

GOVERNMENT GRANT TO ITAUKEI LANDOWNERS

One of the FijiFirst Government's top priorities is to ensure that iTaukei landowners have increased and direct benefits from the development of their lands. Such a policy will not only assist iTaukei landowners from earning more revenue individually and/or as a group and thereby empowering them in a more tangible manner but also contribute to increased national economic activity and development and growth of the Fijian economy.

In order to assist iTaukei landowners to meet development costs of their lands, Government has set aside \$10 million in the 2015 Budget to be given as a grant to meet specifically the cost of connecting and constructing utilities such as electricity, water and roads to and on the proposed development area.

All iTaukei landowners and/or landowning units are eligible to apply for this Grant.

What to include in the Application

All applications must include the following but not limited to information:

- Evidence of approval of at least 60% of the qualifying members of the relevant land owning unit;
- If applicable, copy of the registered lease;
- If applicable, the details of the trustees or company established for the purpose of development;
- If applicable, confirmation of de-reservation of subject land;
- Specific boundaries of the subject land;
- · Scheme plan for the subject land;
- · Details of existing structures on the subject land;
- The type of assistance sought from the Government;
- The type of development to be undertaken through the subdivision of the subject land and/or the concept plan; and
- Details of all approvals by regulatory agencies such as the Rural Local Authority, Town and Country Planning and Department of Environment.

How the Grant works

Following receipt of an application, the applicant will be notified of receipt and the next steps involved in accessing the Grant.

Submission of Applications

Applications are to be marked 'Government Grant for iTaukei Land' and sent in one of the following ways:

- Posted to P.O. Box 2213, Government Buildings, Suva;
- Hand-delivered to the 10th Floor, Ro Lalabalavu House, Victoria Parade, Suva; or
- Emailed to the email address: joeli.ditoka@govnet.gov.fj

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