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INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ROLLED OUT IN DIPALESENG

Every financial year, the municipality rolls out projects in order to address infrastructure development backlogs of the locality. While it is understood that the community might complain about the slow paced delivery of infrastructure development, cognizance of the fact that these projects demand massive financial backing which the institution does not have at its disposal should be viewed as a major contributing factor to this.

Some of these capital projects are funded through the annual Municipal Infrastructure Grant allocation received annually specifically for this reason, while others come from sources such as government sector departments and other external sources.

These are over and above the other daily maintenance tasks that are continually taking place in and around the locality through the internal Operations and Maintenance (O & M) budget of the municipality.

Another significant aspect to the municipality is the upliftment of the local community in the implementation of these projects is in the form of subcontracting to local SMMEs and creation of local job opportunities. The municipality is of the view that job creation, poverty alleviation and local business support are crucially important in the development of the local economic landscape.

Some of these projects have already been completed like the Provision of Sewer reticulation for four hundred and fifty (450) households in Grootvlei in ward 5 which created fifty four (54) local job opportunities and a total of four (4) local SMMEs were appointed while others are still in implementation phase.

Project Description	Location	Implementing Agent	Project cost	Planned Completion date	Project Status	Service Provider	WOC CREATED	Local SMMEs APPOINTED
Upgrading of Monareng, Lefokotsane and Nkonkoni Street	Siyathemba (Ward 2 & 4)	DLM	R20 million (MIG)	December 2017	Monareng Street: 100% Completed Lefokotsane: 37% Physical Projects Nkonkoni: 25% Physical Project	Consultant: GMH Engineers Contractor: Maduludi Cc	35	5
Upgrading of Grootvlei WWTW	Grootvlei (Ward 5)	DLM	R37 million (MIG)	April 2018	Civil and Structural works completed. Mechanical & electrical contractor appointed.	Consultant: Mott MacDonald Contractor: Khanya Engineered Projects	59	0
Provision of sewer reticulation in Grootvlei Ext. 21	Grootvlei (Ward 5)	DLM	R9 million (MIG)	March 2017	completed	Consultant: Mott MacDonald Contractor: Wax Engineering	54	4
Upgrading and renovation of Municipal office building	Balfour (ward 3)	CoGTA	R16 million	September 2017	Physical progress: 73%	Consultant: Monde Consulting Engineers Contractor:	84	6
Upgrading Of Balfour MV System, 6.6kv and The Existing Substation	Balfour (ward 3)	DLM	R6 million (INEP)	May 2017	Completed	Mothapo Consulting Engineers	8	0

Construction of new Balfour	Balfour (ward 3)	DLM	R60 million	June 2019	Planning Stage	F & A Consulting	0	0
substation			(INEP)			Engineers		
Upgrading of	Balfour,	DLM	R3	April 2017	completed	Imbawula	34	0
old feeder	Grootvlei &		million			Technical		
lines in	Greylingstad		(INEP)			Services		
Dipaleseng								
Turnkey design	Siyathemba	GSDM	R7	March	Completed	МК	18	4
and	(Ward 1,2 &		million	2017		Dube/Lefiso		
construction	4)					Consulting		
to improve								
water pressure								
in Siyathemba								
construction	Grootvlei	Rand	R78	October	Physical progress:	Tiger Business	38	4
of a new	and	Water/GSDM/DLM/DWS	million	2017	73%	Enterprise		
250mm uPVC	Siyathemba							
pipeline to								
convey clear								
water from								
Siyathemba to								
Grootvlei								
Reconstruction	Balfour &	SANRAL	R 18		49%	SMEC	42	9
& Upgrading	Greylingstad		million			Consulting		
of intersection						Engineers and		
between R23						Fountain Civil		
and R51 and 3						Engineers		
bridges								

"It is also important that we foster inclusive development throughout all the wards within the locality so that all our people know and understand that our government cares for all", said the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mafunda Makhubu.

Dipaleseng is performing relatively well on its 2017/18 financial year MIG spending, having already spent over R 8 million of its R19 million allocation, placing it at 42%.

There are also other projects that will benefit a big portion of our communities like the construction of low-cost housing units in Siyathemba and Grootvlei. The construction of the stimulation centre in Nthoroane and the Skills Development Centre in Balfour are other exciting projects that are at embryotic stage.

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