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OF SPORT, ARTS,
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(VOTE – 12)

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Hon. L.P. Mahasa

MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation

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SPEECH OF THE MEC FOR SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION, MS. LIMAKATSO PATRICIA MAHASA, ON THE TABLING OF THE BUDGET VOTE – 12 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION, 30 MARCH 2021, KOPPIES

Honourable Speaker

Honourable Premier

Colleagues in the Executive Council

Honourable Members of the Legislature

Executive Mayors, Mayors and Councillors present

Representatives of House of Traditional Leaders

Representatives of Sport Federations as well as Arts and Culture Councils

Management and Officials of the Department

Baahi ba Foreistata

Bomme le Bontate

Comrades

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INTRODUCTION

We table the Budget Vote of the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, which is Vote 12, a year later since the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic in our country. The devastation that this pandemic has caused on the economy, the social and political life of nation states has been well ventilated and documented. We have ourselves constantly outlined the impact this pandemic had and continues to have in the sport, arts, culture and recreation sector. Not only have **COVID-19 restrictions** made the functioning of the sector near impossible, but the **budget cuts** that followed also had an enormous impact on the sector. Honourable Speaker, it is an open secret that the creative, sport and recreation sector has suffered the most due to the restrictions imposed because of COVID 19. Though this is the case, we shall not despair, and I must indicate that the commitments we are making today will attempt to provide some relief to our desperate Artists and Athletes.

As we conclude the celebration of **Human Rights month** during this month, we cannot afford to miss the opportunity to remind ourselves of the mandate that the Freedom Charter has given to us, the mandate of promoting the culture, heritage, languages of our people as well as the right to learning which libraries and museums offers. Honourable Speaker, it is an open secret COVID 19 has robbed most of our Creative, Sport and recreation Sectors their Human Rights. Though this is the case, we shall not despair and I must indicate that the commitments we are making today will attempt to reignite the basic Human Rights of our Artists and Athletes.



For the 2021/2022 Financial Year the Department receives an allocation of **638 million 523 thousand rand** for our four Programmes which are:

- Programme 1: Administration and Financial Management
- Programme 2: Cultural Affairs
- Programme 3: Library and Archive Services as well as
- Programme 4: Sport and Recreation.

Honourable Speaker, let me indicate that in finalizing our commitments for 2021/22, we consulted with the Creative and Sport Sectors requesting ideas on how best can we improve our services. We appreciate the inputs that were provided by our Artists and Athletes, except that most of these were proposals for funding and not suggestions for improvement in the sectors. We will however further engage with them during the financial year, with a hope that they will assist us with ideas for the improved services for the Artists and Athletes, instead on individual interests.



PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Department has received an allocation of **104 million 755 thousand rand for Administration.**

Our priorities for Human Resources Management and Development are as follows:

- Review of the Organisational Structure to comply with our priorities and ensure we achieve our 5-year strategic plan that was developed in 2019/2020.
- To capacitate the Department by filling vacant critical posts, prioritizing Senior Management Services, Supply Chain Management, Internal Audit, Security Services, Library Services and Cultural Affairs.

I must however emphasize that this process will be guided by the Human Resource Plan, available budget and Service Delivery Implementation Model.

Financial Administration:

The department now operates within a very **tight fiscal environment** following budget cuts that have been undertaken. The current dispensation is one of having to do more with less. At best, an intensive reprioritization



process will unfold to ensure that the performance is aligned to the available financial resources.

Over-reliance on Conditional Grants by the department continues to be a limitation factor. While the department strives to ensure maximizing of its revenue generation capabilities, the prevailing environment of COVID-19 restrictions has made it difficult for us to can do so. Our facilities through which **revenue** used to be generated have been closed from the public. Mass public events have been prevented. This has impacted on revenue generating events such as MACUFE, O.R Tambo Marathon and so on.

The Department will explore **other alternative revenue generating avenues**. We will pilot a project similar to Outdoor Open-Air Cinema but featuring music and comedy. Ladies and gentlemen, to keep the spirit of MACUFE alive, we are going to host an Outdoor Open-Air Musical and Cultural Festival in the Mangaung Metro in October 2021.

