

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2027/28 COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CASP) AND 2026/27 BRIDGE FUND (BLENDED FINANCE) SUPPORT: MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, LAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) hereby invites applications from qualifying farmers and agricultural enterprises requiring support through the **Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP)** and the **Mpumalanga Bridge Fund (Blended Finance)**.

The Department seeks to support agricultural enterprises operating within Livestock, Grains (Highveld), Horticulture (Lowveld), Aquaculture, Agro-processing Value Chains

Applicants will be considered for one of the following support mechanisms, subject to the applicable qualifying criteria and availability of funds:

A. Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme (CASP)	B. Mpumalanga Bridge Fund (Blended Finance)
CASP Support is aimed at farmers and agricultural enterprises with an annual turnover of less than R1 000 000, who demonstrate the potential for commercialization, sustainable job creation and positive economic impact. Target Group: • Entrant Existing Smallholder Farmers • Preference will be given to Women; Youth; Persons with Disabilities; Unemployed Agricultural Graduates; and Military Veterans. Support may be provided for: • On-farm and off-farm infrastructure • Mechanisation and farming equipment; • Production inputs; • Training and capacity building; • Marketing, business development and trade; and • Agro-processing initiatives.	Applicants who demonstrate commercial potential but require additional support to transition into sustainable commercial farming may be considered for the Mpumalanga Bridge Fund. Target Group: • CASP-supported farmers requiring commercialization support; • Smallholder farmers with growth potential; • Distressed commercial farmers; and • Agricultural enterprises requiring blended developmental support. Support under the Mpumalanga Bridge Fund may include: • Infrastructure development; • Production inputs; • Working capital; • Training and mentorship; • Technical and business support; • Market access support; and • Commercialization interventions. Applications for the Mpumalanga Bridge Fund will be assessed against a qualifying criterion and are subject to the approval of the relevant funding partner/s

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Applications must comply with the following requirements:

1. South African certified ID copy, not older than 3 months.
2. Must be 18 years or older; and already farming.
3. Signed and fully completed application form.
4. A comprehensive business plan demonstrating a viable business model, sound management capacity and positive projected returns.
5. Proof to access markets
6. Agro-processing proposals must demonstrate sustainable access to adequate raw material.
7. Valid proof of land tenure or ownership for agricultural purposes, including Title Deed; Lease Agreement (minimum of 10 years); Permission to Occupy (PTO); or Any other acceptable proof of land rights.
8. Legislative approvals, where applicable, including Zoning Certificate; Environmental Authorisation (EIA); Water Use Licence; Borehole Registration and Water Quality Results; Soil Test Results; SABS approvals; and Any other statutory approvals relevant to the proposed enterprise.
9. Applicants must be Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDIs).
10. A farming operation should be able to create permanent and/or seasonal jobs.
11. Government and parastatals employees or political office bearers are not eligible to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application forms are available from all DARDLEA District and Local Offices.

Completed application forms, together with all required supporting documentation, must be submitted to the nearest DARDLEA District Office or DARDLEA Local Office.

Applications submitted after the closing date, or by fax or email, will not be considered

CLOSING DATE: 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Submission of an application does not constitute approval for funding.
- Applications will undergo administrative screening, technical assessment and evaluation in accordance with the CASP Framework and the Department's approved qualifying criteria.
- Applicants may be recommended for either CASP grant funding or the Mpumalanga Bridge Fund (Blended Finance), depending on their developmental needs, commercial readiness and compliance with the applicable qualifying criteria.
- Only successful applicants will be contacted. If you have not received any communication within three (3) months after the closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful

Disclaimer: The number of projects to be supported will be determined by the available funds.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CASP) FUND: 2027/2028 FOR MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Application Ref No:

For office use only

DISTRICT:

MUNICIPALITY:

PROJECT CONTACT DETAILS

Project/Farm Name

Trading Name/ Legal Entity Name (if applicable)

Physical Address

Area Code

CONTACT PERSON

Title:- Mr/ Ms/ Dr

Full Name(s):-

Surname:- Position:-

Email:- Contact Number:-

PURPOSE OF GRANT APPLICATION (Mark with X appropriate box)

Infrastructure development and type of infrastructure required (specify)

Fencing: Boundary	Bulk water supply structures	Poultry production facility
Internal / camp fencing	Business Development & Marketing	Large stock handling facility
Mechanization and farming equipment	Shed nets	Small stock handling facility
Dipping facility	Pack shed	Capacity building
Stock water reticulation	Storage facility	Agro-processing
In-field irrigation structures (copy of water rights should be attached. Specify type of irrigation support required)	Pig production facility	Production Inputs
Other: (specify)		



COMMODITY APPLYING FOR (Mark with X in appropriate box)

Livestock Value Chain
(e.g.: cattle, goats, sheep, poultry
etc.)

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Horticulture Value Chain
(eg: fruits, vegetables,
nuts, herbs etc.)

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Grains Value Chain

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Aquaculture Value Chain

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FARMER CATEGORY (Mark with X in appropriate box)

Vulnerable household

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Smallholder Farmer

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Subsistence Farmer

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Distressed Commercial
Farmer

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ANNUAL TURNOVER Mark with X in appropriate box)

Less than 50 000 per annum

Less than a million per annum

More than a million per Annum

Turnover not known (No records)

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FARM DETAILS

LAND USE RIGHTS (mark with X where applicable and attach proof)

Permission to Occupy

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Lease

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Title Deed

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Other:

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WATER SOURCE DETAILS (mark with X where applicable and attach proof)

Spring

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River

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Dam

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Borehole

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Farm extent in hectares

Proposed hectares to be developed

FARMERS (attach certified copies)



Number		Females		Males		Youth		Disabled	
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Name	ID Number	Gender		Youth	Disability
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Please add if more

SUMMARY OF CURRENT FARMING ACTIVITIES

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SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT

(Provide details in the Business Plan)

Year Supported	Activities	Institution





I/ We the under signed declare that the information in this application is a true reflection of my/our intended project. I/We are aware that information which I/we have submitted above will have a material bearing on the adjudication of the application and if it therefore subsequently appears that any information appears in the application was not correct, or certain information is omitted, the Department shall be entitled to withdraw or amend its approval. I/We further authorise the Department to make any queries in accordance to the Departments procedures in connection with this application.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____

FOR OFFICE USE:	RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVAL
PROJECT REF. NO.	
PROJECT NAME	
DISTRICT	
COMMENTS BY MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE	

IMPORTANT NOTES TO APPLICANTS

- The application form must be filled in full.
- Please mark the relevant box of the application form with X and where the answer is not applicable, state N/A.
- Note that no direct transfers shall be made to any applicant in respect of the support requested. The Department shall use approved procurements procedures to deliver the service
- Public servants will not be considered
- All returnable documents must be attached to the application.

CHECK LIST/ RETURNABLE DOCUMENTS

1. Fully Signed Application Form (please initial each page)
2. Signed Business Plan
3. Proof of Market
4. Certified ID Copies
5. Proof of water rights allocation
6. Proof of Land use rights
7. Proof of Legal Entity where applicable
8. Relevant Authorisations