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Introduction of allocation to be transfer to municipalities by Economic Development, Environment and Tourism to support the biosphere reserves within Vhembe, Mopani and Waterberg District municipalities to enable them to fulfill their 3 functions of conservation, development and logistic support, To promote sustainable development within the areas and to improve the socio-economic status of communities living within the biospheres

Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism

LIMPOPO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY BIOSPHERE RESERVES GRANT PAYMENT

Name of allocation	Limpopo District Municipalities Biosphere Reserves Grant	
Transferring provincial department	Economic Development, Environment and Tourism	
Purpose	 To support the biosphere reserves within Vhembe, Mopani and Waterberg District municipalities to enable them to fulfill their 3 functions of conservation, development and logistic support. To promote sustainable development within the areas To improve the socio-economic status of communities living within the biospheres 	
Measurable outputs	 Partnerships with communities, non-governmental organizations, private industry in place. Community empowerment projects initiated and implemented Training and skills development programmes in place for communities living within biospheres Biospheres implemented as per Seville Strategy Environmental Management plans and frameworks implemented to ensure sustainable development Conservation of locally occurring genetic resources, ecosystems and landscapes and life-support systems Environmental education and research 	
Conditions	conducted All functions and responsibilities of the District Municipality is subject to: a) the MFMA and Treasury regulations b) the MoU between LEDET and the District municipality c) the Seville strategy of the Man and Biosphere programme of UNESCO d) the Madrid Action Plan for Biosphere reserves e) Applicable national and provincial environmental legislative frameworks f) The business plans submitted by each	

Allocation criteria	biosphere and mutually agreed upon by LEDET, the District municipality and the Biosphere Allocations are based on: a) an approved Annual Business plan submitted to the department indicating specific deliverables per quarter and its projected budget allocation. b) the final budget allocation for the department as received from Treasury.	
Reasons not incorporated in equitable share	The District municipality operates under the Municipal Systems Act (32 of 2000) and also need to comply with the MFMA	
Monitoring mechanisms	 Submissions of Business plans based on biosphere management plan or framework. Submissions of Quarterly progress reports on its operations, functional responsibilities and budget expenditure. Scheduled meetings on operational matters between the HOD, Accounting Officers of the District municipalities and the Biosphere management committee/exco Limpopo Biosphere Forum Meetings on strategic and policy issues Submission of Annual reports. 	
Projected life	Three (3) renewable for another three years.	
Payment schedule ·	 Transfer payments of the grant fund are done annually. 	

Summary of allocations - R'000

2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
300	300	300