Baluchistan Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP) Request for Application for a Matching grant for Grapes Vineyard or Fruit Orchard or Motorcycle Loader

Country: Pakistan

Project: Baluchistan Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Project (WB IDA Credit/Grant)

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The Government of Baluchistan (GoB) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Baluchistan Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP). The BLEP's 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), Baluchistan Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP) now invites grant applications from progressive farmers and individuals in selected eight districts for the installation of HEIS (Drip Irrigation System) along with Grapes Trellises system or any other improved variety of Fruit Plants (e.g Pomegranate, Pistachio, Almonds, Apricots, Olive, etc.) or Motorcycle loader, on cost-sharing basis. The grants will be awarded and implemented as per BLEP grant regulations and internal grant management policies. Moreover, the final beneficiaries will be selected through balloting.

Size of BLEP Grant

The BLEP maximum grant share will be 700,000.

Grant 1.

Grape Vineyard including 1) Trellising poles, 2) Drip Irrigation, and 3) Plants with installation. (Area 1 acre)

Grant 2.

Fruit Orchard including 1) Dripping Irrigation system along with 2) Improved Varieties of Plants (e.g Pomegranate, Pistachio, Almonds, Apricots, Olive, etc.) (2 to 4 Acres)

Grant 3.

Motorcycle Loader.

WHO CAN APPLY (FOR GRANTS 1 & 2)

Beneficiaries from Balochistan province fulfilling the following criteria may apply for Grant 1 or 2.

- Must agree to a minimum contribution ratio of 50% Grantee: 50% BLEP of the total cost.
- 2) Possess a valid CNIC and must be a local of the respective district.
- 3) The applicant must have fertile agricultural land in the respective districts.
- 4) Willing to participate in the capacity building/training session by BLEP.
- 5) He/She has valid and legal proof of ownership of agricultural land in the respective districts.
- 6) He/She has a reliable source of water.
- 7) Possess the required power source for the Drip Irrigation Pumping.
- 8) Must agree to pay grantee share upfront at the time of grant approval.
- 9) Must adhere to the environmental and social safeguards per BLEP environmental and social management documents (ESMF/ESMPs etc.).
- 10) He/She signs an affidavit not to sell any part of HEIS or any other asset provided by BLEP for 3 years, after installation.
- 11) Willing to abide by any other factors that may be added by BLEP in the better interest of the grant facility.

WHO CAN APPLY (FOR GRANT 3)

- 1) Must agree to a minimum contribution ratio of 50 Grantee: 50 BLEP of the total cost.
- 2) Possess a valid CNIC and must be a local of the respective district.
- 3) Willing to participate in the capacity building/training session by BLEP.
- 4) Must have a Household income below 60 thousand.
- 5) Must have a valid driving license.
- 6) Must be affiliated with agriculture or livestock farming, and use the Motorcycle loader for the same purpose.
- 7) Must agree to pay grantee share upfront at the time of grant approval.
- 8) Must adhere to the environmental and social safeguards per BLEP environmental and social management documents (ESMF/ESMPs etc.).
- 9) He/She signs an affidavit not to sell any part of HEIS or any other asset provided by BLEP for 3 years, after installation.
- 10) Willing to abide by any other factors that may be added by BLEP in the better interest of the grant facility.

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

The BLEP support offer is restricted to the following eight districts of Balochistan.

Killa Abdullah/Chaman, Killa Saifullah, Pishin, Zhob, Chagai, Sherani, Mastung and Nushki

The application forms may be downloaded from the BLEP website (blepgob.org.pk) and received from the respective BLEP district offices. For further information, interested applicants may contact the BLEP district offices in their respective districts or contact the following available contact numbers. The applicants should submit the hard copy of the application no later than **January 17th, 2024.** Any extension in dates will be announced on the website through Corrigendum.

The BLEP reserves the right to make any changes in the above-given information or accept/reject any or none of the applications submitted, with or without providing the reason.

The filled application may be sent to the following address, or BLEP district offices (addresses given on the website), or submitted to the BLEP Community Institutions(CIs) established in your UCs, and the relevant CIs must submit the received application to BLEP district offices within three days of the last date of application submission (CIs addresses and relevant information can be gathered from BLEP district offices).

Address: Baluchistan Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship Project (BLEP),

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