**FREQUENTYLY ASKED QUESTIONS ( FAQ’s)**

* **WHAT IS EZETHU DEVELOPMENT TRUST :** EDT a registered trust which is a SARS-approved Public Benefit Organisation (PBO), as defined in Sections 30 and 30B of the Income Tax Act.
* **WHAT DOES THE TRUST DO?** The Trust was established in 2011 as a PBO to facilitate the development of the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro for the benefit of the residents via funding provided to qualifying Public Benefit Organisations.
* **WHEN DOES THE FUNDING CYCLE START:** Annually, around the end of February the Trust’s website announces the timing for Expressions of Interest and an advert is published in the local Herald newspaper,
* **WHEN DOES THE CYCLE END**: For the “Expressions of interest phase”, the cycle usually closes during April. Thereafter the various stages of the detailed application and assessment process follow which are completed by November.
* **WHICH GEOGRAPHIC AREAS DOES THE TRUST COVER:** THE WHOLE OF NELSON MANDELA METRO I.E GQGEBERHA, KARIEGA & DISPATCH
* **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY:** ONLY SARS Approved PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANISATION i.e. NPC, Trust, organisations.
* **WHERE CAN ORGANISATIONS ACCESS APPLICATION FORMS:** From this website (Lets point them to an) via the “apply here” link where they may download the expression of interest form.
* **WHERE MUST PBO’S SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS:** Online, using this e-mail address admin@ezethudt.org or alternatively contact our programme management office @ 084 826 5595 to make alternative arrangement or for any related assistance.
* **IS THERE A QUANTUM CAP FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS**: yes, the grant application should not exceed R500 000.
* **DOES THE TRUST FUND OVERHEADS AND RELATED COSTS:** The trust does not generally fund operational overheads or costs of running projects, our funding is usually limited to projects focussed on development or maintenance of facilities, we cover both capital and equipment costs as well as capacity building.
* **WHAT GUIDELINES MUST PBO’S COMPLY WITH AND FOLLOW WHEN APPLYING TO THE TRUST:** To learn more about the detailed requirements and guidelines of the process, we encourage you to visit, **lets specify a section on this fromwebsite?**
* **WHAT DOES THE EDT FUNDING CYCLE ENTAIL?** the application process is made up of 2 Phases, that being the preliminary” Expression of interest phase” and the “detailed application” phase. Below is the breakdown of the cycle by Phase:

**Phase 1 Steps**

* + - **Call for Expression of Interest for funding applications** (EOI) published in the main local newspaper as well as on the EDT website.
    - **Governance and compliance checks**, thorough review, and filing of applications by the programme management office
    - **Preliminary Decision making:** Eligible EOI Applications presented to Trustees for appraisal and based on a strict criteria and discretion of Trustees make a decision to either reject or allow the EOI application to continue to the next phase of the process.
    - **Outcome communicated** to all applicants and specifically rejection letters to unsuccessful EOI applicants.

**Phase 2 Steps**

* **Phase 2 commences**: Successful EOI applicants invited and sent a link to submit detailed applications and supporting documents.
* **Applications reviewed and checked** by the programme management office.
* **Due diligence process conducted** with all applicants.
* **Final list of recommended applicants** presented to trustees for approval.
* **Final Outcome** communicated to applicants.
* **Contracting and target setting** with successful applicants
* **Process of Monitoring commences** shortly after contracting and it is continuous throughout the cycle as prescribes by the contract of each PBO.
* **How long does the whole application cycle take:** The process timelines are normally as follows, but can be subject to change:
* **Phase 1:** The “Expression of interest” Phase, takes about 2-3 months to conclude.
* **Phase 2:** The “detailed application” stage takes between 3-6 months to conclude