Information and Communication Technology (I.C.T):

Several **I.C.T projects** will continue to be implemented and these include the **Supply Chain Management (SCM) Tracking System** which should assist with efficient management of SCM functions as well as the **Cloud based document management system** to assist with electronic records management.

Special Programmes:

In rolling out the **Campaign Against Gender-Based Violence** and responding to the **Gender Based Violence Emergency Response Plan** several programmes were implemented through the Special Programmes Unit. These include the following just to highlight a few:

- **Virtual Women's Dialogue on Gender Equality**, with the focus on patriarchy as one of the causes of GBV at the world of work and across society.
- **Webinar on Gender Based Violence** in partnership with Sisonke Gender Justice, Brothers for Life men's organizations and LGBTQI+ Community.
- **“Bua Ndoda” – “Father and Son Dialogue”** with a view of providing men to speak out against societal ills and pledge themselves to be the first line of defense in protecting the women and children of our country.

Honourable Speaker, we are going to intensify these projects because they contributed immensely towards building Social Cohesion and raising awareness against Gender-based Violence.

The Department will continue to implement these projects through an integrated approach in a form of Outreach Campaigns. We will have Outreach Campaigns in all Districts focusing on Moral Regeneration,



Prevention of Gender-Based Violence, Awareness of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities within the Sport and Creative Sector and Young Patriots Festival. These Outreach Campaigns will include Cultural Affairs, School Sports, Community Sports and will be implemented as follows:

- Mangaung Metro and Xhariep in the First Quarter
- Thabo Mofutsanyane in the Second Quarter and
- Lejweleputswa and Fezile Dabi in the Third Quarter



PROGRAMME 2: CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Honourable Speaker, for this Financial Year, Cultural Affairs programme receives an allocation of **128 million 201 thousand rand**.

During the last tabling of the Department's Budget Vote, we outlined the devastating negative impact of the pandemic on the Arts and Culture sector and Cultural Affairs programme in general. Unfortunately, the situation is not likely to improve anytime soon. COVID-19 is still with us and its effects on the Arts and Culture sector will remain with us. As indicated earlier, programmes such as MACUFE are affected by these developments.

2020/2021 Milestones:

During the last Budget Vote, we were able to demonstrate the **support provided to artists and athletes** through the Relief Fund that we implemented. While this intervention went a step further to address the condition of many artists much more support is still required for our artists and athletes. The Department has embarked on another drive to provide relief to our artists through the available **2 million rand** allocation.

Some of the milestones that were reached through Cultural Affairs programme include the following, just to highlight a few:



- Launch of the **Free State Writers Forum** to facilitate and promote and develop budding authors.
- In line with the heritage landscape transformation goal the Department has been part of the process of restoration work of Mama **Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Museum** in Brandfort. Physical restoration of the Museum is completed and currently the National Department of Sport, Arts and Culture is finalizing the appointment of a service provider who will compile historical research that will inform the Museum exhibition.
- The **Free State Comedy Show and Lifetime Achievement Awards evening** was presented on Friday 27 November 2020 at the Bloemfontein Civic Theatre. **Nine (9)** local Free State Comedians from all over the Free State as well as the Diva's Band entertained the audience throughout the night. Lifetime achievement awards in Arts and Culture were presented to Tina Mnumzana, Khotso Nkhatho, Mampai Mokeki and Tshediso Ramakgele as a quest to acknowledge our artists who have distinguished themselves in this field. During this occasion, each comedian was awarded **ten thousand rand (R10 000)** and each recipient of an Arts and Culture lifetime achievement award was awarded **fifty thousand rand (R50 000)**.

2021/2022 Performance Targets:

Honourable Speaker, in the **2021/2022 Financial Year** we will continue to rollout some of the programmes within the Cultural Affairs sector as follows:

- **Creative Sector Summit:** The Creative Sector Summit that was planned in the last Financial Year will take place this year.
- **Film Commission:** We are still on course to establish the Film Commission in our province which is likely to be a huge revenue generation and economy boosting project. Legal advice has been sought on the registration of the Commission and the process will soon be finalized based on the legal opinion.
- **Theatre, Poetry, Comedy, Visual Arts and Music:** Following a successful implementation of an outreach programme in Matjhabeng and Moqhaka in 2020, the District Festivals will be implemented across all the districts to showcase Theatre, Poetry, Comedy, Visual Arts and Music programme. This District rollout will culminate into a provincial event in December.

