start-up, expansion and equity acquisition purposes. A key requirement for NEF funding is for the investees to be directly involved in the operations of their businesses.

# 6.6.1. Products offered by NEF

There are many products offered by NEF; however this book only focused on the agricultural related funds i.e. entrepreneurship fund and rural and community development fund. Entrepreneurship fund is mainly for starting a new business and can be financed from R250 000 - R10 million. Rural and community development fund targets agri-processing, tourism, mining and beneficiation, manufacturing etc. The amount that can be financed to a project ranges from R1 million - R50 million

# 6.6.2. Funding criteria

Each application for funding is assessed in terms of the following criteria:

- Minimum percentage of black ownership or interest.
- Black women empowerment.
- Black managerial and operational involvement.
- Commercial viability of the business, product criteria.
- Job creation.
- Geographic location of the business (rural/urban/disadvantaged areas).
- Community involvement.
- Compliance with all the relevant laws and regulations.
- Return on investment.
- The possibility of co-funding with another public or private sector institution.

#### 6.6.3. Contact details

| Location  | Physical address  | Contact number    |
|-----------|---|-------------------|
| Cape Town | 28 <sup>th</sup> Floor, ABSA Centre,<br>2 Riebeeck Street | Tel: 021 431 4760 |

Alternatively you can visit: www.nefcorp.co.za

# 6.7. IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (IDF)



Identity Development Fund is an organisation that leads in developing innovative financial products with the additional benefit of being integrated with non-financial support. The aim of IDF is to focus on unlocking the value of entrepreneurial sector through investment instruments and advisory services for institutional and corporate services.

## 6.7.1. Products offered

The IDF fund is categorised into two sections namely; investment instruments which is a fund that targets the entrepreneurial SME investment and development and advisory services on strategy implementation of a new project which is a fund that targets the development of entrepreneurs. These investment instruments are listed below as follows:

#### Cash flow financing

Cash flow financing is a form of bridging finance, which allows businesses to manage their cash flow and working capital more efficiently. The short-term loans are for a period of 7 days to 12 months and the loan size amount from R50 000.00 to R1 000,000.00

#### Qualifying criteria:

For your business to qualify for IDF capital cash flow financing you need to:

- ✓ Be a qualifying supplier linked to an established corporate supply chain.
- √ Have a verifiable debtor partner invoice.
- ✓ Generate at least R1 million in annual turnover.
- ✓ Have a minimum of 6 months trading history.
- √ Have personal sureties required of directors and shareholders.
- √ Have loans secured by cession of invoice or purchase order.
- ✓ The business should be solvent and sound.

#### Term debt financing

Term-debt financing allows investing in asset finance, contract finance and franchises. The term of the loans are between 1 year to 5 years with a loan size from R250 000.00 to R5 000 000.00

## Qualifying criteria

For your business to qualify for IDF capital term-debt financing you need to:

- ✓ Have contracted future sales and stable forecasted profits.
- √ Have strong visibility of cash flows.
- ✓ Show solid and stable profit history.
- ✓ Have a minimum of 6 months trading history or a solid off take agreement.

## Private equity

✓ Private equity is finance for established firms that can benefit greatly from change in management and an injection of new capital. This funding is for established businesses with 3-5 year track record and the investment size range from R250 000.00 to R20 million.

#### Qualifying criteria:

For your business to qualify for IDF capital private equity financing you need to:

- ✓ Be an established but high-growth potential business.
- ✓ Have a strong and committed management team.
- ✓ Offer a clear exit strategy.

#### Venture capital

Is capital invested in early stage projects with a substantial element of risk, typically ICT businesses when they are at their early stages. The funding is for businesses in their early stage growth as well as for start-up finance application. The investment size are from R250 000 to R10 million.

## Qualifying criteria:

- ✓ For your business to qualify for venture capital financing you need to:
- ✓ Be a high-growth business, with a clear unique selling proposition.
- ✓ In ICT, have a proof of concept.
- √ Have a clear market entry strategy.
- ✓ Offer a clear exit strategy.

# 6.7.2. Required documentation

IDF Capital requires the following paperwork from your business before consideration for any of the above mentioned investments instruments:

- Detailed business plan (including technical and feasibility).
- Management CVs.
- Where applicable, at-least last three years annual financial statements (duly signed).
- Management accounts (up to the latest two months).
- Projections for the next twelve months.
- Company incorporation documents.
- Certified FICA documents (i.e. proof of residence, ids of directors and shareholders).
- Valid SARS tax clearance certificate.
- Twelve months business bank statements.
- Contracts and related support documents.
- Other information as may be required.

# 6.7.3. Funding criteria

- Black owned and managed (51% or more);or
- Growth centric sectors and businesses.
- Minimum six months post revenue operational track record (exceptions made for businesses in the technology industry).
- Potential for profitability and commercial sustainability.
- Scalable business models.
- Sound management and good governance in place.
- Are willing to receive post investment value added services.
- A clear exit strategy it is important to note that in agriculture, this fund only finances the businesses involved in agro-processing, it does not fund primary agriculture.

## 6.7.4. Contact details

| Location     | Physical address  | Contact number                                     |
|--------------|---|--|
| Johannesburg | 33 Fricker Road,<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Illovo<br>Sandton, 2196, South Africa | Tel: 011 772 7945<br>Email Address: info@idf.co.za |

Alternatively you can visit: www.idf.co.za

# 7. CONCLUSION

The Production Economics Division of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture trusts that this "Sources of Finance for Agricultural Businesses" is of value to those involved in the Western Cape agricultural sector. Furthermore, the Western Cape Department of Agriculture believes that the information subsumed in this document will allow farmers to "shop around" for better and more cost effective financing agreements.

We would like to express our gratitude to all the financing institutions contained in this document for permitting us to publish their institutional information.

