

Notes for Mayor ZRT Gumede at the Grant-In-Aid Programme at Durban City Hall, 29 September 2013

Programme Director,

EXCO members,

Councillors,

Municipal officials,

Civic society and stakeholders,

Ladies and gentlemen,

All protocol observed,

Sanibonani,

The eThekweni Municipality has a vision of being the most caring city by 2030. We do this because we understand the evil history of this nation and we want to create a positive future for generations to come. Our vision is to address challenges that we facing as the citizen of eThekweni, we want to deal with issues of poverty, unemployment, underdevelopment and inequalities.

We believe this cannot be achieved if we are working in silos. We recognise that NGOs are important pillars of our communities. This is the reason we believe that we need to provide support for these organisation to help us deal with issues at the ward level.

The Grant Aid programme provides funding to community organisations to enhance the work that they provide within poor communities.

We acknowledge the contribution made by NPOs and the struggle they have with resources and funding

As a municipality we provide annual sundry grants to registered NPOs who follow a process of applications, these applications are screened and those organisations who meet the requirements are shortlisted before adjudication

We support different sectors including youth organisations senior citizens, community projects and soup kitchens while we also seek to promote and support early child hood development

Today we are **supporting 107 organisations and awarding them a cash amount of R28 0000 each.**

We have supported different organizations from early child hood development that is crèches and pre-schools, youth organisations, senior citizens, community projects including soup kitchens to special arts and crafts

We encourage our NGOs to link with our war rooms through operation Sukuma Sakhe. We want a good working relationship with local councillors, religious leaders and traditional leaders.

Let's work together to move the people of eThekweni forward!!!