

# Consolidated Database organisations that provide grant Funding for Job Creation

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## **A. Introduction**

At present, there is a variety of Funding instruments available at National and Provincial levels which promote economic growth and facilitate job creation. The Jobs Fund, on behalf of the National Treasury, identified the need to develop a consolidated database containing the details of these Funds as an enabling tool to refer interested parties to the correct Funding source.

## **B. Background**

The research team tasked with creating this database identified the existing and relevant Funds at national and provincial level using the following criteria:

- a. The Fund must explicitly or implicitly target job creation/ retention;
- b. The Fund must provide grant Funding or mixed Funding (hybrid of grant + loan/equity);
- c. The Fund involves the actual flow of monies (not only support); and
- d. The Fund is only available to companies / enterprises (not individual applicants).

In order to ensure that the necessary and relevant information was collected for each of the identified Funds, the following database parameters were put in place:

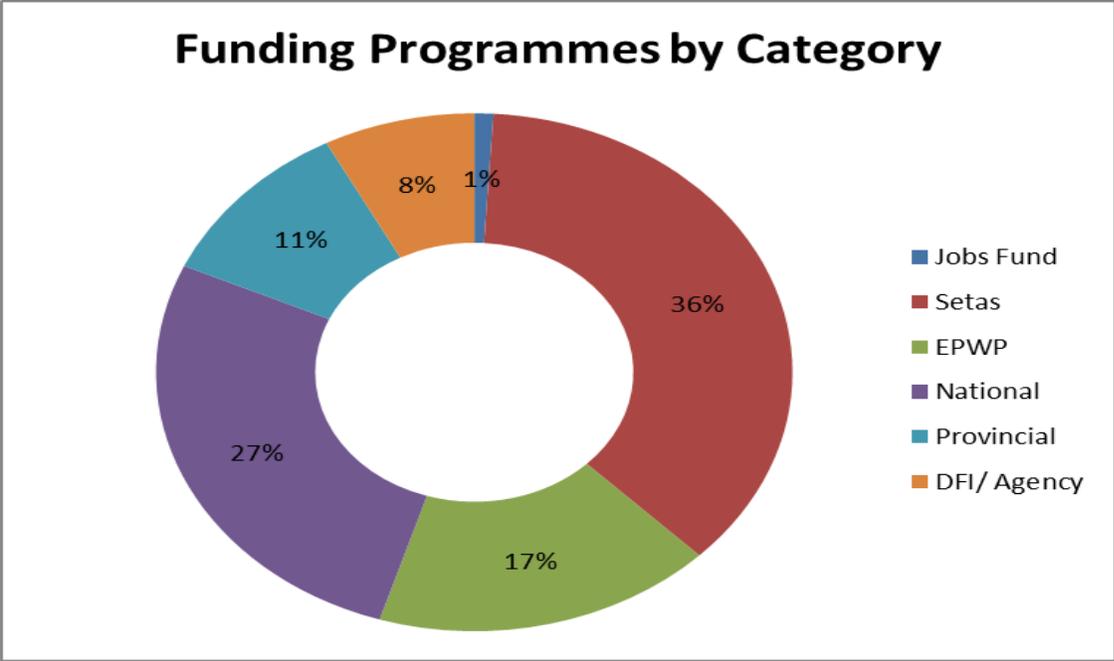
- a. Fund details, including the description of the Fund, the administrative details and the Funding details;
- b. Contact details of the Fund including telephone numbers, email addresses and website addresses;
- c. The mandate of the Fund, including its target industry and targeted geographic areas;
- d. The qualifying criteria to access the Funding;
- e. Any disbursement limits on the Fund; and
- f. Any performance measures, including outputs and efficiency.

The database was developed according to the above criteria and parameters and the resulting database of Funds was divided into 5 categories:

1. Sector Education Training Authorities (SETA) Programmes
2. Expanded Public Works Programmes
3. National Government Programmes
4. Provincial Government Programmes
5. Development Finance Institutions/ Agency Programmes

