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APPROPRIATION ACT, 2018: DIRECT CONDITIONAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS APPROVED FOR DROUGHT RELIEF

I, Nhlanhla Musa Nene, in my capacity as the Minister of Finance, hereby publish for information allocations for drought relief funding for direct transfer to provinces and municipalities approved in terms of section 6(1) of the Appropriations Act, 2018 (Act No. 4 of 2018).



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MINISTER OF FINANCE

Explanatory memorandum for drought relief transfers

■ Background

The Minister of Finance announced during the 2018 Budget Speech that, “A provisional allocation of R6 billion has been set aside in 2018/19 for several purposes, including drought relief and to augment public infrastructure investment.” Section 6(1) of the Appropriation Act, 2018, (Act no. 4 of 2018) provides for the Minister of Finance to approve expenditure before an adjustment appropriation bill is enacted if that expenditure cannot reasonably be delayed without negatively affecting service delivery and such expenditure was announced during the tabling of the 2018/19 national annual budget. This clause is being used to expedite the release of drought relief funding from the provisional allocation announced in the Budget Speech 2018.

National Treasury managed a process to determine the allocation of drought relief funds that included two windows for applications. All applications were reviewed together with inputs from sector departments and the National Disaster Management Centre.

■ Purpose of this gazette

This gazette only contains adjustments for direct conditional grants to provinces and municipalities, to enable these funds to be transferred to the respective provinces and municipalities. A total of R3.4 billion in drought response funding has been allocated to all three spheres of government, including several indirect grant allocations. National departments have already been informed of these amounts through allocation letters. Full details of all drought relief allocations (including additions to national programmes and indirect grants) will be published in the 2018 adjustments budget, to be tabled on 24 October 2018.

■ Summary of allocations and conditions

This gazette includes additional allocations to the following direct conditional grants, totalling R1.98 billion:

- R266.5 million for the *comprehensive agricultural support programme grant* to provinces
- R200 million for the *land care programme grant* to provinces
- R200 million for the *provincial disaster relief grant* to provinces
- R288.1 million for the *water services infrastructure grant* to local government
- R1.03 billion for the *municipal disaster recovery grant* to local government

In terms of section 6(4) of the Appropriation Act, 2018, these allocations are a direct charge on the national revenue fund and can be made subject to conditions set by the Minister of Finance. The conditions that have been set by the Minister of Finance for each of these allocations are included in this gazette. These conditions include requirements that prescribe how the transferring national department for each grant and the receiving province or municipality must agree on the details of the exact project that these funds can be used for.

ANNEXURE 1

**ADJUSTMENTS TO SPECIFIC PURPOSE ALLOCATIONS TO PROVINCES
IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 5, PART A OF THE DIVISION OF REVENUE ACT, 2018 (ACT 1 OF 2018)**

Vote	Name of allocation	Purpose	Type of allocation	Province	Column A		
					2018/19 Main Allocation	Adjustment	2018/19 Adjusted Allocation
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Vote 24)	(a) Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant	To provide effective agricultural support services, promote and facilitate agricultural development by targeting beneficiaries of land reform, restitution and redistribution, and other black producers who have acquired land through private means and are engaged in value-adding enterprises domestically, or the export market, to address damages to infrastructure caused by floods.	Conditional allocation	Eastern Cape	R'000	R'000	R'000
				Free State	262 161	20 000	282 161
				Gauteng	179 476	13 500	192 976
				KwaZulu-Natal	92 333	-	92 333
				Limpopo	223 975	-	223 975
				Mpumalanga	256 521	10 000	266 521
				Northern Cape	162 907	10 000	172 907
				Northern Cape	252 434	43 000	295 434
				North West	176 054	-	176 054
				Western Cape	144 949	170 000	314 949
	TOTAL				1 750 810	266 500	2 017 310
	(b) Land Care Programme Grant: Poverty Relief and Infrastructure Development	To promote sustainable use and management of natural resources by engaging in community based initiatives that support the pillars of sustainability (social, economic and environmental), leading to greater productivity, food security, job creation and better well-being for all.	Conditional allocation	Eastern Cape	10 966	35 950	46 916
				Free State	7 650	-	7 650
				Gauteng	5 399	-	5 399
				KwaZulu-Natal	12 016	9 850	21 866
				Limpopo	12 603	35 200	47 803
				Mpumalanga	8 310	10 900	19 210
				Northern Cape	7 753	35 000	42 753
				North West	8 398	31 200	39 598
				Western Cape	4 778	41 900	46 678
	TOTAL				77 873	200 000	277 873

Conditions prescribed by the Minister of Finance in terms of section 6(4) of the Appropriations Act, 2018 (Act 4 of 2018)

Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant	Land Care Programme Grant
The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) must: - Monitor the progress on the provision of feed, considering the progress reports submitted by the provinces. - Report monthly on progress to the National Joint Drought Coordinating Committee of the Inter Ministerial Technical Committee of Drought and Water Scarcity. Each province must: - One month after the receipt of the allocations, provide a detailed breakdown to the DAFF and National Treasury of the components funded through the allocations. - Report on the expenditure of the funds in line with the requirements in section 12 of the Division of Revenue Act (DoRA), 2018, and the gazetted framework for the Comprehensive Agricultural Support Programme Grant. - At the end of the project, send a close-out report to the National Treasury and the DAFF.	The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) must: - Monitor the progress on the projects, considering the progress reports submitted by the provinces. - Report monthly on progress to the National Joint Drought Coordinating Committee of the Inter Ministerial Technical Committee of Drought and Water Scarcity. Each province must: - One month after the receipt of the allocations, provide a detailed breakdown to the DAFF and National Treasury of the components funded through the allocations. - Report on the expenditure of the funds in line with the requirements in section 12 of the Division of Revenue Act (DoRA), 2018, and the gazetted framework for the Land Care Programme Grant. - At the end of the project, send a close-out report to the National Treasury and the DAFF.

