



APPLICATION FOR CASP* FUNDING 2027/2028

1. PURPOSE

The ***Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP)** was established by the **Department of Agriculture (DoA)** and is implemented by the **Western Cape Department of Agriculture** through its commodity focused approach in an effort to extend its services to producers within the Province. The strategic goal of this programme is to create a favourable and supportive agricultural service environment for farming communities including smallholder and commercial land reform producers as well as those involved in Agri-Processing within the Western Cape Province.

- Women, youth, people with disabilities and first-time applicants will be prioritised.
- Any request for assistance should follow the process stipulated below. Failure to comply with the requirements will automatically disqualify your application.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS

To ensure a faster and a more efficient service, applicants are advised to adhere to the process detailed below.

2.1 PRODUCERS: COMMUNITY AND HOUSEHOLD PROJECTS (NB: This category of farmers can apply throughout the year).

All these applicants can apply through the closest agricultural office in the respective districts.

2.2 SMALLHOLDER AND COMMERCIAL LAND REFORM PRODUCERS

Criteria:

- Priority will be given to the primary commodity of your business,
- Evidence of legal access to land (leased or owned) and legal water rights must accompany your business plan,
- In the case of leased land, the applicant must have a lease arrangement of not less than 9 years and 11 months and a longer lease period of at least 15 years will be required for long-term crops. Note that it may require a notarial deed on the title deed of the farm,
- Where applicable, Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and Record of Decision (ROD) of EIA, Water License registration and Animal and Plant Improvement Act documents must be obtained before the funding application,
- Should have the potential to create and sustain jobs,
- Enterprises must comply with the latest Agri BEE framework and businesses with annual turnover greater than R1 million will have to apply for blended funding with Land Bank.
- Municipal approved infrastructure plans, signed off business plan and financial statements must be submitted.

2.3 AGRI-PROCESSING SUPPORT

Criteria:

- Must have access to adequate production inputs (raw materials) for the sustainability of the proposed value addition and/or agri-processing activities;
- Proof of land/property ownership or leasehold needs to be provided with the application. Leaseholds must take any one of the following forms before a project can be considered for funding;
 - Lease agreement for 5 years (of which at least 3 years of the lease remain),
 - Lease agreement for 3 years on government-owned land/property (including PLAS leases),
 - 3-year lease for the development of commonage land (Development on Commonage belonging to the Municipality, Act 9 land, and Church land).
- Production activities must take place in the Western Cape,
- Contribution to food security and alignment with the strategies of National and Provincial Governments are required,
- The project must have the potential to create and sustain jobs,
- The project must have the potential to become economically viable and sustainable,
- Business should be involved in value addition and/or primary processing of agricultural raw materials.

3. HOW TO APPLY

- Obtain a business plan format from your local office of the Department, or www.elsenburg.com.
- Applicants are encouraged to make contact with the nearest extension office for guidance and planning,
- Submit a completed business plan to the nearest office within the required time frame accompanied by all the supporting/required compliance documentation as per the checklist in a business plan,
- It is a compulsory requirement that all applicants be registered on the Producer/Farmer Register,
- Once the business plan is received, the Department will confirm receipt in writing and advise further on the process and on-farm verification of information.

4. CONDITIONS TO BE ADHERED TO BY THE APPLICANT

- Once the project is approved, the applicant will be expected to enter into a contract with the Department of Agriculture or its project managers where conditions

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of implementation will be agreed to.

All applicants are required to declare previous government support and failure to do so will lead to an automatic disqualification of the applicant.

NB: It must be noted that civil servants, those working for parastatals and foreign nationals are excluded from the support listed above. The department reserves the right only to approve and fund the critical items it deems necessary on a business plan within the available budget resources. **Persons contracted to deliver a service to the state** will not be supported.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 30 APRIL 2026