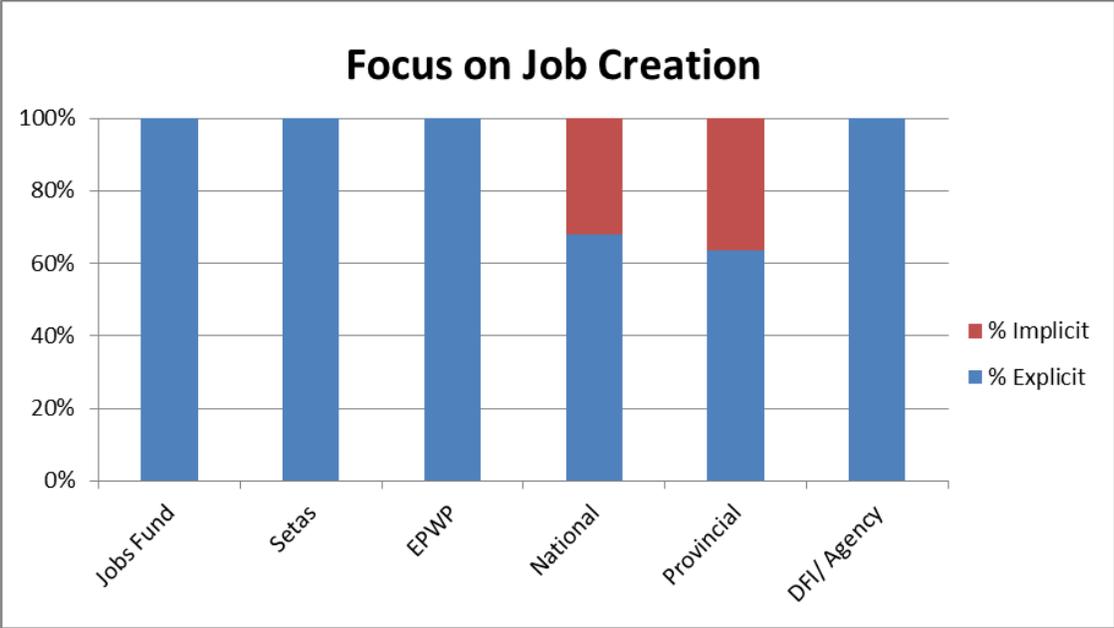
## **C. Findings**

The study found that as at 2013, a total number of 104 Funds existed that fulfilled the criteria detailed above: 38 were Skills, Education and Training Authority (SETA) initiatives, 18 belonged to the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), 28 were nationally available, 11 provincially available only, and 8 were managed by Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) or agencies.



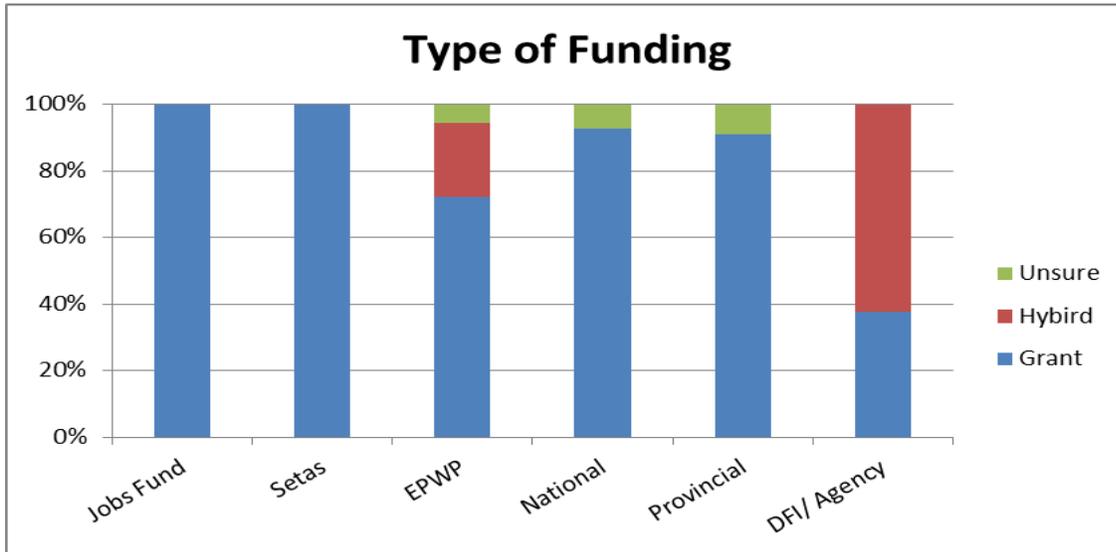
**1. Job Creation Focus**

Considering the focus of these Funds, 91 explicitly mentioned job creation as an objective, while 13 implied it as an objective.



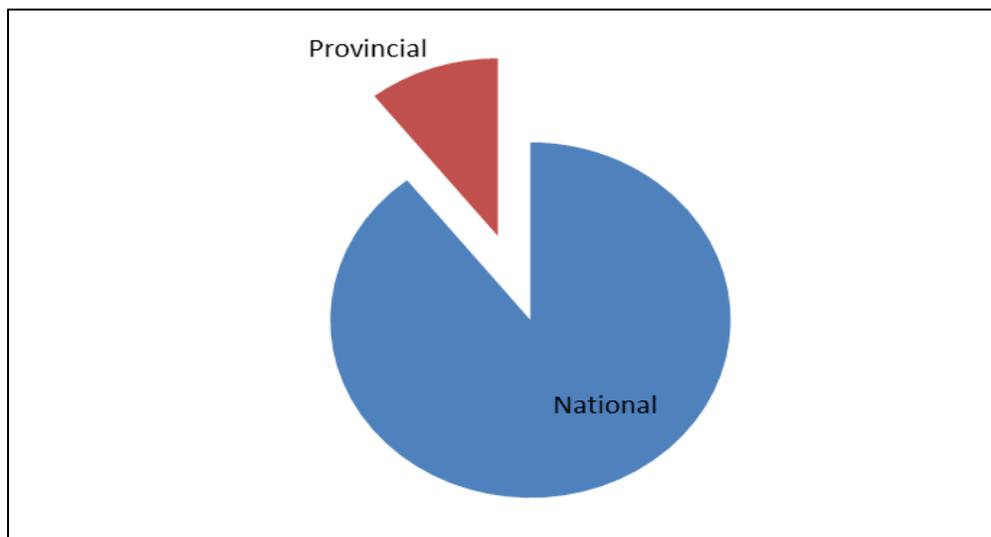
## 2. Type of Funding

With regards to the type of Funding provided by the programmes, the SETA initiatives and national and provincial programmes all used grant Funding, but the EPWP and DFIs employed hybrid Funding, in the form of cost-sharing grants or part grant-part equity financing.



## 3. Geographic Location

Of the 104 Funds identified, 93 are focused at a national level (available to all provinces), while 11 are focused on specific provinces. Of these 11 provincial Funds, seven are in the Eastern Cape, and the remaining four in the Free State, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Mpumalanga and the Western Cape.



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## **D. Considerations**

The usefulness and accuracy of the database developed is dependent on the amount and quality of the data obtained during the desktop study and subsequent key informant interviews. Some of the Fund Managers were unwilling or unable to share certain information with the researchers.