LEGAL NOTICE No. 1

THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (THE KAKAMEGA COUNTY SMALL SCALE TRADE DEVELOPMENT FUND) REGULATIONS, 2017

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THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT
(No.18 of 2012)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 116 of the Public Finance Management Act, the Kakamega County Executive Committee Member for Finance makes the following Regulations—

THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (THE KAKAMEGA COUNTY SMALL SCALE TRADE DEVELOPMENT FUND) REGULATIONS, 2017

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. These regulations may be cited as The Public Finance management (the Kakamega County Small Scale Trade Development Fund) Regulations, 2017.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

“county Exchequer Account” means the county revenue fund pursuant to Article 207 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010;

“executive committee member” means the County Executive Committee Member responsible for finance;

“entrepreneur” means any micro and small scale trader in the County who initiates and assumes the financial risks of enterprise and undertakes its management;

“county” means Kakamega County;

“financial year” means financial year of the County;

“fund” means the Kakamega County small scale trade Development Fund established under regulation 5;

“county assembly” means the County Assembly of Kakamega County;

“loan” means a sum of money lent from the Fund to an entrepreneur for business purpose;

“small scale trader” means entrepreneurs who are involved in small and micro enterprises for production and trade in goods and services in the County.

Object and Purpose

3. The object and purpose of these regulations is to—

(a) provide for credit to small-scale traders in the County;

(b) make provision for the granting of trade loans and credit to deserving micro and small scale entrepreneurs from the County;

(c) provide for the establishment, administration, management and winding up of the Fund;

(d) to expand access to finance through grants and credit to promote businesses and enterprises at the County level, thereby enhancing economic growth towards the realization of the goals of the County;

(e) to generate gainful employment for the citizenry of the County; and

(f) to model an alternative framework in funding community driven development.
Principles of the Fund

4. The Principles of the Fund are—
   (a) to ensure the inclusion of all residents of the County including women, youth, persons
       with disabilities and the marginalized to actively participate towards the economic
       wellbeing of the County;
   (b) guaranteeing accessibility and accountability for funds at the lowest level of
       engagement and for the largest category of recipients using a simple, structured and
       least cost approach.

PART II—ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND

Establishment of the Fund

5. There is established a Fund to be known as Kakamega County Small Scale Trade
   Development Fund to provide loans and credit to deserving small and micro entrepreneurs from the
   County.

Sources for the Fund

6. The sources for the Fund shall include—
   (a) monies appropriated from the County Exchequer account;
   (b) monies from the repayments of any loans from the Fund granted to an entrepreneur;
   (c) any gifts, donations, grants and endowments made to the fund;
   (d) interests and profits accruing from investments.

PART III—ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND

Establishment of the County Small Scale Trade Development Loans Board

7. (1) There is established a County Small Scale Trade Development Loans Board, which shall be the administrator of the Fund.
   (2) The Board shall consist of—
       (a) A Chairperson who shall have qualifications in Trade, finance, management, social
           sciences or any other related field appointed by the Governor;
       (b) The Chief Officer responsible for Trade or representative who will be the secretary;
       (c) Chief Officer for Finance;
       (d) One person representing the local Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry;
       (e) Three other persons each representing one of the three regions of the County
           appointed by the Executive Committee member for Trade.
   (3) In making appointments under this regulation, the Governor and the Executive
       Committee member responsible for Trade as case may be shall take into consideration regional and
       gender balance.
   (4) Persons appointed under this regulation other than the Chief officer and the Small and
       Micro Enterprises Development officer shall hold office for a non-renewable term of three years.

Functions of the County Small scale Trade Development Loans Board

8. (1) The Board shall—
   (a) Receive, register, vet and appraise applications for loans for consideration and
       granting;
   (b) Maintain minutes of the Board meetings and maintain proper records of the Board
       affairs and books of accounts;
   (c) Execute decisions of the Board and ministerial directives regarding the Fund;
In consultation with the Executive Committee member for Trade agree or negotiate with the fund manager on applicable management costs

Receive and Account for the funds;

Regularly submit all returns and reports of the Board operations pertaining to the Fund to the executive committee;

 Carry out regular monitoring of all loan recipients to ensure the terms of the loan agreement are adhered to;

Device clear mechanisms to ensure all loans disbursed are recovered within the set timelines;

Be the custodians of all Board assets and documentation;

To formulate policies for regulating the disbursement and management of loans and credit facilities;