ANNEXURE 2

**ADJUSTMENTS TO UNALLOCATED PROVISIONS FOR PROVINCES FOR DISASTER RESPONSE
IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7, PART A OF THE DIVISION OF REVENUE ACT, 2018 (ACT 1 OF 2018)**

Vote	Name of allocation	Purpose	Column A		
			2018/19 Main Allocation	Adjustment	2018/19 Adjusted Allocation
Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (Vote 4)	Provincial Disaster Relief Grant	To provide for the immediate release of funds for disaster response.	R'000 123 591	R'000 200 000	R'000 323 591
	Provincial Emergency Housing Grant	To provide funding to provinces for provision of temporary shelter assistance to households affected by disasters.	260 000	-	260 000
Human Settlements (Vote 38)		TOTAL	383 591	200 000	583 591

ANNEXURE 3

**ADJUSTMENTS TO INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT ALLOCATIONS TO MUNICIPALITIES
IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 5, PART B OF THE DIVISION OF REVENUE ACT, 2018 (ACT 1 OF 2018)**

			Water Services Infrastructure Grant			Municipal Disaster Recovery Grant		
			National and Municipal Financial Year			National and Municipal Financial Year		
Category	Municipality		2018/19 Main Allocation (R'000)	Adjustment (R'000)	2018/19 Adjusted Allocation (R'000)	2018/19 Main Allocation (R'000)	Adjustment (R'000)	2018/19 Adjusted Allocation (R'000)
EASTERN CAPE								
A	NMA	Nelson Mandela Bay	-	-	-	-	233 400	233 400
B	EC102	Blue Crane Route	50 000	42 300	92 300	-	-	-
B	EC108	Kouga	-	92 500	92 500	-	-	-
B	EC109	Kou-Kamma	-	14 561	14 561	-	-	-
Total: Sarah Baartman Municipalities			85 000	149 361	234 361	-	-	-
C	DC15	O.R. Tambo District Municipality	90 000	61 222	151 222	-	-	-
Total: O.R. Tambo Municipalities			90 000	61 222	151 222	-	-	-
Total: Eastern Cape Municipalities			494 000	210 583	704 583	-	233 400	233 400
FREE STATE								
A	MAN	Mangaung	-	-	-	-	239 034	239 034
Total: Free State Municipalities			305 325	-	305 325	-	239 034	239 034
MPUMALANGA								
B	MP313	Steve Tshwete	10 000	6 800	16 800	-	-	-
B	MP314	Emakhazeni	20 000	18 000	38 000	-	-	-
B	MP315	Thembisile Hani	50 000	14 000	64 000	-	-	-
B	MP316	Dr JS Moroka	-	18 000	18 000	-	-	-
Total: Nkangala Municipalities			105 000	56 800	161 800	-	-	-
NORTH WEST								
B	NW373	Rustenburg	60 000	20 700	80 700	-	-	-
Total: Bojanala Platinum Municipalities			198 000	20 700	218 700	-	-	-
Total: North West Municipalities			346 557	20 700	367 257	-	-	-
WESTERN CAPE								
A	CPT	City of Cape Town	-	-	-	-	553 050	553 050
Total: Western Cape Municipalities			47 000	-	47 000	-	553 050	553 050
National Total			3 481 056	288 083	3 769 139	21 317	1 025 484	1 046 801

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Water Services Infrastructure Grant	Municipal Disaster Recovery Grant
The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) must: - On a monthly basis, monitor the progress on the implementation of the interventions, considering the progress reports submitted by the municipalities. - Report monthly on progress to the National Joint Drought Coordinating Committee of the Inter Ministerial Technical Committee of Drought and Water Scarcity. Receiving officers must: - One month after the receipt of the allocations, provide a detailed breakdown to the DWS and National Treasury of the components funded through the allocations. - Provide for adequate security measures in the design of the boreholes to prevent vandalism. - Set aside adequate funding for sustainable operations and the maintenance of the schemes. - Report on the expenditure of the funds in line with the requirements in section 12 of the Division of Revenue Act (DoRA), 2018, and the gazetted framework for the Water Services Infrastructure Grant. - At the end of the project, send a close-out report to the National Treasury and the DWS.	The Department of Cooperative Governance (DCoG) must: - Monitor the progress on the implementation of the ground water and Water Conservation and Water Demand Management (WC/WDm) projects, considering the progress reports submitted by the City of Cape Town, Nelson Mandela Bay and Mangaung Metros. - Report on progress to the National Joint Drought Coordinating Committee of the Inter Ministerial Technical Committee of Drought and Water Scarcity on a monthly basis. Send the minutes of these meetings, detailing the progress on the funded projects, to the National Treasury. Receiving officers must: - One month after the receipt of the allocations, provide a detailed breakdown to the DCoG and National Treasury of the components funded through the allocations. - Provide adequate security for the infrastructure from its own funding sources to prevent vandalism. - Co-fund the remaining cost of the projects. - Set aside adequate funding for sustainable operations and the maintenance of the schemes. - Report on the expenditure of the funds in line with the requirements in section 12 of the Division of Revenue Act (DoRA), 2018, and the gazetted framework for the Municipal Disaster Recovery Grant. - At the end of the projects, send a close-out report to the National Treasury and the DCoG.