



2026

File No.

Animal Welfare Directorate:  
**Application for Support Scheme for  
Recreational Open Spaces, Sensory Play  
Areas and Green Pockets which Include  
Dog Parks or Cat Cafes, 2026**

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions of this Scheme, the Directorate shall have the right at its absolute discretion, to refuse any application. Therefore, it is requested and strongly advised that applicants carefully read the conditions of this Scheme. Any Local Council submitting a false declaration will be disqualified from benefiting from this Scheme.



# SECTION 1

## Information About Lead Beneficiary\*

\*In the case of a joint application between more than one Local Council the below details should reflect the lead Local Council managing the project. The details of the other Local Council participating must be detailed in Section 2.

## Locality of Local Council

## Name of Local Council Mayor

## ID Card No. of Local Council Mayor

## Name of Local Council Executive Secretary

## ID Card No. of Local Council Executive Secretary

## Address of the Local Council

Name of Premises:

Door Number:

Street Name:

Locality:

Postcode:

Contact No:

Email:





## SECTION 2

### Information About Lead Beneficiary\*

\*This Section does not apply if the application is not a joint application.

### Locality of Local Council (3rd) if applicable

### Name of Local Council Mayor

### ID Card No. of Local Council Mayor

### Name of Local Council Executive Secretary

### ID Card No. of Local Council Executive Secretary

### Address of the Local Council

Name of Premises:

Door Number:

Street Name:

Locality:

Postcode:

Contact No:

Email:





## SECTION 2

### Information About Secondary Beneficiaries\*

\*This Section does not apply if the application is not a joint application.

### Locality of Local Council

### Name of Local Council Mayor

### ID Card No. of Local Council Mayor

### Name of Local Council Executive Secretary

### ID Card No. of Local Council Executive Secretary

### Address of the Local Council

Name of Premises:

Door Number:

Street Name:

Locality:

Postcode:

Contact No:

Email:





# SECTION 3

<b>Project Details:</b>	
<b>1. Project Name</b>	
<b>2. Site Location</b>	
Please paste the google map url of the site.	
<b>3. Site Plan</b>	
A site plan (1:5000) signed by an architect and a google map of the proposed site (boundaries delineated on map) to be set up as a recreational open spaces, sensory play areas and green pockets To be attached to application	
<b>4. Permits</b>	
<b>Pa Number:</b>	
<b>Tracking Number:</b>	
Any copy of relevant regulatory permits are to be attached to the application. Where such permits are still being obtained, commit to providing such permits within nine (9) months from the Letter of Acceptance. Agreement will not be signed until all the necessary permits are forwarded to AWD. The Application will be kept pending for nine (9) months.	
<b>5. Evidence of Ownership</b>	
<b>Land Allocation number of Property:</b>	
Any copy of allocation from the Lands Authority attached to the application Administration of Government Property, Administration of Government Immovable Property (Devolution) and any copy of Notification to Lands Authority prior the submittal of a Development Application	
<b>6. Detailed budget estimate and any available bill of quotes</b>	
Any copy of relevant budget estimate including any BOQs are to be attached to the application if available.	





## SECTION 4

### Detailed Project Description of the Project

#### Criterion 1 - Community Need and Demand (20%)

Please provide a detailed description of the demonstrated need for the facility in the community (Maximum 1,000 words)





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### Detailed Project Description of the Project

Please provide a detailed description of how the site is accessible for residents (public transport, parking availability), spacious enough to accommodate various facilities such as an off-leash area, walking trails, and seating and the terrain is safe. The proposed site must be a 1,500+ sqm urban plot with 80% green space and 20% for a dog park or cat café, ensuring accessibility, no tree removal, and no nearby competing facilities. There should be no existing dog park or cat café within the same locality. Notwithstanding should a dog park or cat café that can be embellished already exist in the locality these will be taken into consideration. For cat café proposals, a clear segregation must be maintained between the café and the landscaped area. Proof of ownership and safe, spacious terrain are required. (Maximum 1,000 words)





