

The CTCIP aims to build capacity among clothing and textile manufacturers and in other areas of the apparel value chain in South Africa to enable them to effectively supply their customers and compete on a global scale. Such competitiveness encompasses issues of cost, quality, flexibility, reliability, adaptability and the capacity to innovate.

Objectives

The main objective of the CTCIP is to create a group of globally competitive clothing and textile companies, thus ensuring a sustainable environment that will retain and grow employment.

The IDC administers the programme.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (SPP)

The SPP provides cost-sharing grants to develop and support programmes/interventions aimed at enhancing the manufacturing and service capacity of SMME suppliers with linkages to strategic partner supply chains, industries or sectors.

Objectives

The objective of the SPP is to encourage large private-sector enterprises in partnership with government to support, nurture and develop small and medium enterprises within the partner's supply chain or sector to be manufacturers of goods and suppliers of services in a sustainable manner.

Qualifying costs

The following costs are eligible for support:

- Machinery, equipment and tools
- Infrastructure linked to the strategic partner's supplier

development initiative (owned/leased buildings, leased improvements)

- Product or service development
- Information and communication technology
- Operational costs
- Business development services

Grant support

The grant approval is capped at a maximum of R15 million (VAT inclusive) per financial year over a three-year period towards qualifying costs, based on the number of qualifying suppliers, and is subject to the availability of funds. The SPP offers a cost-sharing support of 50:50 towards manufacturing projects and 70:30 for projects that support manufacturing-supply-chain-related services and deemed strategic by **the dtic**.

Eligibility criteria

- A South African registered legal entity in terms of the Companies Act, 1973 (as amended) or the Companies Act, 2008 (as amended); the Close Corporation Act, 1984 (as amended) or the Co-operatives Act, 2005 (as amended).
- An entity with a minimum turnover of R100 million per annum for at least two consecutive years at application stage, confirmed by the latest available audited financial statements.
- An association with five or more registered legal entities.
- An association that can organise itself for this purpose and must in this regard provide a letter(s) of commitment from manufacturer(s) that control(s) and/or has a direct influence in the market/manufacturing value chain to be developed.

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