

LEPELLE-NKUMPI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IS RECOGNISED AT THE SALGA MOSES “BIG MOSS” MALULEKE MUNICIPAL AWARDS

Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality received three (3) awards from the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) during the SALGA Moses “Big Moss” Maluleke Municipal Awards, held on the 13 March 2025, at the Sasavona Game Lodge in Bela-Bela.

The SALGA Moses "Big Moss" Maluleke Municipal Awards serves as a significant platform for recognising and celebrating excellence in local governance within the Limpopo province. These awards, named in honour of the late Mayor Moses "Big Moss" Maluleke of Collins Chabane Municipality, serve to highlight municipalities that demonstrate exceptional commitment to service delivery, innovation, and sound financial management.

Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality was recognised in three key categories:

1. For sustaining Unqualified Audit Opinion during 2023/2024 FY
2. For Not incurring Unauthorised Expenditure during 2023/2024 FY
3. For Not incurring Fruitless and Wasteful Expenditure during 2023/2024 FY

Mayor, Cllr Dr Meriam Molala is excited about the awards, saying that the Municipality has worked hard to sustain the Unqualified audit outcome. The administration has ensured budgetary processes focus on the urgent needs of indigent communities, through investment in infrastructure, provision of free basic services, and the growth of the local economy.

“This is indeed a good story to tell, it is a great achievement. The hard work and commitment of our management and officials, oversight by our Council has paid off. We will continue in our concerted efforts to manage our cash flow and generate cash-backed surpluses to fund future capital expenditure and provision of basic services aligned with the municipality's strategic objectives on road construction, electrification, and waste management, among others. All necessary corrective actions will also be put in place to finally transition from an unqualified audit to a clean audit outcome with visible service delivery impact”, Dr. Cllr Molala explains.

Collecting the awards, Mayor, Cllr Dr Meriam Molala was accompanied by Council Speaker Cllr Joyce Nkoabela, Council Whip Cllr Given Sello, EXCO Chairperson for Budget and Treasury Cllr Evah Ledwaba and Acting Municipal Manager Mr. Donald Maphoru and his support staff.

This historic recognition reflects the Municipality's commitment and dedication to championing service delivery and fostering social change in our communities.

“Motho ke motho ka batho”