

BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY



DRAFT COMMUNITY UPLIFTMENT POLICY 2021/2022

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1. INTRODUCTION

The accounting officer of a municipality is responsible for the management of the expenditure of the municipality in an effective and controlled manner. Therefore the Bergrivier Municipality adopts the following Community Upliftment policy.

2. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

- a) The Municipal Finance Management Act (56 of 2003)
- b) Section 15 of the Municipal Supply Chain Regulations.
- c) Treasury regulations in terms of Section 13(1) of the Act.

3. OBJECTIVES

Compliance with the regulatory framework in terms of the relevant legislation is required. The Policy serves as the conduit through the Council aim to facilitate access, create opportunities; develop partnerships, enhance and promote sustainable livelihoods within communities, with due consideration for the natural environment. The Policy forms the basis for engagement with development stakeholders, operationalization of Council approved programmes and support for community involvement.

Notwithstanding geographical locations in Bergrivier Municipality, applicable legislation and financial and operational limitations the Municipality is encouraged to invest in and support locally appropriate community development initiatives. Application of the LED policy and allocation of the annual budget is however limited to Bergrivier Municipality, in alignment with the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment ("B-BBEE") Codes of Good Practise (2013) and the Revised Construction Sector Code (2017).

4. RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The key responsibilities in terms of the MFMA (Section 65) are:

Accounting Officer/Municipal Manager;

- (1) The accounting officer of a municipality is responsible for the management of the expenditure of the municipality.
- (2) The accounting officer must for the purpose of subsection (1) take all reasonable steps to ensure:
 - (a) that the municipality has and maintains an effective system of expenditure control, including procedures for the approval, authorisation, withdrawal and payment of funds;
 - (b) that the municipality has and maintains a management, accounting an information system which:

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- (i) recognises expenditure when it is incurred;
- (ii) accounts for creditors of the municipality; and
- (iii) accounts for payments made by the municipality;

(c) that the municipality has and maintains a system of internal control in respect of creditors and payments;

(d) that payments by the municipality are made;

- (i) directly to the person to whom it is due unless agreed otherwise for reasons as may be prescribed; and
- (ii) either electronically or by way of non-transferable cheques, provided that cash payments and payments by way of cash cheques may be made for exceptional reasons only, and only up to a prescribed limit;

The Municipal Manager delegates authority to the Chief Financial Officer to ensure compliance and adherence to the principles established by this policy.

5. COMMUNITY UPLIFTMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK

Principles

The Community Upliftment policy and programmes is underpinned by the following principles which promotes:

- Transformation, diversity and inclusion of the whole community of Bergrivier Municipality
- Development and responsiveness to local contexts and needs,
- Transparency and accountability towards the Community of Bergrivier Municipality,
- Adherence to relevant legislation, codes of good practice and best practice trends within the MFMA; and
- Delivering on Bergrivier Municipality mandate in a responsible, accountable and sustainable manner to the whole community.

6. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

This Policy is effective from 1 July 2021.

It is the responsibility of the Office of the Municipal Manager and to bring the content of this Policy to the attention of all parties concerned.

This Policy marks the beginning of a long term path the Bergrivier Municipality intends to walk with the citizens of Bergrivier and that this Policy represents the first phase of implementation. With the increase in maturity of the Bergrivier Municipality as well as its Stakeholders/Community, it is further accepted that this Policy will also mature to the extent that visible socio- and economic benefits can be experienced by all citizens living in Bergrivier.

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The Community Upliftment is operationalised through programmes approved by Council, in consultation with ward committees, with the approval of the annual budget.

The Council may prioritise programmes for education, skills development and support for disadvantage communities, in line with objectives described in both the National Development Plan and the Revised PPPFA (2017).

Funds should be utilised for the whole community and is not allowed to be used for individual persons/households.

7. DEFINITIONS

The words in this policy shall bear a meaning as prescribed and/or ascribed by applicable legislation, and in the event of a conflict, the meaning attached thereto by National Legislation shall prevail.

“Act” means the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000); and the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003)

“Individual” an individual shall mean a natural person;

“Person” includes reference to a juristic person;

“Community” all residents of Bergrivier Municipality.

POLICY SIGNED OFF BY THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER.....

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