

WHAT IS NLNG VIBES?

NLNG VIBES is a comprehensive entrepreneurship development programme designed to transform micro and small business owners from NLNG host and pipeline communities into sustainable enterprises.

VIBES is NOT a handout

It's a structured programme combining intensive training, professional mentorship, competitive selection, and conditional grant support for those who demonstrate commitment and business potential.

What You Gain from VIBES:

✓ Free Business Training

Essential business development and financial literacy skills

✓ Professional Mentorship

One-on-one guidance from experienced professionals

✓ Competitive Funding

Opportunity to win grants up to ₦5,000,000

✓ Alumni Network

Connection to growing network and future opportunities

Our Mission:

To empower entrepreneurs in NLNG communities to build viable, sustainable businesses that create jobs, generate income, and contribute to community development through structured training, mentorship, and business support.

WHO CAN APPLY?

You are eligible ONLY if you meet ALL these criteria:

✓ AGE: 25-45 years old

You must be within this age range at the time of application

✓ COMMUNITY: Indigene of NLNG host or pipeline community

You must provide community identification certificate/letter

✓ BUSINESS OWNERSHIP: Own and actively operate a micro/small business

Registered OR unregistered businesses accepted (must prove active operations)

✓ EDUCATION: Minimum SSCE/WASSCE

Graduates (OND, HND, Degree) preferred but not mandatory

✓ EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Self-employed ONLY

Your business must be your PRIMARY source of livelihood

NOT ELIGIBLE:

- Full-time or part-time salaried employees
- Government workers
- Those in paid employment (your business must be your primary income)
- Individuals outside the 25-45 age range
- Non-indigenes of NLNG host/pipeline communities

What Kinds of Businesses Can Apply?

ALL legitimate businesses are welcome!

VIBES supports ANY micro or small business that demonstrates market viability, growth potential, and commitment to community development. Your industry sector doesn't matter—your business potential does.

Examples include (but are not limited to):

- Agriculture & Agribusiness
- Trading & Distribution
- Technology & Digital Services
- Manufacturing & Production

- Services & Solutions
- Professional Services
- Vocational Trades
- Education & Training
- Environmental & Green Solutions
- Transport & Logistics
- Creative & Media Industries
- Hospitality & Catering
- Healthcare & Wellness
- E-commerce & Online Business
- Fashion & Beauty
- ...and many more!

✓ **Not sure if your business qualifies?**

We encourage innovative and emerging businesses to apply! Contact us at support@nlngvibes.com if you have questions about eligibility.

Businesses We Cannot Support:

Illegal activities, gambling operations, or businesses that violate Nigerian laws and regulations.

HOW VIBES WORKS - 4 STAGES

STAGE 1: Application & Selection

Duration: 2-3 weeks

- Submit online application with required documents
- NLNG verifies business operations and documentation
- Background checks and site inspections may be conducted
- Selected applicants notified via email and SMS

Important: NLNG has absolute discretion in selection. Not all applicants will be selected for training.

STAGE 2: Business Training & Mentorship

Duration: 6-8 weeks

- Intensive business development workshops
- Financial management and planning training
- Marketing, customer service, and operations
- Business plan development and refinement
- Professional mentor assigned for guidance
- Prepare for Pitch-a-thon presentation

Requirement: Active participation and attendance required. Completing training qualifies you for Pitch-a-thon, but does NOT guarantee grant funding.

STAGE 3: Pitch-a-thon Competition

Duration: 1-2 weeks

- Present your business plan to expert evaluation panel
- 5-minute presentation + 5-minute Q&A session
- Scored on 100-point scale across 5 criteria

- Minimum 60/100 score required to qualify for grant
- Top performers selected as grant beneficiaries

Evaluation Criteria: Business Viability (30%), Grant Utilization Plan (25%), Impact Potential (20%), Entrepreneur Competence (15%), Pitch Delivery (10%)

STAGE 4: Grant Support & Growth

Duration: 12+ months

- Execute formal Grant Agreement with NLNG
- Receive business grant (up to ₦5,000,000)
- Grants disbursed in approved tranches
- Continue working with assigned mentor
- Monthly progress reporting and monitoring
- Graduate into VIBES Alumni Network

Accountability: Grant disbursement is conditional on proper fund utilization, active engagement, and meeting agreed milestones.

BUSINESS GRANT SUPPORT

Up to ₦5,000,000

For selected top performers from the Pitch-a-thon

Important Facts About VIBES Grants:

1

Grants are COMPETITIVE

Not everyone receives funding. Only approximately 50-150 top performers who score 60% or above at Pitch-a-thon qualify.

2

No Repayment Required

Grants are not loans. However, they must be used ONLY for approved business purposes with proper accountability.

3

Tranche Disbursement

Grants are released in approved tranches. Subsequent tranches depend on proper utilization of previous funds and meeting performance milestones.

4

Accountability Required

You must provide receipts, invoices, photos, and evidence of how grant funds were used. No evidence = no additional funding.

What You Can Use Grant Funds For:

✓ Business equipment and machinery	✓ Inventory and raw materials
✓ Shop renovation and improvement	✓ Marketing materials and branding
✓ Technology and POS systems	✓ Essential business tools

What You CANNOT Use Grant Funds For:

- Personal expenses or family obligations
- Paying off personal debts
- Rent for personal accommodation

- Non-business purchases
- Lending money to others

Misuse of grant funds may result in disqualification and fund recovery.

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

Required Documents:

Personal Documents:

- Valid ID (NIN, Voter's Card, or Driver's License)
- Proof of age (if not shown on ID)
- SSCE/WASSCE certificate or higher qualification
- Community identification certificate/letter
- Bank account details (in your name)

For Registered Businesses:

- CAC Certificate of Business Registration
- Current business premises rent receipt/agreement
- Additional ownership evidence as required

For Unregistered Businesses:

- Proof of business location (rent receipt, shop allocation letter)
- Evidence of active operations (business photos, receipts, invoices)
- Customer records or testimonials
- Bank statements showing business transactions (last 3 months)

Document Quality Matters

- All documents must be clear and legible
- Scanned copies in PDF or JPEG format
- Documents must be authentic (no alterations)
- Rent receipts should be current (within 3 months)

How to Apply:

1 Visit www.nlngvibes.com and click "Apply Now"

2 Create your account using your personal email

3 Complete all application sections accurately

4

Upload all required documents

5

Review and submit your application

Ready to Transform Your Business?

VIBES 2026 applications are now open!

APPLY NOW at www.nlngvibes.com

Contact & Support:

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