

Neighbourhood Development Partnership Grant

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) GENERAL

Glossary:

CG	Capital Grant (Schedule 6)
LA	Local authority
NDPG	Neighbourhood Development Partnership Grant
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Programme
TA	Technical Assistance Grant (Schedule 7)
TRS	Township Regeneration Strategy

I am interested in partnering or leveraging NDPG investments.

Q. How do I find out what the planned NDPG projects / investments are?

A. The [NDP website](#) provides basic information and progress updates about all its awards. Each of the 57 municipalities also has a designated NDPG Coordinator who can be contacted for more information. Email or phone the NDP Unit if you require the contact details of specific municipalities or townships.

Q. What kind of **public** sector partnerships and coordination are being encouraged in terms of this grant?

A. The NDPG seeks to “crowd in” other public investments and inputs into the area-based focus of the LAs’ nodal development initiatives. The NDPG requires funded programmes to be reflected in local Integrated Development Plans (IDPs), and aspires to focus township regeneration inputs over the long term by requiring the development of a common, municipal-level Township Regeneration Strategy. (see NDPG Toolkits)

Q. What kind of **private** sector partnerships are being encouraged in terms of this grant?

A NDPG programmes support socio-economic development and community enrichment, ideally by supporting private-sector led commercial development. In cases where the private sector investor is already investing or about to invest in a project area, LAs are able to use NDPG funding to expand the community benefits of the project. The NDP will not directly fund a private sector investor, but rather fund, for example:

- Establishment of the pre-conditions for economic development to make townships more attractive, and potentially more commercially attractive and viable in the long run, for the private sector too in the form of reasonable Return on Investment – e.g. economic, access and community infrastructure
- The components of the development that have direct benefit to the community and will leave a legacy in that area and promote a better-rounded programme – e.g. social amenities

To give a practical example, a retail developer wishes to erect a shopping centre in the township, but there is no access road and the adjacent park could do with a facelift. The NDP could fund the construction of this access road, for without it, the retail development could not proceed. It could also fund the greening and landscaping of the park. As long as the development is secured on that basis, and normal funding sources are not available to cover the cost of the infrastructure, an LA could use its TA component to package and motivate the project, and subsequently use its CG to implement the capital project.

Q. May I meet with the national NDP to discuss partnership opportunities with the NDPG?

A It is not the NDP’s intention to engage at individual detail project level with the private sector. However, the NDP will be undertaking strategic stakeholder engagements at a national level to inform and alert the investment community to the grant’s existence and opportunities. Interested parties are invited to email or phone the NDP Unit if you require the contact details of specific municipalities or townships to enable direct engagement.



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I am a municipality that does not have an NDPG award.

Q. Will there be a chance to apply again in future?

A. The NDPG is currently not open to new applications, and no future Application Rounds are currently envisaged.

Q. How can I still benefit from the NDP?

A. The NDP has a strong focus on mainstreaming township regeneration across the board, and therefore welcomes other non-NDPG grantee municipalities to seek opportunities to leverage knowledge, ideas, and approaches from the NDPG experience to further their own township regeneration efforts. The national department, and typically most NDPG LAs, are willing to share knowledge and experience with peers. For example, the training initiatives and knowledge products of the NDP are available to all township practitioners in the country. Contact the NDP Unit if you have specific queries or requests.

I am interested in providing professional services through the NDPG.

Q. How can I get contracts through the NDPG?

A. Procurement for the NDPG programmes is all conducted directly by the grantee LAs who operate subject to the Municipal Financial Management Act (MFMA) and their Supply Chain Management policies. There is some central Technical Assistance work carried out nationally at the NDP Unit which is resourced through a Professional Service Providers' Panel which to date has been established on a 3-year cycle of public calls for Expressions of Interest. All NDP procurement is compliant with the government's procurement policies.

Q. Does the NDP accept unsolicited bids?

A. No

Do you have other questions not addressed here or in the Application FAQs?

[Let us know.](#)

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