

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

uYilo Kick Start Fund

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The **uYilo e-Mobility Programme** invites innovators, SMMEs, researchers, and industry partners to apply for funding through the **uYilo Kick Start Fund**. The grant funding supports applied research that accelerates Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) and leads to the development of **products, processes, or services** that can be commercialised to advance South Africa's e-Mobility industry.

Funding Available

- **Individual Projects (Single Participant):** Up to **R500,000 (including VAT)** per project
- **Collaborative Projects (Multiple Participants):** Up to **R1,000,000 (including VAT)** per project. For collaborative projects matched (50:50) co-funding is required.

Projects must demonstrate clear technology development and progression along the **Technology Readiness Level (TRL)** scale with the goal to commercialise the proposed technology.

Priority Focus Areas

- Energy Storage Technologies
- Electric Vehicle Systems
- Charging Infrastructure within Smart Grids
- Connected Car Technologies

Priority will also be given to industry projects that support local manufacturing, innovative service delivery, or public transportation solutions.

Who Should Apply

- Projects with established research or technology development
- Projects that advance Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)
- Projects demonstrating clear intent to commercialise
- Projects aligned with the growth of South Africa's e-Mobility ecosystem

How to Apply

Supporting documents and the application form are available at www.uYilo.org.za. Completed proposals must be submitted via email to info@uyilo.org.za with the subject line **"Call for Proposals – uYilo Kick Start Fund"**.

Submission Deadline

17h00 | Sunday, 31 May 2026. Late submissions will not be considered.

Enquiries

For additional information please contact info@uyilo.org.za.

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