

FUNDING FOR HERITAGE PROJECTS

Presidential Employment Stimulus Programme (**PESP4**) 2023

[Apply Online](#)

Closing Date: 30 June 2023

The National Heritage Council – an entity of the Department of Sport, Arts & Culture continues to administer the Presidential Employment Stimulus Programme (**PESP4**) funding in the 2023-2024 financial year. The PESP4s intention is very specific and targets job creation, job enrichment, poverty alleviation among the following groups: youth, women, indigenous groups and people living with disabilities to assist Government in stimulating jobs within the sector.

Applicants have to be South African citizens and be registered on the NHC Funding Portal to qualify for support. **PESP4** initiatives should demonstrate novel techniques and innovative models that could be used to help promote sustainable development within the heritage sector and heighten the importance of cultural heritage.

The following business formations are invited to apply:

Educational/Academic Institutions participating in heritage projects; Non-Profit Organisations (**NPOs**); Non-Profit Companies (**NPCs**); Community Based Organisations (**CBOs**); Non-Governmental Organisations (**NGOs**); Associations; Foundations; Community Trusts (*NB: family Trusts excluded*); Traditional Councils; Individuals who are involved in heritage research projects and have partnered with a qualifying entity/organisation.

The funding will be available for project proposals in three main categories:

a) Living Heritage

Proposals for funding should focus on the following areas: **Documentation** of the history of African Traditional and Cultural practices originating from South Africa - **Recording** of Oral History and Narratives associated with South African heritage - **Digitisation** of indigenous South African traditional cultural collections associated with living heritage – **Documentation** of history of indigenous South African Traditional Music and Songs – **Documentation of Knowledge and Skills** transfer sessions on the Preservation of African Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

b) Cultural History and Heritage

Documentation of Sacred sites and Great Places associated with Traditional Leadership, with cultural significance and living heritage in South Africa.

Documentation of the role and contribution of African Traditional Leadership in the Resistance and liberation of South Africa.

Documentation including Audit and Marking of National Cultural Heritage Sites.

c) Education & Training

Heritage Awareness and Advocacy programmes, based on the transfer of knowledge and skills, on heritage in nation building and fostering social cohesion (Note: festivals, performances, ceremonies and associated events are excluded).

Excluded projects and businesses

The following project types will not be eligible for funding:

- All cultural and artistic performances
- All film/video/theatre and drama production related activities
- All projects with implementation targeted outside the borders of SA
- Proposals applying for formal qualifications (SETA Accredited qualifications)
- Projects applying for capital expenditure (equipment, structures, renovations and maintenance)
- Projects applying for operational costs (rent, salaries, office furniture) etc.

The following business formations will not be eligible for funding:

- Closed Corporations (CCs)
- Family Trusts
- Individuals applying without qualifying partnerships
- Pty Ltd
- Profit Making Organisations (Section 21 for gain)
- Cooperatives
- Incorporated companies (Inc)

Job creation requirement

The Presidential Employment Stimulus Programme is among others, aimed at creating jobs that contribute to poverty alleviation. It is for this reason that the programme targets projects that assist in creating employment with the minimum requirements for funding limits as tabled below.

Maximum application amount	Minimum Number of jobs to be created
----------------------------	--------------------------------------

R350,000.00	32
R400,000.00	36
R450,000.00	41
R500,000.00	45
R750,000.00	68
R1,000,000.00	91
R1,250,000.00	114
R1,500,000.00	136

Note on submission and closing of the portal

Applications are completed and submitted online and no physical applications will be accepted. The portal will close at midnight on the closing date and no late applications will be received. All required compliance documents must be submitted with the initial registration and application.

Enquiries

Email enquiries are preferred and should be sent to pespfunding@nhc.org.za. Telephonic enquiries can be directed to (012) 672 7890/672 7892 National Heritage Council Office
Address: 353 Festival Street, Hatfield, Pretoria