



**INVITATION FOR  
DISCRETIONARY GRANTS  
TARGETED APPROACH APPLICATIONS FOR 2025/2026**

**Opening Date of Discretionary Grants Targeted Approach: 05 November 2025**

**Closing Date of Discretionary Grants Targeted Approach: 17 November 2025**

The Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA) invites LGSETA levy-paying local government stakeholders to apply for the Discretionary Grants in support of a targeted approach to achieve the identified gaps in the Annual Performance Plan for 2025/2026.

The Discretionary Grant is aimed at addressing the skills development priorities in the local government sector, including 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, LGSETA Discretionary Grant Strategic Priority Areas, and District Development Model (DDM)

The Discretionary Grant applications must be for training purposes aimed at addressing LGSETA's skills development priorities as outlined above.

**Who can apply?**

Levy Paying Stakeholders or Entities as outlined in the table below:

Stakeholders	Learning Programmes	SETA Targets 2025/26
<b>LGSETA Levy Paying Municipalities: Metros/District Municipalities and Local Municipalities</b>	Learnerships (Employed)	293
	Internship	70
	<b>LGSETA Levy Paying Entities including Municipal and Local Government Entities/Agencies/ Organisations</b>	RPL/ARPL
<b>Public and Private Universities Public TVET Colleges and Private Colleges</b>	Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Universities student	104
	TVET college lecturers awarded funding for bursaries	18
<b>DHET: CET and Community Education and Training (CET) colleges</b>	CET managers trained on curriculum related studies	24
	CET college lecturers awarded funding for skills development training	24
	CET learners accessing AET programmes	92
<b>Government Departments/Institutions can apply to support training of</b>	CBOs/NGOs/NPOs funded for skills to enhance the development and sustainability of their organization (must include registered CBOs/NGOs/NPOs)	34

Stakeholders	Learning Programmes	SETA Targets 2025/26
<b>CBOs/NPOs/Cooperatives/ SMMEs relating to local government</b>  <b>CBO/NPOs/NGOs/ Cooperatives can apply if offering training to CBOs/NGO and Cooperatives</b>	Co-operatives supported with training interventions (must include registered cooperatives)	34
	Small and emerging enterprises supported with training intervention	34
	Established or emerging cooperatives trained on sector and national identified priority occupations or skill – must include registered cooperatives	34

#### How to apply?

1. Levy Paying institutions and identified stakeholders in the table above are invited to apply by sending **ONLY ONE APPLICATION** using the proposal template provided by the LGSETA. (*see proposal template in the LGSETA Website*).

#### Submissions:

1. The application must be accompanied with a list of learning programmes.
2. All applications 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).
3. The application window opens on **04 November 2025 at 8:00 am** and closes on the **17 November 2025 at 23:59** (midnight). The deadline will not be extended. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**
4. Levy paying and identified stakeholders are expected to send **ONLY ONE** proposal for all the learning interventions applied per institution using the Special Projects and Strategic Partnership proposal template. Multiple applications **WILL NOT** be considered.
5. Grants 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 [dgapplications@lgseta.org.za](mailto:dgapplications@lgseta.org.za)