

Other SMME Support Organisations

Ikapa ABSA Entrepreneurial Programme

What is the programme about?

The IKAPA ABSA ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAMME is a joint project between Casidra, the Western Cape Department of Economic Development and ABSA. It is a result of the Provincial Growth and Development Summit held in 2003 and is managed by Casidra in the context of the Western Cape Provincial Government's IKAPA ELIHLUMAYO the Growing Cape strategy.

How can the programme assist you?

The program is aimed at assisting and growing start-ups/new businesses, existing businesses, businesses that are owned by women, the disabled and community organizations. A key criterium for the programme is the creation of new jobs. The target client is the client who will not be serviced by the formal financial institutions.

The program will provide financial support to small, micro and medium enterprises based on development principles.

A range of support services such as mentoring programmes, marketing assistance, business management training, business idea development, intellectual property registration and networking opportunities can be provided.

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RED Door

The RED Door is a one-stop shop where new and existing businesses are able to access a single point to seek assistance. Expert, friendly and supportive staff at the RED Doors will support clients with a step-by-step process of business advice for all requirements, whether basic or highly sophisticated. The entrepreneur will be guided through his/her business journey ensuring that optimum success is achieved.

The RED Door aims to:

1. Help build new businesses in all areas
2. Help strengthen and develop existing new businesses
3. Broaden the ownership base of black business.

What will the RED Door offer you?

As a RED Door client you can get support for all aspects of business development and mentorship; from business planning to sourcing finance to manufacturing advice and even accounting and legal services. These services might be offered to you directly through the RED Door or through service providers linked to the RED Door.

You can contact your local THD for contact details of a RED Door in your area.

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Programmes

The DTI offers various programmes:

to develop entrepreneurship,
to promote empowerment,
to provide training grants and cost-sharing grants.

The DTI can be contacted directly for further information.

Call Centre: 0861 843 384

Tel: (021) 480-8050

Website: www.thedti.gov.za

Business Opportunities Network of the Western Cape (BON)

BON aims to create the conditions for the empowerment of emerging enterprises through business linkages.

Tender Training Workshops

Regular workshops are held. Call the number below for dates and times.

Tender readiness assessment and guidance.

BON assists SMMEs with assessing their current capacity as a supplier to prepare improved tender documents.

This service also includes assessing the relevant supplier documentation to get registered on the Western Cape Supplier Database.

Tender document completion assistance.

SMMEs receive tender advice at a subsidised rate from BON.

The BON staff will assist you with understanding the process of tenders, basic tender compliance advice, overhead and operational expenses, sources of finance and how to communicate with tender departments.

Costing and estimation on building plans.

BON's in-house expert will assist any construction company with preparing their costing and estimation on building plans.

The assistance also includes an analysis of components in bills of quantities.

Enquiries/Arrange Appointments with:

Tel: (021) 419-9641 - Cape Town Office

Tel: (021) 872-6297 - Paarl Office

Website: www.bon.co.za

Umsobomvu Youth Fund (UYF)

Umsobomvu Youth Fund is a development funding institution established by the South African Government as a direct response to the high youth unemployment in the country. Its mandate is to create a platform for job creation, skills development and skills transfer for young people (aged 18 to 35) and thus promote economic citizenship for the youth of South Africa. The aim of the programme is to enhance the participation of young people in the mainstream economy by helping them access sustainable business opportunities through enterprise, finance and business development services.

Services offered through the Umsobomvu voucher programme are:

- market access services,
- accounting and booking services,
- human resource development,
- contract drafting,
- market research,
- business plan development,
- tax advisory services and
- mentorship.

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