

## 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:

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| <div>✓ <b>Free Business Training</b></div> <div>Essential business development and financial literacy skills</div> | <div>✓ <b>Professional Mentorship</b></div> <div>One-on-one guidance from experienced professionals</div> |
| <div>✓ <b>Competitive Funding</b></div> <div>Opportunity to win grants up to ₦5,000,000</div>                      | <div>✓ <b>Alumni Network</b></div> <div>Connection to growing network and future opportunities</div>      |

### 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
- Technology & Digital Services
- Trading & Distribution
- 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@nlgvibes.com](mailto:support@nlgvibes.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.

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### 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.

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### 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:

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| ✓ 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.ningvibes.com](http://www.ningvibes.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](http://www.nlngvibes.com)

### Contact & Support:

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