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CHDM RECOGNITION FOR GOOD CAPITAL GRANT EXPENDITURE PERFORMANCE - A BOOST FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Historical infrastructure backlog and aged infrastructure has prompted Chris Hani DM to revisit its planning and spending strategies. This necessitated prioritization of bulk water and sanitation infrastructure development in all local municipalities within the district municipality's area of jurisdiction and thus improved expenditure patterns.

Consequently, the municipality has been recognized as the top institution in the Eastern Cape Province for spending its full allocation(100%) of Municipal Infrastructure Grant, with other grants being at satisfactory spending levels, way before the end of a financial year – 85% overall grant expenditure thus far.

National Treasury has issued out a Government Gazette dated 29 March 2023, which is brought about by the need for the stopping and re-allocation of conditional grants to municipalities.

Chris Hani DM has, thus, received additional allocation of R220m : R95m for Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant; R120m for Municipal Infrastructure Grant; R5.2m for Water Services Infrastructure Grant and R650 00 Rural Roads Asset Management System grant.

CHDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Wongama Gela welcomed the pronouncement, he said “ Indeed Chris Hani District Municipality prides itself for the spending on conditional Grants allocated to the Municipality to construct water and sanitation infrastructure, reticulation, sanitation services and rural roads assets maintenance. This move will boost the municipal efforts to render water and sanitation services, to improve the quality of lives of the ordinary people of the District in the current Financial year 2022/23 financial”

The district municipality has already put an action plan in place which will see to the implementation of the following : (i) complete projects that had financial constraints (ii) bring forward some of the projects that could not be implemented in the current financial year (iii) address sanitation related directives issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation (iv) address recurrent water interruptions and (v) conduct assessment of the conditions of our rural roads and provide Local Municipalities with information that will assist their planning.



GRANT EXPENDITURE AS AT 29 MARCH 2023						
GRANT NAME	ALLOCATION AS PER DORA	RECEIPTS AS PER PAYMENT SCHEDULE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	% SPENT AS PER BUDGET ALLOCATION	% SPENT AS PER PAYMENT SCHEDULE
MIG	330 451 000	330 451 000	330 451 000	324 902 346	98%	98%
WSIG	77 262 800	77 262 800	77 262 800	39 452 342	51%	51%
RBIG	216 907 000	216 907 000	216 907 000	165 617 936	76%	76%
Rural Roads	3 455 000	3 455 000	3 455 000	2 707 062	78%	78%
EPWP	3 630 000	3 630 000	3 630 000	4 266 172	118%	118%
FMG	1 000 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	828 125	83%	83%
TOTAL	632 705 800	632 705 800	632 705 800	537 773 983	85%	85%





The municipality continues to implement mitigation measures to address some of the above challenges : acquisition of fleet to support water and sanitation service provision - jetting machines and water tankers; drilling and equipping of boreholes; purchasing of stand by generators for pump stations; education and awareness campaigns repairs and replacement of damaged infrastructure due to vandalism, theft and loadshedding.

THREE WATER TANKER TRUCKS ACQUIRED TO SUPPORT WATER SERVICE PROVISION

To enhance the delivery of water services to communities, three 12-thousand-liter water tanker trucks were purchased by Chris Hani District Municipality through RT57 National Treasury Transversal Contracts. The municipality used a ranking system during the National Treasury-run bidding procedure, and this contract's procurement is done straight from the manufacturer. With the new acquisition the municipality now has 19 water tanker trucks. The trucks will be used throughout the district as relief where there are water challenges. This will further assist the municipality to better respond to water outages and increase the reliability when there are outages.

Welcoming the new fleet CHDM Executive Mayor Cllr. Wongama Gela urged communities to use water wisely adding, that " water carting to communities may not be a permanent solution, however, it brings relief where there is distress" He pleaded for more education and awareness towards water conservation as demand for water resource is increasing far more than what can be supplied.

CHDM has been battling water challenges throughout the district, with this attributed to various factors such as ; persistent electricity outages that have adversely affected infrastructure resulting in multiple pump failures; water demand which far exceeds supply mostly affecting highlying areas which are immediately impacted when pressure becomes low; illegal connections; vandalism to water infrastructure immensely affecting water service provision.



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CLLR WONGAMA GELA





UPGRADING AND REHABILITATION OF EZIBELENI LANDFILL SITE

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The upgrading and and rehabilitation project of Ezibeleni Landfill site is continuing steadily. This site was handed over to the contractor in August 2022 and services the entire Komani and Ezibeleni areas. Work began in August 2022 and will be completed after 12 months. The scope of work includes fencing, construction of a guard house, internal roads construction, stormwater infrastructure, operator's house construction, rehabilitation of existing landfill cells, construction of existing landfill cells as well as supply and installation of a weigh bridge.

After this project, the landfill site will comply with all Government's legislative standards, and will also address Compliance issues raised by regional office of DEDEAT. This is one of the 6 landfill sites in Enoch Mgijima and only the Sterkstroom is unlicensed. With the assistance from the Department of Environment ,Forestry and Fisheries, a process of licensing it is underway.

