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**Dear Members of the Media,**

**EXPANDED PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAME INCETIVE GRANTS PROJECT LAUNCH**

**On Wednesday 18 October** Buffalo City Metro will be officially launching the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) incentive grants projects in Mzamomhle Community Hall.

This is part of the lessons learned by the Metro to realise the importance of formalising the EPWP coordinating structure implementing the EPWP.

The programme aims at providing an important avenue for labour absorption and income transfers to poor household in the short to medium-term as a social protection mechanism.

Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality submitted six new EPWP projects for the Incentive Grant Agreement at the beginning of the financial year 2017/2018 for a total budget of R4 952 000 to incentivise BCMM projects that implement the EPWP, and about 170 people will benefit from the projects.

The projects are as follows:

1. Waste minimization, recycling awareness and Waste Separation Program
2. Pirie Mission Food Security Programme;
3. Coastal Protection Programme;
4. KWT Cleaning and beautification;
5. Duncan Village Revitalising Programme and
6. EWPW Coordination, administration and Data capturing

**Members of the media, you are respectively invited to be part of the proceedings.**

NB: The Metro is now offering media, especially community media, transportation to its events. Those interested must indicate by reply to the sender. Transport will be departing from the Trust Centre building (Oxford Street) at 8H45 Gonubie

Regards