Technical Assistance for Project Design

THE CASE OF BUDS-ERT

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What is BUDS-ERT

- BUDS-ERT is a grant scheme that provides financial support and advisory services to private sector firms, NGOs, CBOs and other private entities in energy and ICT business.

- Objective: to develop private sector capacities for starting and operating rural electrification related businesses and promote the application of efficient productive uses of electricity and traditional fuels in Rural Electrification areas.
Target areas of Business

- Independent networks (not connected to the national grid)
- Extension of the main grid
- Solar energy
- Wind energy
- Biogas
- Energy efficiency improvements
- Traditional fuels
- Telecentre activities
- Rural telephony services
Examples of Eligible activities

- Business plans, feasibility studies, company diagnostics
- Capacity building
- Installation of quality management systems
- Production efficiency/cost reduction
- Market research
- Advertising and promotion
Ineligible activities

No support for

- Capital costs (e.g. purchase of equipment and land)
- Working capital
- Recurrent costs (e.g. salaries and utilities)
- Taxes (e.g. VAT)
- Maintenance costs
- Expenses of activities already underway
How to access support

- Submission of application, vetting of application, approval or referral of application,
- Preparation and signature of support agreement,
- Implementation and monitoring of activity,
- Completion of activity and submission of claim for reimbursement,
- Verification of outputs and deliverables,
- Verification and validation of accountability documents and finally,
- Payment of the grant re-imbursing 50% of the agreed costs to the applicant.
Common causes of referrals for applications/payments

- Incomplete promoter identification e.g certificate of incorporation.
- Missing details on the service provider hired e.g CVs, rate history.
- Missing details on activities to be carried out and justification of period of activity.
- Application for support of ineligible activities usually of a one-off nature, routine or which do not contribute to the increase in sales, profitability e.g tax audit fees
Common causes of referral contd.

- Incomplete deliverables e.g. missing reports, manuals.
- Incomplete accountability documents e.g. receipts, signed vouchers, bank statements.
Other services supported by BUDS-ERT

- Development of standards with UNBS
- Development of suitable financial products for energy-related business
- Support to incorporate energy specialisation in the Faculty Curriculum at Makerere University
More information..........

- Brochures and application guidelines available
- Further information including application forms can be obtained at the PSFU offices on Plot 43, Nakasero Road
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