Honourable Speaker, we are also still on course with respect to the commitment we have made to ensure that our liberation stalwarts are honoured and the heritage landscape of our province is transformed. The three (3) metre live size bronze **statue of comrade Fezile Dabi** has been completed and the one of **Mama Albertina Sisulu** will be completed in the first half of this year. These statues will be unveiled this year. Mama Sisulu's statue will be installed and unveiled in Welkom as announced by the honourable Premier in the State of the Province Address. The same **statue of Mama Winnie Madikizela-Mandela** will be built in the new Financial Year and will be installed in Majwemasweu/Brandfort.



To further preserve our heritage, history and celebrate our struggle heroines, we will rename Hoffman Square in Charlotte Maxeke Street into **Charlotte Maxeke Park**, subject to proper procedural and consultative processes as required by the relevant legislation. This will be followed by the erection of the **statue of Mama Charlotte Maxeke** in the same Hoffman Square.

PROGRAMME 3: LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES SERVICES

Honourable Speaker, Library and Archives Services receives an allocation of **231 million 871 thousand rand** in the 2021/2022 Financial Year.

During the 2020/2021 Financial Year the Department was hit hard by **Conditional Grant budget cuts** amounting to approximately **36 million and 2 hundred thousand rand**. The cuts resulted in the Department's reduction and/or total suspension of various programmes such as Reading Festivals, Procurement of Library Materials and so on. For the 2021/2022 Financial Year, further Conditional Grant budget cuts have been effected to the tune of **10 million rand**.

Library and Archive services continues to play an important role in the advancement of government priority number one which is Education. We are delighted about the performance of our province in the last **matric outcomes**. We have no doubt that access to our over 185 libraries, whether Community Libraries or Dual-Purpose Libraries which are situated in schools, have played a critical role in the performance outcomes of our matriculants. Membership of these libraries, which is around **Seven hundred and ten, eight hundred and four thousand library users** undoubtedly incorporate school learners. In 2021 we made yet another milestone with the **opening of library** in Luckhoff with the honourable Premier, Me Sefora Ntombela



this month. Another library was scheduled to be opened in Smithfield also in March, but the opening has been rescheduled for a later date.

In the context of COVID-19 and the Lockdown, we will strengthen our already existing **Library Online service** known as e-library services. The service continues to provide access for library patrons and the public to e-books and e-encyclopedic material. Underscoring the significance of this initiative in our province is the fact that requests to register online were also received from other provinces.

In 2021 the Department will establish **75 reading clubs** and one literacy programme as part of a sustained effort to promote the honourable President's call for the nation to read.

In continuing to respond to the Fourth Industrial Revolution dispensation and ensuring that libraries continue to become the hubs for internet of things, **internet connectivity** was rolled out through the contracts we have with SITA and Vodacom to **155 community and dual-purpose libraries**. Internet speed in our libraries has improved following the Free Wi-Fi with unlimited data that was rolled out to these libraries. An investment of **11 million rands** is injected into this function through the SITA contract. It is these interventions that we believe continue to impact positively in the performance of our matriculants in the province. This calls for a serious consideration for more investments into our library services programme.

Honourable Speaker, provision of **services for the visually impaired** in our libraries serves as part of our response to the disaggregated data requirement by the Department of Public Service and Administration. It is a matter of outmost necessity



that our visually impaired communities have access to information for self-empowerment just like any other sector of our society. We officially launched this service at Matlakeng Library on the 22nd of October 2020. In 2021, **three (3)** more services will be established in Smithfield, Thabong and Soutpan libraries in partnership with the South African Library for the Blind (SALB).

In 2021, with the **3 million rand** budget allocated towards **procurement of books**, the Department intends to focus on procurement of books and other information resources produced by emerging writers or authors. Furthermore, the Department will also provide **support to emerging writers or authors** in the form of workshops to improve their writing skills as well as the packaging of their books before they are procured by the Department.

