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FROM: CEO ECPACC
Arts Development Manager

SUBJECT: 2026/27 Siqaqambisa Ubugcisa Funding Call and Artist preparation workshops .

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to invite artists across the province, as well as arts organisations active within the arts and culture sector, to submit proposals within the specified sectors. It also serves to encourage artists to attend the planned workshops, which will provide guidance and unpack the application process. The rollout plan is attached for further details

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Eastern Cape Provincial Arts and Culture Council is calling for the submission of Siqaqambisa Ubugcisa Funding (SUF) application forms for the 2026/27 financial year.
- 2.2 The Advert, Funding guidelines and Criteria and SUF Application forms are attached for ease of reference.
- 2.3 The closing date for the submission of the application forms is **22 May 2026 @23h55** For National Arts Festival (NAF) projects and for the Siqaqambisa Ubugcisa Fund is **29 May 2026 @23h55**.

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2.4 Creatives are encouraged to submit their applications via email address in the advert. alternatively, submit via post or hand deliver at ECPACC or nearest DSRAC district offices as indicated in the application form.

2.5 Siqaqambisa Ubugcisa fund workshops dates, kindly note the proposed venues were submitted by district:

DATE	DISTRICT
8 April 2026	Alfred Nzo MT Ayliff
9 April 2026	Emaxesibeni Art centre
13 April 2026	OR Tambo Flagstaff town hall Ingquza hill
14 April 2026	Chris Hani Cradock Inxuba yethemba municipality hall
16 April 2026	Joe Gqabi DSRAC boardroom Maletswai WS municipality.
17 April 2026	Nelson Mandela Metro Mendi Art Centre
20 April 2026	Sarah Baartman to be confirmed by the district office
21 April 2026	Amathole Mnquma local municipality Butterworth library
	Buffalo City Metro Guild theatre

2.6 ECPACC is requesting each District to assist with the following:

- Distribution of the Grant management tools to the creatives who may seek assistance in the Creative and Cultural Industries Sector (tools attached)
- Record the receipt of the applications as per the attached template.


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