To receive any gifts, donations, grants or endowments made to the Fund;

To partner with other specialized agencies for purposes of performing its functions under these regulations;

To prepare annual estimates and reports to the Executive Committee member responsible for Trade;

Not later than three months after the end of each financial year, cause to be prepared financial statement of the Fund and submit the same to the Auditor General;

Present the financial statement to the County Assembly through the Executive Committee Member responsible for Trade;

Ensure that the earnings of, or accruals to the Fund are retained in the fund unless the Executive Committee Member directs otherwise;

Ensure that money held in the Fund, including any earnings or accruals is spent only for the purposes for which the Fund is established;

To manage the Kakamega County Small Scale Trade Development Loan Fund;

Establish credit committees for vetting, recommending and approving loan applications at Ward level; and

Perform such other functions and exercise such other powers, as the Board may deem necessary for the proper discharge of its mandate.

Establishment of the Ward Trade Loans Committee

9. (1) There is established a Ward Trade Loans Committee in every ward of the County.

(2) The Committee shall consist of—

(a) A Chairperson who shall have qualifications in finance, management, social sciences or any other related field from the respective ward appointed by the Executive Committee Member responsible for Trade;

(b) The Ward Administrator who shall be the secretary;

(c) One person representing traders within the ward appointed by the Ward Administrator;

(d) Three members representing special interest appointed by the Executive Committee Member from among the youth, persons with disabilities or marginalized persons within the ward; and

(e) One person nominated by the ward office established under Section 12 of County Assembly Service Act.
In making appointments under this regulation, the Executive Committee Member responsible for Trade shall take into consideration gender and regional balance within the ward.

Persons appointed under this regulation other than the ward Administrator shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term.

**Functions of the Ward Trade Loans Committee**

10. The functions of the Ward Trade Loans Committee shall be—

(a) to receive and verify loan applications from eligible applicants;

(b) to recommend successful loan applications to the Board for award;

(c) to prepare reports pertaining to the Fund and submit to the Board as and when required;

(d) to avail loan application forms to applicants;

(e) Monitor, evaluate and help in the recovery of loans;

(f) Carry out sensitization about the Fund; and

(g) Publish the list of successful applicants on a notice board displayed at the office of the ward administrator;

(h) Perform such other functions and exercise such other powers, as the Committee may be directed by the Board for the proper discharge of its mandate.

**Management of the Fund**

11. (1) The Board shall appoint a Financial institution through a competitive process to manage the fund.

(2) The Fund Manager shall—

(a) Receive approved loan schedule together with support documents for disbursement;

(b) Disburse and recover the loans;

(c) Provide monthly portfolio reports;

(d) Recover directly from the beneficiaries management costs and insurance for the loans disbursed;

(e) Send repayments schedules to the Board within seven (7) days after draw down;

(f) Provide platform for loan repayment through alternative channels;

(g) Assist in training credit committees.

**Eligibility criteria for Small Scale Trade Loan.**

12. (1) An applicant shall qualify for the Small scale trade loan if the applicant is—

(a) A resident of Kakamega County;

(b) A Kenyan Citizen;

(c) 18 years of age and above;

(d) An entrepreneur trading under a business that has been in existence for at least six (6) months

(e) Based and operating within Kakamega County;

(f) Holder of a bank account with the Fund Manager; and
Application for Small Scale Trade Loan

13. (1) Every entrepreneur wishing to be considered for the grant of a Trade Loan shall make an application to the Committee in a form prescribed in the First Schedule for onward transmission to the Board.

(2) The Board shall consider the following before granting any entrepreneur a trade loan—
(a) The Purpose for which the loan is required;
(b) Ability of the Business to generate enough funds to repay the loan;
(c) Credibility of the entrepreneur;
(d) Ability to meet the objectives of the Fund; and
(e) Availability of adequate guarantors for the loan.

(3) The Board may accept or reject any application for a Trade Loan with reasons.

Grant of Small Scale Trade Loans

14. (1) The Board shall after accepting and considering a successful loan application, award a minimum loan of Kenya Shillings Five Thousand and a maximum of Kenya Shillings Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand.

(2) The funds shall be distributed on a first come first served basis depending on the eligibility of the applicant.

(3) In considering the total amount an applicant is eligible to receive, the Board shall consider the following;
(a) The length of time an applicant has been trading;
(b) The proposed plan for the loan; and
(c) The viability of the business.

(4) A successful applicant shall be allowed a one month grace period before the commencement of repayment of the loan element.