This project was a response to IDP roadshows where communities called for the improvement of the landfill site. Communities in Ezibeleni have complained about fire smoke coming from the site caused by scavengers burning garbage. Scavengers have also vandalised fencing to ease their access to the site and the new fence will help combat such problems. Construction of internal roads will ease accessibility to cells for people dumping household refuse and for those who are in the business of refuse collection as well as businesses who dump own waste. Employment opportunities for local people who include youth and women have been created through this project.





WITH A QUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION - CHRIS HANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IMPROVES

For the financial year 2021–2022, the Chris Hani District Municipality (CHDM) got a Qualified Audit Opinion from the South African Auditor General (AG). The outcomes were accepted by Council as an improvement considering the previous financial years.

CHDM had a stagnant audit opinion for three consecutive years and obtained a Disclaimer of Opinion. This was against its previous audit outcomes where it attained a Qualified Audit Opinion for over five financial years.

The AG said their office was pleased that the district municipality has improved from the previous past year's disclaimer audit opinions. In his report, the AG lifted areas that have led to the outcomes and further emphasised on the commitment the district municipality displayed throughout the audit period. "We commend the municipality for turning the situation around as this is a huge improvement from where it was. This year, management improved on several areas the district was previously qualified on".

CHDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Wongama Gela, applauded the AGs support and the district's Performance and Audit Committee for pointing the management team to the right direction "We welcome the audit outcomes and it us up to us to work harder to maintain these outcomes while focusing on attaining an unqualified or clean audit report. As the district we also acknowledge the paragraphs pointed out by the AG which include but not limited to the receivables, VAT, water distribution losses and contracted services".

Municipal Manager, Mr. Gcobani Mashiyi commended all efforts put towards the improvement, urging CHDM staff to ensure compliance with all set control systems for further improvement of the outcomes. An action plan is in place to effect remedial action to issues that are still of concern to the Auditor General.



EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR WONGAMA GELA AND MUNICIPAL MANAGER MR GCOBANI MASHIYI ACCEPTING AUDI OUTCOMES DURING COUNCIL MEETING





we assist those who
have assumed
responsibility that may,
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security in our
community



CLLR SIBONGILE MBOTSHANE

CHDM HANDS OVER FARMING INPUTS TO LOCAL FARMERS

Fifteen (15) recipients from 4 local municipalities - Enoch Mgijima, Inxuba Yethemba, Sakhisizwe, Dr AB Xuma and Intsika Yethu, received farming inputs as part of the Poverty Alleviation Program from Chris Hani District Municipality.

The agricultural inputs received included vegetable seedling; garden equipment and implements (rakes, wheel barrows, fork spades, watering cans and spades), piglets and feed.

"The purpose of this program is to assist subsistence farmers who are already engaged in small farming projects to relieve poverty, as small farmers, if they make the surplus then the municipality will also help them to transition into commercial farming," Cllr Sibongile Mbotshane said during the handover event. We assist those who assist themselves, - those who have assumed responsibility that may, even on a small scale, contribute to food security in our community, said Cllr. Mbotshane.

One of the beneficiaries, Mvuseleli Ziduli of Zimele Project from Sakhisizwe said he is grateful for the programme of the municipality because he knows the impact it will make in the landscape of their vegetable project. "I have been doing this business for a while, unfortunately Covid happened, but I was able to get back again, this project will help my business grow the feed is very expensive, now I will be able to spend the money on something else," he said.

Nosisa Bunono of Entabeni Farming Project said this programme will assist them at a time where their project is not doing very well. "I am very happy, this project came at the right time, I needed it and I am very grateful for what the Municipality has done for me, it will make a big difference. I will continue to do well and inspire others", said Nosisa.

Chris Hani District Municipality, through its Local Economic Development Strategy, has prioritized support to emerging farmers and SMMEs to ensure they sustain themselves.



Did You Know



CHDM IS RECOGNISED FOR BEST PERFORMANCE IN GRANT EXPENDITURE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT.

- The district has spent 100% of its Municipal Infrastructure Grant with 85% overall expenditure on all grants.
- The district is one of the best performing municipalities in the province, in Municipal Infrastructure Grant spending.
- An additional R220m has been allocated: **R95m** for Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant; **R120m** for Municipal Infrastructure Grant; **R5.2m** for Water Services Infrastructure Grant and **R650 000** for Rural Roads Asset Management Systems Grant.
- Additional Allocation is given to municipalities that have shown improved performance in grant expenditure.
- The funding will be directed towards improving service delivery within the district prioritising historical infrastructure backlog.



DID YOU KNOW?

Chris Hani District Municipality (CHDM) has received a Qualified Audit Opinion from Auditor General (AG) South Africa for the 2021/22 financial year.

CHDM had a stagnant Disclaimer audit opinion for three consecutive financial years before 2021/22.





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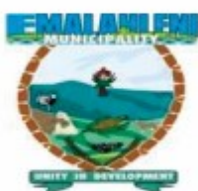


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