



**Gilgit-Baltistan
Plastic Free
Initiative**



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Interest Free Loans

for Green Businesses

Conservation of natural environment and prevention of pollution is the top most priority of the present government. Taking this agenda, the **Government of Gilgit-Baltistan** has assigned the task to **Gilgit-Baltistan Environmental Protection Agency** for enforcement and awareness, **Gilgit-Baltistan Rural Support Programme** for loaning and green business development and **Soni Jawari Center for Public Policy** for technical support. It is planned to phase out single use polythene bags in Gilgit-Baltistan through promotion of cloth bags, paper bags, biodegradable bags and non-woven bags and its business. The government has decided to impose ban on single use polythene bag this year throughout Gilgit-Baltistan. For provision of alternatives and generating green businesses, the government is offering interest free loans for the following;

S#	Business Type	Purpose	Number of Loans	Loan Limit	Preference
1	Cottage Industry	For cloth and paper bag manufacturing units	5 for District Gilgit	Rs. 5 lac	Women organizations, differently abled people
2	Green Business Centers	For wholesale/ franchising of cloth, paper & biodegradable and non-woven bags	4 for District Gilgit	Rs. 10 lac	Existing business owners of plastic who want to shift their business to alternatives
3	Medium Scale Industry	For establishment of biodegradable manufacturing units	2 for District Gilgit	Rs. 95 lac	Experienced companies with strong financial background

Interested people/firms/companies can get application forms from the following office and website.

Gilgit-Baltistan Rural Support Programme (GBRSP)
GBRSP Core Office (Microfinance Section, River View Road Chinar Bagh Gilgit)
website www.gbrsp.com.pk
www.gbepa.gog.pk

Aspirants are required to submit filled application forms, required documents and business plans in the office of **Gilgit-Baltistan Rural Support Programme** within **15 days** of publication of the advertisement.

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