



## Community Chest Impumelelo Social Innovations Applications Open Soon

The annual Community Chest Impumelelo Social Innovations Awards (CCISIA) programme recognizes socially conscious innovators who conceive, design and build sustainable responses to social challenges.

Applications for 2020 open on March 4 and is extended to all nine provinces, targeting both urban and rural communities. The aim of the awards is to unearth innovative solutions to challenges in sectors such as health, education, infrastructure and housing, culture and arts, environment and conservation, income-generation, community development and social entrepreneurship.

All applications are subject to a stringent Community Chest due diligence process and successful candidates will be invited to apply to the programme. The next phase sees candidates undergo a rigorous, unbiased, independent evaluation and adjudication process before finalists are selected.

The awards create a platform for shared learning and scaling up of impactful innovations, through a holistic approach encompassing thought leadership, mentorship and coaching, monitoring, evaluation and learning, strategic investment and pragmatic master classes. The work of the previous award winners are regularly submitted to international best practice awards programmes.

Lorenzo Davids, CEO of Community Chest, remarks, “Our dream for these awards is to provide a platform for innovation, deep thinking, social intelligence and impact in a space that so desperately needs to see fresh ideas and have deep thinkers who work collaboratively with civil society.”

“We will continue to unearth social innovation and reward creative solutions to public problems through our awards programme and the accompanying mentorship and master class training”, Davids continued.

Special vanguard awards went to individuals with a history of excellence in their fields. The Bishop Sidney Lavis Service to Humanity Award went to Lucinda Evans, Director of Philisa Abafazi Bethu, while the Carrier of the Flag Award for public service went to Stan Henkeman, Executive Director of the Institute of Justice and Reconciliation and the Carrier of the Flag Award for community service was awarded to Prof Eric Atmore, director of the Centre for Early Childhood Development.

The top award of Social Entrepreneur of the Year went to The Spinach King, a unique Khayelitsha-based health café founded by Lufefe Nomjana, a 28-year-old social entrepreneur whose journey from humble beginnings transformed into a dream that became a reality and empowered others along the way is an inspiration to all.

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