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| **Balochistan Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP)**  **Request for Application for Matching grant for Business Support Facilities Development** |
| **Country:** Pakistan  **Project:** Balochistan Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Project (WB IDA Credit/Grant)  **Project ID.:** P159292 |
| The Government of Balochistan (GoB) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Balochistan Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP). The BLEP overall objective is to promote livelihoods through enterprise development and job creation to support poverty reduction and sustainable and inclusive economic growth in rural areas of Balochistan.  The Project Management and Implementation Unit (PMIU), Balochistan Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP) now invites grant application from progressive investor(s) in selected nine districts for support and establishment of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) /Business Support Facilities (BSF) on cost sharing basis. The grants will be awarded and implemented in accordance with BLEP grant rules and internal grant management policies.  Size of BLEP Grant:  PKR 15 Million to PKR 40 Million.  Geographical Location  The BLEP support offer for the development of Business Support Facility (BSF) is restricted to following nine districts of Balochistan.  Killa Abdullah/Chaman, Killa Saifullah, Pishin, Zhob, Chagai, Sherani, Mastung, Nushki & Gawadar.  Who Can Apply  Beneficiaries from Balochistan province fulfilling the following criteria may apply for the Business Support Facility (BSF).   1. Must agree to minimum contribution Ratio: BLEP (70%): Grantee (30%). 2. Possess a valid CNIC and must be a local of Balochistan. 3. The applicant must have a minimum of three years of verifiable business experience. Relevant and more than five-year business experience will be given preference. 4. Must agree to establish the business support facility in Killa Abdullah/Chaman, Killa Saifullah, Chagai, Sherani, Pishin, Mastung, Zhob, Nushki and Gwadar. 5. Must have a sustainable business idea explained through a clear business proposal, given on the BLEP website (blepgob.org.pk). 6. Must agree to register the NTN number of the BSF Supported or established through the BLEP Grant. 7. The preference will be given to the local of the respective nine districts where the BSFs will be established. 8. Must agree to pay grantee share upfront at the time of approval of grant. 9. Must adhere the National/local environmental laws/regulations and project Environmental and social safeguards. 10. Willing to abide by any other factors that may be added by BLEP in the better interest of BSF. 11. Must follow the guidelines prepared for the implementation of BSF (Guidelines availabe on BLEP website).   Business Sectors  Livestock, Agriculture, Small Industries, Forestry, Mines and Minerals, Eco-Tourism.  \*\*The priority will be given to the proposal that include significant improvement in the value chain of local product, or introducing new machinery for improvement of production and business processes specifically in the above mentioned sectors ( A list of business options is available on BLEP website).   * Detail Request for Application (RFA)/Business proposal format may be downloaded from the BLEP (blepgob.org.pk). The RFA should be filled in every respect. An incomplete RFA will be desk rejected.The application form is self-explanatory therefore BLEP will not provide any assistance or budget in developing of the application form. * The applicants should submit the hard copy of the application through registered courier at the following address not later than 19 June 2023**.** Application submitted by hand will not be entertained. * The BLEP reserves the right to make any changes in above given information or accept/reject any or none of the application submitted, with or without providing the reason. |
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