Honorable Speaker, the preservation of our historical archives, which serve as a reservoir for historical memory about the past, is a crucial function that should not be neglected. The Department's **Archives Repository** plays an important role in this regard. **4 hundred thousand rand** is budgeted for the project to upgrade bandwidth infrastructure at the Archives Repository. The bandwidth infrastructure upgrade, which will enable the loading of the newly acquired archival material to the National Archives website, will increase the number of researchers on the Free State Archives repository. The province will also host the annual National **Oral History Conference** in a hybrid manner in Clarens from the 13th to the 15th of October 2021. This conference will include Traditional Leadership and will emphasize the need to preserve indigenous or traditional knowledges and histories.



PROGRAMME 4: SPORT AND RECREATION

Honourable Speaker, the Sport and Recreation programme is allocated a budget of **173 million 696 thousand rand** in the 2021/2022 Financial Year. The reduction of the budget from the previous Financial Year obviously has a negative impact on our ability to assist athletes whose livelihood is dependent on the sport opportunities we create.

The implementation of several sport and recreation programmes will be reviewed mainly due to budget cuts and/or COVID-19 restrictions.

Like the intervention we are making for artists through the **Relief Fund**, we will again also be implementing a relief for athletes and sport practitioners with the available budget of **3 million and two hundred thousand rand**. This amount is a remaining portion from the **6 million and five hundred thousand rand** that was earmarked for relief for athletes.

2020/2021 Milestones and 2021/2022 Targets:

During the 2020/2021 Financial Year we implemented the following Sport and Recreation Programmes through Community Sport, School Sport and Sport Science sub-programmes, and these programmes will continue to be implemented in the next Financial Year:

Community Sport

Through Community Sport sub-programme the following milestones were realized in 2020/2021:

- Appointment of **18 sport coordinators** for a period of 12 months.
- Staging of a **Virtual Workshop for Women in Sport Policy** formulation.
- **Delivery of equipment and attire** to **40** identified sport clubs and **six (6)** sport Hubs in September 2020. Sport equipment delivered in the 2020/2021 financial year were to the total value of **three million Rands**. In the 2021/2022 financial year we will distribute sport equipment to the value of **8 hundred and twelve thousand rand**.
- Provision of **sport equipment** and attire to **10 sport clubs** for Rural Sport Development Programme in QwaQwa in November 2020.
- Activation of **Rope Skipping programme** to all districts in collaboration with Community Radio Stations in December 2020.
- Staging of **Netball Level 1 Coaching Course** for **60 participants** on the 20-22 November 2020 in Bethlehem.
- Staging of **Football Referee training** in Bethlehem for **29 participants** on the 20-22 November 2020.
- **Financial support to Mangaung Unite Football Club** to participate in national playoffs in November 2020 as well as to **Netball Federation** to participate in National Netball Championships held in Bela Bela Limpopo in December 2020.

School Sport

Through the School Sport sub-programme **sport equipment and attire** were also distributed and will continue to be distributed in the next Financial Year as follows:

- A total of **75 schools** from quintile 1 – 3 in the districts of the province were provided with equipment and attire in Kroonstad at Phomolong Public School on 11 December 2020. This handover was done in collaboration with my colleague, Honourable Tate Makgoe, at an event where we also committed to sign a Service Level Agreement on the implementation of School Sport. A further **10 schools** identified, **2** from each district and were provided with Equipment and Attire. **50** schools will be provided this year.
- A total of **39 Hostel Schools Project** will be provided with equipment and attire in the current month (March 2021).
- A **Triathlon Athlete** from the disadvantaged background will be provided with a triathlon cycle and triathlon attire. Triathlon is a sport that is not played by the previously disadvantaged athletes, Free State would have contributed to introduce a disadvantaged athlete into the sport.



Through the School Sport sub-programme we provided and will continue to provide the following **Training and Capacitation** to stakeholders:

- **Netball Technical Training** for **50 Educators and volunteers** was conducted in Bloemfontein on the 12 – 13 March 2021.
- **Learn to Swim programme** was be conducted by Swimming South Africa to **50 Educators and Volunteers** at the Free State Stadium Pool in Bloemfontein on the 13 – 14 March 2021.
- **Athletics Officials Technical Training** was conducted by Athletics South Africa to **50 Educators and Volunteers** on the 19 – 21 March 2021 at the Free State Athletics Stadium in Bloemfontein.
- **Athletics Coaching Course** was be presented to **50 Educators and volunteers** on the 19 – 21 March 2021.
- **A total of 300** educators and volunteers will be capacitated as coaches and managers in the next Financial Year.
- **75 Schools** will be provided with Sport Equipment and Attire.
- We will implement the Girl Guides and Majorettes for **5 schools per District**.



