



**ECONOMIC  
REVITALIZATION  
OF KHYBER  
PAKHTUNKHWA  
PROJECT (ERKP)**  
(PREVIOUSLY ERKF PROJECT)

# INVITATION FOR MATCHING GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR SMEs

ERKP aims to provide financial assistance through matching grants to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which have been directly or indirectly affected by the militancy/natural disasters and/or COVID-19 pandemic between June 2008 and June 2020.

SMEs registered in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are invited to apply for matching grants to upgrade their businesses in the following categories:

- SMEs owned by either women or transgender, and/or SMEs which employ a majority of women and/or transgender workers.
- Up-gradation of SME clusters to adapt to Covid-19 situation through product and services upgrades.
- Business up-gradation for compliance with the Covid-19 standard operating procedures (SOPs) for respective sectors.
- Up-gradation of Common Facility Centers (CFCs) for Clusters (Group of at least 3 SMEs).
- Any SME interested in upgrading his business.

## Applications from the following sectors will be entertained



Travel,  
Tourism  
& Hospitality



Marble  
& Granite  
Processing



Schools /  
educational  
institutes



Health products,  
equipment  
and services  
*(including Making  
of Personal Protection  
Equipment).*



Handicrafts  
and  
Textile



Manufacturing  
& Processing

The owner of the business shall be a Pakistani citizen doing legitimate business in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The business must have been registered prior to May 1, 2019 with minimum 3 workers (minimum 2 workers in case of women and/or transgender owned businesses).

Grant application forms are available online at the website of Sarhad Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry, SMEDA & [www.reconnectpakistan.com.pk](http://www.reconnectpakistan.com.pk). SMEs can obtain the grant application form by sending an email to [erkp.project@smeda.org.pk](mailto:erkp.project@smeda.org.pk) with "Grant Forms Request" written in subject line.

### THOSE WHO CANNOT APPLY:

- Beneficiaries of other development schemes of government and donors including Ehsaas, World Bank project (BEST once effective) and other relief programs offered by SMEDA, State Bank of Pakistan, provincial government, USAID Challenge fund and other donors.
- Applications both approved and rejected by ERKP/ERKF at any stage will not be reconsidered.
- SMEs from the newly merged districts (erstwhile-FATA) for which applications have already been received by the ERKF between March 18, 2019 and May 2, 2019.

The closing date of grant applications is September 15, 2020. The grants will be awarded subject to availability of funds.

Applications submitted by hand will not be entertained due to social distancing SOPs being observed

Please send your filled application forms along with the supporting documents through registered courier to the following address;

**Project Manager, ERKP Project Unit (PU) - SMEDA Ground Floor, State Life Building, The Mall Peshawar Cantt.** or over email at [erkp.project@smeda.org.pk](mailto:erkp.project@smeda.org.pk)

**Incomplete applications shall not be considered and will be rejected**



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa  
Federally Administered  
Tribal Areas and Balochistan  
Multi-Donor Trust Fund

**Note:** For guidance or grievance related to the grant applications please contact on the Helpline Numbers

Call: 091-9218051, 091-5254022-23  
Or send an email to  
[erkp.project@smeda.org.pk](mailto:erkp.project@smeda.org.pk)