



PROVINCIAL TREASURY

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Provincial Treasury scoops a prestigious award

The Provincial Treasury (Fiscal Development Directorate) entered and participated in the Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI) awards on the Provincial Revenue Enhancement Strategy and was nominated and shortlisted in the category of Innovative Enhancement of Internal System of Government. The awards ceremony was consequently held on the 28th October 2016 at the Emperor Palace, where the Provincial Treasury scooped two prestigious national awards. The first award was for being the **“winner of the Innovative Enhancements of Internal Systems of Government”** consisting of a trophy and R20.000.00 prize money. The same project went on to win the **“2016 innovator of the year”** award, consisting of a trophy and prize money of R70.000.00. The total prize money awarded to the Provincial Treasury amounts to R90.000.00.

The CPSI awards is open to all the provinces and has got four (4) categories, namely; (1) Innovative Solutions reducing the cost of Delivery Services; (2) Innovative use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for Effective Service Delivery; (3) Innovative Service Delivery Institutions and Innovative Enhancements of Internal Systems of Government. In addition, the winners are assessed and an **innovator of the year** is selected for the highest prize.

Summary of the Provincial Revenue Enhancement Strategy

The volatility of the South African economy and the declining Provincial Share of Revenue compels provinces to continuously strive to increase own revenue. In response to the current economic situation, Provincial Treasury in consultation with departments and public entities developed Provincial Revenue Enhancement Strategy which was endorsed by provincial Executives in 2013/14 financial year. The ambition of the strategy was that the provincial revenue collection target should reach R1 billion “mark” by 2017/18 financial year from the target of R509.9 million in 2012/13. The Strategy was rolled out to departments and public

entities through the various provincial government forums. Through the implementation of the Strategy, the actual revenue collection improved from R844.4 million in 2013/14 to R1.422 billion in 2014/15 or significant increase of R578 million. This translates to the achievement of “R1 billion mark” target in 2014/15 financial year as compared to the estimated period of 2017/18 financial year. The R1 billion mark has since been sustained with the 2016/17 target of R1.5 billion.

Contribution to the Service Delivery

Provincial own revenue forms part of the total provincial revenue share that are allocated to departments to address provincial spending priorities. Thus the increase in revenue augment the provincial budget pressures and contribute to an improved provision of services to the people of the Province. The implementation of revenue enhancement projects identified such as the rollout of motor vehicle functions to post offices and improvement of state resorts enhanced public access to services and thus revenue maximization.

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