



FIJIAN GOVERNMENT UNVEILS PRIVATE SECTOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE TO JUMPSTART CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT

In the 2020-2021 National Budget, the Fijian Government announced Private Sector Utility Assistance to spur construction and job creation by private sector investors. Under the initiative, government will subsidise utility-related development costs, namely EFL and WAF connections, for micro, small and medium enterprises.

A total budget of \$1.5 million has been allocated for this initiative for the 2020-2021 financial year.

Assistance will be made available based on the criteria stipulated below:

Enterprise Type	Eligibility
New and existing micro enterprises earning less than \$50,000 annually.	Government will subsidise 100% for EFL transformer cost (excluding internal wiring of premises and on-site property piping, regulatory fees, connection fees and consumer security deposit) and WAF connection (trenching cost).
New and existing small enterprises earning between \$50,000 and \$300,000 annually.	Government will subsidise 70% for EFL transformer cost (excluding internal wiring of premises and on-site property piping, regulatory fees, connection fees and consumer security deposit) and WAF connection (trenching cost).
New and existing medium enterprises earning between \$300,000 and \$1,250,000 annually.	Government will subsidise 50% for EFL transformer cost (excluding internal wiring of premises and on-site property piping, regulatory fees, connection fees and consumer security deposit) and WAF connection (trenching cost).

Application forms to apply for the assistance will be made available and can be submitted at any of the Energy Fiji Limited and Water Authority of Fiji offices. All required documents stipulated in the application form and detailed guideline must be provided.

The application form will also be available online at:

1. www.fiji.gov.fj
2. www.economy.gov.fj
3. www.waterauthority.com.fj
4. www.efl.com.fj

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