(5) All loans shall be payable within two years from the end date of the grace period in accordance with the second schedule.

Registry and Documents

15. (1) To ensure a prudent loan portfolio, the Board shall maintain an efficient and effective loan monitoring and tracking system that shall include the following—
(a) Loans register;
(b) Disbursement schedule;
(c) Loan field report forms;
(d) Copies of the Identity card of the loanee;
(e) Permanent physical address of the loanee;
(f) Copies of guarantee forms for amounts not exceeding Kenya Shillings Fifty Thousand;
(g) Original Titles or Log books for amounts exceeding Kenya Shillings Fifty Thousand;
(h) Vetting and appraisal forms;
(i) Insurance policies;
(j) Copies of business licenses and permits; and
(k) Passport photos of the applicants.
PART V—MISCELLANEOUS

Saving and Transitional provision

16. Any memorandum of understanding, agreement or any other arrangement that may have been entered into between the County and any Financial institution in respect of County Small Scale Trade Development Fund shall continue in force subject to these regulations.

Appeals and Reviews

17. Any applicant aggrieved by the decision of the Board may appeal to the Executive Committee Member responsible for matters relating to Trade within 14 days from the date of communication of the decision.

Allowances of the committee members

18. Members of the Board and Committees formed there under shall be paid such allowances as may be determined by the Executive Committee member responsible for Trade in consultation with the County Executive Committee.

Rules of procedure

19. (1) The Board shall regulate and make their own rules of procedure.

(2) The Board shall hold meetings once every three months of a financial year but may have further meetings subject to the approval of the Executive Committee member responsible for Trade.

(3) To transact any business at least five members must be present.

Removal from office

20. A member of the Board or committee shall be removed from office—

(a) For gross misconduct;

(b) Violation of the Constitution or any other law;

(c) Mental or physical infirmity;

(d) On being declared bankrupt by a court of law;

(e) Upon death;

(f) Upon missing three consecutive meetings

Oversight

21. In the principle of separation of powers, the County Assembly shall have overall oversight over the Fund.

PART V—WINDING UP OF THE FUND

Winding up of the Fund

22. The Executive Committee Member may wind up the Fund with the approval of the County Assembly and upon winding up—

(a) The administrator of the Fund shall pay any amount remaining in the Fund into the County Exchequer Account;

(b) The Executive Committee Member Shall with approval of County Assembly pay any deficit in the Fund from the County Exchequer Account;

(c) All assets of the Fund will be absorbed into the County.
KAKAMEGA COUNTY LOANS SCHEME

LOAN APPLICATION FORM

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

Schedule 1: Trade Loan Application Form (Regulation 13(1))

## Personal Details

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<th>ID NO.</th>
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<td>SUB COUNTY</td>
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## Business Details

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<td>Nature/Type of Business and Name</td>
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<td>Monthly business Income (KSh.)</td>
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## Loan Application Details

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<th>Affordable Installment (KSh.)</th>
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<td>Describe Purpose/Use</td>
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### Guarantor’s Pledge and Acceptance

I do hereby declare and guarantee that in case of default by the applicant I will undertake to repay the loan advanced to him/her until the whole unpaid sum is cleared in full.

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4. **Security Details** *(This section to be filled for loans above KSh.50,000/=)*

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Attach spousal consent in case of land Title documents Declaration of the Applicant:

I…………………………………………………being the applicant for the loan from Kakamega County do hereby declare that the information filled in this form is true to my own knowledge and that I shall abide by any regulations governing the repayment of the said loan and that in the event of any default the loans committee shall proceed to repossess the above listed item for sale to recover the unpaid amount.

ID No. ...........................................................................................................

Applicant name...........................................................................................

Signature ........................................Date..............................................

**Committee Decision**

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<td>Amount (KSh.)…………………Repayment Period …………Months</td>
<td>Reasons:</td>
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CERTIFICATE: This is to certify that this application was received by the ward committee and that it was duly considered by this committee meeting held on the………………day of………………20…….. and a decision made as indicated above.

SIGNED:

Chairperson

Name ...........................................................................................

Signature ........................................Date.............................................

Secretary

Name ...........................................................................................

Sign and Stamp ........................................Date.............................................

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

**Schedule 2: Loan Repayment Schedule** *(Regulation 14(1))*

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Made on the 30th June, 2017

KULATI WANGIA,

*County Executive Committee Member For Finance.*