

## BLM BAGS THREE AWARDS DURING SALGA MUNICIPAL AUDIT AWARDS

The Blouberg Local Municipality last night scooped three awards as the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) rewards excellence in local government during prestigious Municipal Audit Awards ceremony held at the Ranch Resort in Polokwane.

The municipality, represented by the Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga was recognised in these three categories;

1. Sustaining the Unqualified Audit Opinion.
2. 100% Expenditure on Municipal Infrastructure Grant - MIG Spending and
3. Securing Additional MIG Funding

The municipality achieved the Unqualified Audit outcome for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Delivering opening remarks, SALGA Provincial Chairperson, Cllr Makoro John Mpe indicated that through District Development Model (DDM) municipalities should instead of competing, complement each other together with other spheres of government and that the awards should serve as an inspiration for municipalities to achieve more.

"The people we serve are watching us, let us not allow our public affairs to be so bad that they make voters sad. We must be the ones that put that smile on the face of the voters, on the face of our residents that indeed here we have elected quality leadership that is required to change our lives for the better".

Mayor Thamaga welcomed the awards and credited the good work to council and the management for putting in extra work to ensure that the public money is spent as it should be and indicated that, the municipality is now working towards achieving a clean audit outcome.

"As the municipality we will continue to strive for good financial governance coupled with better services to communities and that better audit outcome should be accompanied by service delivery. Our goal now is to obtain a clean audit and continue to strive for a clean administration that will be able to effectively deliver services to the community.

The Mayor was accompanied by the Municipal Manager, Mr Refilwe Ramothwala and Acting Chief Financial Officer, Mr Matumo Morris Makobela.



