



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13 OF 2024

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE IMO STATE PROJECT FACILITATION FRAMEWORK AND PROJECT FACILITATION FUND PURSUANT TO THE IMO STATE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAWS

WHEREAS the Government of Imo State is committed to promoting sustainable economic growth, job creation, infrastructure development, and private sector-led investment through transparent, competitive, and efficient project delivery mechanisms.

AND WHEREAS the Imo State Government has enacted the Imo State Public-Private Partnership Law and the Public Procurement Law, 2010, which provide the legal foundation for the development, procurement, and implementation of public investment and partnership projects.

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to establish a structured mechanism to facilitate early-stage project development, de-risk priority investments, improve project readiness, and enhance investor confidence in Imo State.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **Hope Uzodimma** the Governor of Imo State, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and all enabling laws, hereby make the following Executive Order:

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Title

This Executive Order shall be cited as the Imo State Project Facilitation Executive Order, 2025.

2. Commencement

This Executive Order shall come into force on the date of its signing.

3. Objectives

The objectives of this Executive Order are to:

- a. Establish a framework for facilitating the preparation and delivery of priority public investment and PPP projects;
- b. Strengthen coordination among MDAs involved in project origination and delivery;
- c. Provide early-stage technical and transaction support to eligible projects;
- d. Improve project bankability and readiness;
- e. Promote transparency, accountability, and value for money;
- f. Align State investments with development priorities.

PART II – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROJECT FACILITATION FRAMEWORK

4. Establishment

There is hereby established the Imo State Project Facilitation Framework for the identification, preparation, coordination, and support of priority investment and PPP projects.

5. Scope

The Framework shall apply to:

- a. All MDAs proposing investment or infrastructure projects;
- b. PPP projects under the Imo State PPP Law;
- c. Projects seeking donor or private financing;
- d. State priority development projects.

PART III – PROJECT FACILITATION FUND

6. Establishment of the Fund

There is hereby established a Project Facilitation Fund (PFF).

7. Purpose of the Fund

The Fund shall support:

- a. Pre-feasibility and feasibility studies;
- b. Technical, legal, environmental, and financial advisory services;
- c. Project structuring and bankability analysis;
- d. Market sounding and investor engagement;
- e. Preparation of procurement documents;
- f. Capacity development related to project preparation.

PART IV – SOURCES OF FUNDING

8. Sources of the Fund shall include:

- a. Budgetary appropriations of Imo State Government;
- b. Grants or contributions from development partners;
- c. Donations approved by the State Government;

- d. Fees or recoveries from successful transactions;
- e. Any other lawful source.

PART V – GOVERNANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

9. Oversight

Overall oversight of the Framework shall vest in the State Executive Council.

10. Lead Coordinating Ministry

The Ministry responsible for Economic Planning shall serve as the coordinating authority.

11. Project Facilitation Steering Committee

A Project Facilitation Steering Committee is hereby established.

Composition:

- Commissioner for Economic Planning – Chair
- Commissioner for Finance – Member
- Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice – Member
- Commissioner for Works – Member
- Director-General, PPP Agency – Member
- Director-General, Budget Office – Member
- Chairman, State Internal Revenue Service – Member
- Representative of the Governor – Member
- Head of Secretariat – Secretary

Functions:

- a. Approve projects for inclusion in the pipeline;
- b. Approve use of the Project Facilitation Fund;
- c. Provide policy guidance;
- d. Review implementation progress;
- e. Recommend projects for Executive Council approval.

PART VI – PROJECT FACILITATION SECRETARIAT

12. Establishment

A Project Facilitation Secretariat is hereby established under the Ministry responsible for Economic Planning.

13. Functions of the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a. Manage the project pipeline;
- b. Screen and appraise proposed projects;
- c. Support MDAs in project preparation;
- d. Procure and manage consultants in line with procurement laws;

- e. Coordinate investor engagement;
- f. Maintain project records and databases;
- g. Prepare periodic reports.

PART VII – PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND APPROVAL

14. Project Origination

Projects may be proposed by MDAs, State-owned enterprises, or private proponents in line with the PPP Law.

15. Screening Criteria

Projects shall be assessed based on:

- a. Strategic alignment;
- b. Economic and social impact;
- c. Technical feasibility;
- d. Financial sustainability;
- e. Environmental and social safeguards;
- f. Readiness level.

16. Approval Process

Projects shall undergo concept submission, technical screening, Steering Committee review, and approval prior to implementation.

PART VIII – PROCUREMENT AND COMPLIANCE

17. Legal Compliance

All procurement and engagements shall comply with the Imo State Public Procurement Law and PPP Law 2010

18. Transparency

Information on approved projects and procurement shall be publicly disclosed in accordance with applicable laws.

PART IX – FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING

19. Financial Management

The Fund shall be managed in line with public financial management rules.

20. Reporting

Quarterly and annual reports shall be prepared on project and financial performance.

21. Audit

The Fund shall be subject to audit by the State Auditor-General and other authorized bodies.

PART X – MONITORING AND EVALUATION

22. Monitoring and Evaluation

An M&E framework shall be developed to track performance, outcomes, and impact.

PART XI – MISCELLANEOUS

23. Relationship with Existing Institutions

This Order shall not derogate from the statutory powers of any MDA.

24. Regulations and Guidelines

Operational guidelines may be issued to support implementation.

25. Interpretation

“Fund” means the Project Facilitation Fund.

“PPP Law” means the Imo State Public–Private Partnership Law.

26. Repeal and Savings

Any prior directive inconsistent with this Order is modified to the extent of the inconsistency.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance.

DATED this 28th day of November 2024


Senator Hope Uzodimma CON
Governor of Imo State



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