

PUBLIC CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Eastern Cape Rural Blended Finance Scheme, jointly administered by the Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA) and the Small Enterprise Finance Agency (sefa)

The scheme aims to provide financial support to small enterprises operating in the rural areas of the Eastern Cape, with a focus on agriculture and agro-processing businesses. Here are the key details:

Objectives

The primary objective of the Rural Blended Finance Scheme is to address funding challenges faced by small enterprises in the Eastern Cape Rural environment and provide a sustainable developmental solution tailored to their specific needs.

General

- ECRDA/**sefa** reserves the right to evaluate and select the highest-ranking applications, and they may choose not to consider some applications or disburse funds.
- Previous funding applicants are welcome to re-apply under this scheme.
- For inquiries, you can contact them via email.

Application Criteria

- The Call is open to all Rural area-based SMMEs/entrepreneurs; however, focus will be on agriculture and agro-processing businesses.
- Applicants must demonstrate economic, commercial, and employment viability and sustainability.
- Detailed Criteria can be found in the application form available on the ECRDA website, ECRDA and **sefa** offices in the Eastern Cape.

Submission of Applications

Applications, along with supporting documentation, should be submitted to both blended.finance@ecrda.co.za and blended.finance@ecrda.onmicrosoft.com

The closing date for applications is
24 November 2023

If you're an eligible rural business enterprise or entrepreneur in the Eastern Cape, consider applying for this scheme to address your financial needs and help your business grow and thrive. Make sure to review the detailed criteria provided in the application form and submit your application by the specified deadline.