

BA-PHALABORWA MUNICIPALITY



GIFTS, DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS POLICY

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1. PREAMBLE

This policy seeks to ensure guidance and proper control and accounting treatment of gifts, donations and sponsorships by and to Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide a policy framework within which gifts, donations and sponsorships are managed and accounted for in Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality to ensure they occur in a well-controlled environment for the ultimate benefit of the Municipality.

3. POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Granting of gifts, donations and sponsorships by the Municipality

- a) The Accounting Officer may approve gifts, donations and sponsorships of Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality money and other movable property in the interest of the Municipality.
- b) When such cash amounts exceed R100 000 per case, the approval of the Ba-Phalaborwa Municipal Council shall be sought.

3.2 Acceptance of gifts, donations and sponsorships by the Municipality

- a) The Accounting Officer may approve the acceptance of any gift, donation or sponsorship to the Municipality, whether such gifts, donations or sponsorships are in cash or kind;
- b) All cash, gifts, donations or sponsorship must be paid into the relevant revenue fund except for those excluded by Treasury Regulation 21.2.5;
- c) The Member of the Municipal Council may decide how a gift, donation or sponsorship must be utilized where it is not apparent for what purpose it should be applied;
- d) When a donor or sponsor requests to remain anonymous, the Accounting Officer must submit to the Provincial Treasury a certificate from both the Public Protector and the Auditor-General, which states that the identity of the donor or sponsor has been revealed to them, that they have noted it and have no objection;

3.3 Gifts or donations of immovable property

- a) The Provincial Treasury's approval shall be obtained before a Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality offers or accepts any gifts or donations of immovable property.
- b) The Municipality shall submit to the Provincial Treasury the reasons for and the conditions under which the gift or donation of immovable property is offered or accepted.
- c) The Municipality shall record all such approved gifts or donations of immovable property received or given in the asset register for reporting purposes.

- d) The immovable property received should be valued at fair value before accounting for it in the asset register if the value thereof is not known.

3.4 Gifts, donations and sponsorships in cash

3.4.1 Cash amounts less than R100 000

The following conditions shall apply to the granting of cash amounts by the Municipality in respect of gifts, donations and sponsorships which are less than R100 000

- a) Submissions shall be forwarded to the Accounting Officer via the Chief Financial Officer for approval and shall include the following:
- I. Motivation - why it is in the interest of the Municipality to grant a gift, donation or sponsorship;
 - II. Details of the recipient of the gift, donation or sponsorship;
 - III. The cost of the gift, donation or sponsorship;
 - IV. The benefit to the Municipality, if any;
 - V. The availability of funds under the applicable main and sub-division of the vote and the item to which such expenditure shall be debited; and
 - VI. Any other relevant information that would enable the Accounting Officer to decide whether or not such gift, donation or sponsorship should be granted.
- b) Once approval has been granted by the Accounting Officer payment of the relevant gift, donation or sponsorship shall be effected against the appropriate budgetary allocation.
- c) Proper record of all payments shall be maintained for reporting purposes.

3.4.2 Cash amounts exceeding R100 000

The following conditions shall apply to the granting of cash amounts by Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality in respect of gifts, donations and sponsorships which are in excess of R100 000

- a. Submissions shall be forwarded to the Accounting Officer via the Chief Financial Officer to the Council for approval and shall include the following:
- I. motivation - why it is in the interest of the Municipality to grant a gift, donation or sponsorship;
 - II. details of the recipient of the gift, donation or sponsorship;
 - III. the cost of the gift, donation or sponsorship;
 - IV. the benefit to the Municipality, if any;
 - V. the availability of funds under the applicable main and sub-division of the vote and the item to which such expenditure shall be debited; and
 - VI. Any other relevant information that would enable the Council to decide whether or not such gift, donation or sponsorship should be granted.

- b. Once approval has been granted by the Council payment of the relevant gift, donation or sponsorship shall be effected against the appropriate budgetary allocation.
- c. Should there be a need to grant a gift, donation or sponsorship after the finalization of the estimate of expenditure, the amount shall be included in the Adjustments Budget for that particular financial year.
- d. Proper record of all payments shall be maintained for reporting purposes.

3.5 Gifts, Donations and sponsorships received by Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality officials

Municipal officials shall adhere to Public Service Regulations, the confines of all other relevant prescripts, and cultural values when accepting any gift, donation or sponsorship and they will be required to declare them and record the transaction in the gifts, donations or sponsorship register.

The Risk Management Unit will be the custodian of the Gifts, Donations and Sponsorships register and they will be responsible for managing and updating the register. Officials who need to declare anything will have to visit the Risk Management Unit.

3.6 Management Reporting

3.6.1 Annual Reporting

All gifts, donations or sponsorships received and made in cash or otherwise during the course of a financial year shall be disclosed as a note to the Annual Financial Statements of the Municipality.

3.6.2 Quarterly Reporting

The Chief Financial Officer shall submit a quarterly written report to the Accounting Officer of all gifts, donations and sponsorships made and received in cash or otherwise.

4. AUTHORITY

This Policy shall remain the only for Gifts, Donations and Sponsorships in Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality.

5. COPY RIGHTS

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6. IMPLEMENTATION DATE

This policy comes into operation with effect from date of approval.

7. AMENDMENT

This policy may be amended, in writing, by MUNICIPAL COUNCIL in consultation with Management as and when necessary.

8. TERMINATION

This policy will be terminated upon the inception of a new policy.

9. REVIEW OF THE POLICY

The policy will be reviewed annually

10. APPROVAL

Date: 09 May 2024

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