



**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	
<b>Levy-Paying Entities: Metros/District Municipalities and Local Municipalities</b>	Apprenticeship/Artisan Development	160	250	
	Learnerships (Unemployed)	-	1555	
	<b>Municipal Entities and Local Government Entities and Agencies</b>	Learnerships (Employed)	510	1730
		Skills Programmes Credit Bearing (Unemployed)	-	1900
	<b>TVET Colleges</b>	Skills Programmes Credit Bearing (Employed)	1000	3250
		Bursaries – new enrolment (Employed)	180	-
		Internship	263	600
		RPL/ARPL	295	400
		AET (Employed)	150	200
<b>Public Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges, Public and Private Universities</b>	Work Integrated Learning (WIL) TVET students	746	1200	
	Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Universities students	433	550	
<b>Community Education and Training (CET) Colleges</b>	AET (Unemployed)	300	300	
<b>Professional Bodies</b>	Candidacy	20	110	
<b>High School Development Programme</b>	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](mailto: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 won't 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](http://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 [dginquiries@lgseta.org.za](mailto:dginquiries@lgseta.org.za)