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ANNUAL BUDGET AND IN-YEAR MONITORING (IYM) TRAINING: 16, 17 AND 18 OCTOBER 2019

PURPOSE

This circular is to invite municipal officials to attend training sessions on Annual Budgets and In-Year Monitoring as an endeavour to strengthen financial management capacity at municipalities within the Western Cape.

BACKGROUND

- In terms of section 5(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003), the Provincial Treasury is mandated to assist, guide, monitor and enforce compliance to the said Act. Furthermore, Provincial Treasury forms part of the Provincial Strategic Goal 5 initiative as part of the Provincial Strategic Plan (2014 to 2019) and specific focus of this initiative is to strengthen the capacity of municipalities.
- 2.2 In relation to the above, the Provincial Treasury: Directorate Local Government Public Finance is mandated to provide support and training to the municipalities in the Western Cape, as an endeavour to build financial management capacity at the municipalities within the Western Cape Province with respect to IYM and Budget Implementation.
- 2.3 The training sessions will provide practical training to municipal officials as part of Provincial Treasury's goal to achieve "Credible budgets within municipalities and municipal entities". This would require the Municipal Managers and Municipal Chief Financial Officers to avail at least one or a maximum of two officials within the Budget and Treasury Office (BTO) to attend the above-mentioned sessions. It should be noted that municipalities wishing to nominate two officials, should do so as early as possible due to limitation on the number of seats available.
- 2.4 In an attempt to foster the necessary skills, the goal of this project is to achieve the following objectives:
 - To train officials within municipalities of the Western Cape to properly comprehend, compute, interpret, offer opinions and manage municipal budgets.
 - To develop and implement training in comprehensive local government budget implementation, including in-year monitoring.
 - To share with the municipalities, the game changers as resolved by the Technical Finance committee and related reforms.
- 2.5 The target group for these training sessions has been identified as municipal officials in the Budget and Treasury Office, specifically those that perform the completion, review and submission of budget documents and in-year reports. Training will be rolled out over 3 days from 16 to 18 October 2019 in the West Coast District (Saldanha Bay) Blue Bay Lodge.
- 2.6 It should be further noted that there will be two training sessions for the 2019/20 financial year and will be differentiated in terms of complexity as per the outcomes of the focus group conducted in July 2018. The upcoming training session from 16 18 October 2019 will be technical of nature which will address amongst others the sustainable budgeting, implementation and monitoring of a municipal budget and understanding budget reforms including the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations and Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts.

2.7 The second training session from the 4th - 6th of December 2019 will be more advanced and will focus on beyond compliance and more of a strategic nature and will go into more depth including amongst others the recent mSCOA developments, long term financial planning, policy analysis, alignment between planning and budgeting, balance sheet budgeting, reporting and interpreting financial and non-financial information and costing of services.

3. LOGISTICS

3.1 The details of the upcoming workshop are as follows:

Date: 16, 17 and 18 October 2019 (Wednesday - Friday)

Venue: : Saldanha Bay Blue Bay Lodge

Time : 08:00 - 16:00 (daily)

- Each attendee is required to bring his/her own laptop to participate in the practical session.
- 3.3 The training costs are funded by the Provincial Treasury and do not include the travel and accommodation costs of delegates. Hence, each attendee is required to co-ordinate their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 The School of Public Leadership of Stellenbosch University will be making use of online registrations.
- 4.2 Once the Municipality has nominated officials to attend the training, further details and guidance will be provided to each nominee to register on line.

5. CONFIRMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

Confirmation of attendance should reach the Secretariat at the Provincial Treasury by no later than 07 October 2019. Please direct your communication to:

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<u>Kindly note</u> that the transversal training support initiative by WC Provincial Treasury is designed to continue to capacitate, skill and empower public officials towards enhanced, effective, efficient and responsive Local Government and thus we encourage municipalities to take up this opportunity.

Your co-operation in this regard will be highly appreciated.



MR M SIGABI

DIRECTOR: LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE GROUP 2

DATE: 6 September 2019