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### Criterion 3: Preparedness (20%)

Please describe the current stage approval processes and compliance requirements initiated or completed.  
(Maximum 1,000 words)





## SECTION 4

### Criterion 4: Infrastructure and Amenities (20%)

Please provide a detailed description of the availability of water supply and potential for future enhancements. (Maximum 1,000 words)





## SECTION 4

### Criterion 5: Safety and Environmental Impact (20%)

Please provide a detailed description of how selected site shall be distant from wildlife habitats which do not disrupt local ecosystems or sensitive green spaces. (Maximum 1,000 words)



## SECTION 5

### Conditions

1. The application for Recreational Open Spaces, Sensory Play Areas and Green Pockets under this Scheme must be made by Local Council/s set up in line with the Local Councils Act (Chapter 363).
2. Applications are to be submitted duly filled and any missing or unclear information should be submitted or rectified by not later than seven (7) working days from the date of request by the Directorate.
3. Applications are to be submitted by the prescribed deadline and late applications will not be accepted or considered.
4. Applicants must submit all required permits with their application. If permits are not yet obtained, applicants must commit to providing them within nine months of receiving a Letter of Acceptance. The final agreement will only be signed once all permits are received, and the application will remain pending for this nine-month period.
5. The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to not consider any application which is not in line with the eligibility criteria.
6. Applications which are considered ineligible will be informed in writing at the e-mail address indicated on the application within sixty (60) days from receipt.
7. The Animal Welfare Directorate may approve only those limited number of items which fit into the prescribed budget.
8. Photos, videos may be taken and these may be used by the Animal Welfare Directorate for promotional purposes.



## SECTION 6

### Declaration

#### **Declaration by the Local Council Mayor applying for the Support Scheme for Recreational Open Spaces, Sensory Play Areas and Green Pockets.**

I, the Mayor of the Local Council declare that the grant for Recreational Open Spaces, Sensory Play Areas and Green Pockets will be solely utilised for the items being requested for in this application.

I confirm that I have read and agree with the terms and conditions, guidelines any clarifications and that the Local Council agrees to abide with these.

I also declare that the information given in this application is correct and true. I understand that I will forfeit the right to any grant support under this Scheme if any incorrect or inconsistent information is given.

I understand that the Animal Welfare Directorate may verify the correctness of this application by liaising with other authorities and/or entities as may deem necessary.

I am hereby authorising the Animal Welfare Directorate to carry out the necessary checks and provide unhindered access to information and to carry out physical checks.

I authorise the collection of information from other authorities and/or entities, relating to this application.

I acknowledge and understand that if this application is not found to be valid or the information is incorrect, the application will not be considered.

I recognise and understand that if this application is not found to be valid or the information is incorrect, action can be taken against it in accordance with the





## SECTION 6

### Declaration

laws of Malta.

I also authorise the Ministry for Agriculture Fisheries and Animal Rights to document photos, videos and other forms of documentation prior, during and after the execution of the project and these may be used by the Animal Welfare Directorate for promotional purposes.

I hereby declare that the project has not benefitted from any prior Government or EU funding under other programmes/schemes in the last three years up to the date of application. I also acknowledge that non-disclosure may constitute grounds for judicial proceedings against applicant.





Signature of Local Council Mayor and Executive Secretary of the Lead Beneficiary:

<b>Signature of Mayor</b>	<b>Signature of Executive Secretary</b>
<b>Name of Mayor:</b>	<b>Name of Executive Secretary:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	

Signature of Local Council Mayor and Executive Secretary of the Secondary Beneficiary (2nd) if applicable:

<b>Signature of Mayor</b>	<b>Signature of Executive Secretary</b>
<b>Name of Mayor:</b>	<b>Name of Executive Secretary:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	



Signature of Local Council Mayor and Executive Secretary of the Tertiary Beneficiary (3rd) if applicable:

<b>Signature of Mayor</b>	<b>Signature of Executive Secretary</b>
<b>Name of Mayor:</b>	<b>Name of Executive Secretary:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	

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