We have through the School Sport sub-programme also ensured job opportunities for **three (3) interns** on a contract basis in the 2020/2021 financial year. A total of **five (5) School Sport coordinators** were also appointed on a permanent basis. Appointment of **seven (7) School Sport Coordinators** to increase sector capacity and the roll-out of school sport will also take place in 2021/2022.

Sport Science Services

Through the **Free State Sport Science Institute**, we were able to support the **Free State Academy of Sport elite athletes** with **78 Virtual Exercise Videos**. Sport science conditioning was provided to some high-performance athletes at the Free State Sport Science Institute in accordance with the COVID-19 Risk Adjusted Levels and regulations.

The Department, in partnership with Northern Cape Province, hosted the inaugural **Doctor Andrew Mlangeni Golf Tournament** in Clarens from 20 to 21 November 2020. This was a very successful tournament where the life of one of the stalwarts in the fight for human rights was celebrated. We will massify and grow this noble initiative by ensuring that it becomes an annual event. In 2021/2022, will extend invitation for the tournament to other provinces to ensure that it is strengthened and becomes one of the major national events hosted by the Free State.

To further celebrate Doctor Mlangeni, the Free State Sports Academy will conduct Golf Coaching Clinics to at least **100 school children** from all five Districts.



In 2021/2022, **ten (10) Sport Focus Schools** will be supported as well as **one (1) Provincial Academy** and **three (3) District Sport Academies**.

May I take this opportunity to welcome and congratulate the newly elected leadership of the **Free State Sport Confederation**. We look forward to working very closely with the new leadership to advance sport and recreation in the province.

Honourable Speaker, to celebrate our women in Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation Sector, we will host the **Heroines Awards** in partnership with Heroines Awards Foundation in August 2021, with particular attention to Women with Disabilities.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

While completion of infrastructure projects was severely hampered by budget cuts progress has nonetheless been made with respect to several **capital projects** such as the following: Smithfield; Soutpan; Luckhoff and Van Stadensrus libraries as well as Statues of Fezile Dabi and Albertina Sisulu.

It is anticipated that in the **next MTEF period** the following infrastructure projects, amongst others, will be completed: Dinoheng Indoor Sport Centre; Smithfield Indoor Sport Centre; Frankfort Indoor Sport Centre; Kroonstad Recording Studio; Satellite Studios at Fezile Dabi, Lejweleputswa and Mmabana Arts Centres; Tumahole, Cornelia, Bloogumbusch, Van Standensrus libraries and Leister Skhosana Museum.



CONCLUSION:

Honourable Speaker, may I in conclusion take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the following:

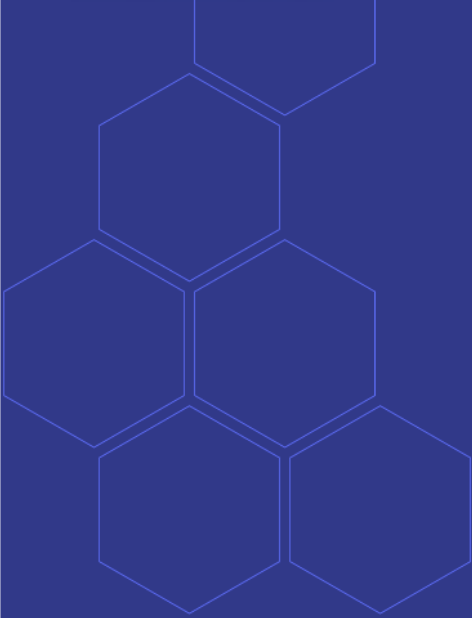
- The Almighty God for the continuous blessings
- My party, the African National Congress for the political guidance provided.
- My Premier, for your motherly love and being there for us during the trying times.
- Colleagues in the Executive Council for guidance on governance and administration
- The Portfolio Committee for continuous oversight and guidance
- My family for standing by me even during difficult moments.
- Stakeholders in the sport, arts, culture and recreation sector for standing by our side even during trying times and
- Managers and Officials in the Department for the hard work despite limited resources.

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I thank you.



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