



Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), an entity of the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI) was established in terms of the TIA Act, 2008 (Act No. 26 of 2008), with the objective to stimulate, intensify and exploit technological innovation to improve economic growth and the quality of life of all South Africans.

## OPEN CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

## GRASSROOTS INNOVATION PROGRAMME

# INVITATION FOR IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS TO SUPPORT THE PRE-INVESTMENT, INVESTMENT AND POST-INVESTMENT PHASES OF THE GRASSROOTS INNOVATION PROGRAMME (GIP)

This Open Call for Expression of Interest is targeted at organizations operating and located in the Eastern Cape, Free State, Limpopo, North-West, Northern Cape, Western Cape, Mpumalanga and Gauteng with an interest in supporting grassroots innovators in the Pre-investment, Investment and Post-Investment Phases of the GIP.

## SCOPE OF WORK

### The Role of TIA:

**TIA is expected to perform the following activities:** programme oversight, providing support to the Implementing Partners, assessment of applications, conducting due diligence, approval of applications, disbursement of funds to Implementing Partners, monitoring and evaluation, intelligence gathering on systemic gaps, coordination, provide processes, templates and platform.

### The Role of Implementing Partners:

**Implementing Partners are expected perform the following activities:**

- **Sourcing Applications:** managing Calls for Proposals including direct scouting and application-building support and assisting innovators to complete application on the portal.
- **Pre-investment phase of the programme:** screening and assessing received applications, identifying innovative ideas, conducting feasibility assessment on applications recommended for approval, setting up and constituting Evaluation Committee and Implementing Partner Approval Committee, and processing appeals.
- **Contracting:** contract of approved projects, project scoping and planning.
- **Investment Phase:** hosting project definition workshop with the beneficiaries, managing disbursement of funds to the projects, providing support for technology development, business development, incubation, mentorship, training, networking, assisting in seeking follow-on funding, preparing projects for follow-on funding, commercialisation support, intellectual property strategies, assisting the funded projects with market access opportunities, value chain analysis and identifying opportunities within value chains, access to infrastructure and expertise, project progress monitoring, project close-out, deviations, transitioning projects to other organisations/ TIA's programmes, and facilitating project deviations, appeals, terminations and follow-on fundings.
- **Post-Investment Phase:** tracking the progress of projects commercialised, reporting on impact created, assisting with business scale-up.

- **Providing value-added services:** promotion of the programme, creating awareness and seeking partnership and fund raising for the projects, reporting and supporting Monitoring and Evaluation of the programme.

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

To apply, please complete the attached Proposal Template form and e-mail the PDF versions of completed forms, CVs of project team, two years audited financial statements and CIPC Registration (where applicable) to [IP@tia.org.za](mailto:IP@tia.org.za).

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- The organisation must have track record of minimum of 2 years of delivering similar services required.
- Preference will be given to organisations with a project team that is diverse and inclusive (women, youth, people with disabilities).
- The organisation must produce the last two years of audited financial statements.
- Applying organisations must submit a detailed proposal for their programmes.
- The organization must be located or have local presence in the province applying to.

### **CLOSING DATE**

Applications must be submitted by **17h00 on 10 July 2026**. No late applications will be accepted.

### **ENQUIRIES**

For further information regarding the call or the applications process, please contact [IP@tia.org.za](mailto:IP@tia.org.za) or call 012 472 2829 / 2904