

**1 August 2018**

## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS - UYILO KICK START FUND**

The uYilo eMobility Technology Innovation Programme (EMTIP) invites qualifying projects to submit proposals to the uYilo “**Kick Start**” fund for 2018/19. The uYilo “**Kick Start**” fund is established to support electric mobility (eMobility) related projects by providing an agile mechanism (approval within 3 months) to fund applied research and development to a maximum of:

- (i) R500,000 (including VAT) per project for individual projects (one participant), and
- (ii) R1,000,000 (including VAT) per project for collaborative projects (multiple participants).  
For collaborative projects matched (50:50) co-funding is required.

The grant funding is focused on applied research that will accelerate Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) and lead to the creation of products, process or services that can be commercialised to advance the South African eMobility industry. The funding aims to fast-track the development processes for those projects that currently cannot attract funding from other funding mechanisms but are of strategic importance. Successful projects will have to demonstrate the intent to further develop and commercialise the technology. This call is open to all participants in the eMobility innovation value chain including higher education institutions, science councils, industry and entrepreneurs. Priority will be given to projects that,

- (i) have established research in uYilo's strategic focus areas:
  - Energy Storage Technologies;
  - Electric Vehicle Systems;
  - Charging Infrastructure within Smart-Grids;
  - Connected Car, and/or
- (ii) industry projects that will lead to, local manufacturing of a product or, delivery of a service, or support public transportation.

Funding for this financial year (2018/19) is limited and uYilo will prioritise applications in these areas according to a pre-approved adjudication criteria outlined in the application guide. Applicants are additionally advised to compliment past kick start funded projects and support collaborative projects towards an inclusive eco-system.

Guideline documents and application form is available on the uYilo website [www.uYilo.org.za](http://www.uYilo.org.za).

Final proposals must be submitted via email to [uYilo@mandela.ac.za](mailto:uYilo@mandela.ac.za) with the subject 2018 Call for Proposals - uYilo Kick Start Fund, by **12:00 mid-day on Friday 31 August 2018**.

**No late applications will be accepted.**

For any additional information, kindly email [uYilo@mandela.ac.za](mailto:uYilo@mandela.ac.za)

Yours Sincerely,

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