



**DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATIONS FIRST FUNDING WINDOW
INVITATION FOR 2023/24 and 2024/2025**

Opening Date of Funding Window: 8 October 2023

Closing Date of Funding Window: 8 November 2023

The Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA) invites local government stakeholders to apply for the Discretionary Grants Funding Window in support of the LGSETA Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan targets.

The Discretionary Grant is aimed at addressing the national priorities as set out in the National Skills Development Plan (NSDP, 2030), the Sector Priority Occupations and Interventions (SPOI) List, Occupational Shortages (scarce skills) and Skills Gaps (top-up or critical skills) aligned to the strategic focus areas of the Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority.

The Discretionary Grant applications must be for training aimed at addressing the above areas and be informed by the LGSETA's skills development priorities in response to the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (ERRP), Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Skills Strategy (ERRSS), LGSETA Discretionary Grant Strategic Priority Areas, District Development Model (DDM) and the Strategic Partnership Model.

Who can apply?

Stakeholders or Entities as outlined in the table below:

Stakeholders	Learning Programmes	SETA Targets 2023/24	SETA Targets 2024/2025	
Levy-Paying Entities: Metros/District Municipalities and Local Municipalities	Apprenticeship/Artisan Development	160	250	
	Learnerships (Unemployed)	-	1555	
	Municipal Entities and Local Government Entities and Agencies	Learnerships (Employed)	510	1730
		Skills Programmes Credit Bearing (Unemployed)	-	1900
	TVET Colleges	Skills Programmes Credit Bearing (Employed)	1000	3250
		Bursaries – new enrolment (Employed)	180	-
		Internship	263	600
		RPL/ARPL	295	400
		AET (Employed)	150	200
Public Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges, Public and Private Universities	Work Integrated Learning (WIL) TVET students	746	1200	
	Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Universities students	433	550	
Community Education and Training (CET) Colleges	AET (Unemployed)	300	300	
Professional Bodies	Candidacy	20	110	
High School Development Programme	Teaching of Extra-classes for Matric (Grade 12) on Mathematics/ Physical Science/Accounting & Technology	150	200	

How to apply?

1. Levy-Paying institutions and all stakeholders as outlined in the table above, are invited to apply by sending only one application using the proposal template as provided by the LGSETA. (see *proposal template in the LGSETA Website*).
2. The applications must be aligned to LGSETA key focus areas, Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Skills Strategy (ERRSS), District Development Model (DDM) and the skills levels applied for must be in line with the LGSETA Sector Skills Plan including the Sector Priority Occupations and Interventions and Skills Gaps.

Submissions:

1. The Discretionary Grant applications for the listed learning programmes must be submitted **online only** to the email address dgapplications@lgseta.org.za (No applications should be sent to personal email addresses or hand delivered).
2. The application window opens on **8 October 2023 at 8:00 am** and closes on the **8 November 2023 at 23:59** (midnight). The deadline will not be extended. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**
3. Stakeholders are expected to send **ONLY ONE** proposal for the learning interventions applied per institution using the proposal template. Multiple applications will not be considered.
4. Compulsory briefing sessions will be conducted virtually to take applicants through the process. (*See LGSETA website for more information*).
5. The Discretionary Grant documentation, evaluation criteria, qualifications and guidelines are accessible from the LGSETA website www.lgseta.org.za.

Please Note:

1. All the Discretionary Grant applications are subject to approval by the LGSETA Accounting Authority.
2. The allocation of these grants will be dependent on the availability of funds and on applicants meeting all requirements as per the programmes funding criteria, policies, and procedures.
3. LGSETA reserves the right to cancel the discretionary grant funding window in whole or in part at its discretion.
4. If you have not heard from us within three (3) months of submitting your application, please consider your application unsuccessful.
5. All inquiries must be directed to email DG Secretariat at dgenquiries@lgseta.org.za