



**INVITATION FOR
DISCRETIONARY WINDOW GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2026/2027**

Opening Date of Targeted DG Approach: 09th November 2025

Closing Date of Targeted DG Approach: 05th December 2025

The Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA) invites levy-paying local government and identified stakeholders to apply for the Discretionary Grants Window aiming at achieving the identified targets set out in the LGSETA Annual Performance Plan for 2026/2027.

The Discretionary Grant (DG) is aimed at addressing the skills development priorities in the local government sector, and all DG applications must be for training purposes aligned to LGSETA's with the LGSETA Sector Skills Plan (SSP), LGSETA key strategic focus areas, Sector Priority Occupations and Interventions (SPOI) List, Skills Gaps (top-up or critical skills) and DDM priorities.

Who can apply?

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

Stakeholders	Learning Programmes	SETA Targets 2026/27
LGSETA Levy-Paying Municipalities: Metros/District Municipalities and Local Municipalities LGSETA Levy Paying Entities including Municipal and Local Government Entities/Agencies/Organisations Public TVET Colleges (Apprenticeship/Artisan Development)	Apprenticeship/Artisan Development	230
	Learnerships (Unemployed)	2 415
	Learnerships (Employed)	805
	Skills Programmes Credit Bearing (Unemployed)	1 754
	Skills Programmes Credit Bearing (Employed)	3450
	Bursaries – new enrollment (Employed)	288
	Internship	690
	RPL/ARPL	690
	AET (Employed)	230
Professional Bodies	Candidacy	172
Public TVET Colleges, Public and Private Universities LGSETA Levy-Paying Organisations/Municipalities: Metros/District Municipalities and Municipal Entities/ Local Government related Organisations/Institutions/ Entities	Work Integrated Learning (WIL) TVET students	748
	Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Universities students	345
DHET, Public Technical Vocational Education and	TVET lecturers exposed to industry related skills programmes	58

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Training (TVET) Public Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)	Centers of Specialisation Supported	5
	TVET managers trained on curriculum related studies	23
	TVET college lecturers awarded funding for bursaries	23
DHET, Community Education and Training (CET) colleges	CET managers trained on curriculum related studies	21
	CET college lecturers awarded funding for skills development training	21
	CET learners accessing AET programmes	345
Relevant Government Departments or Government Agencies/Institutions responsible for CBOs/NPOs/Cooperatives/ SMMEs that are linked to municipalities/local government sector	CBOs/NGOs/NPOs funded for skills to enhance the development and sustainability of their organization – must include registered CBOs/NGOs/NPOs	20
	Co-operatives supported with training interventions - must include registered cooperatives	60
	Number of small and emerging enterprises supported	60
DBE, Public Universities	High School Development Programmes	173
Local Government Unions and Federations	Various Learning Programmes/ Worker Initiated Programmes	2

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 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 **09 November 2025 at 8:00 am** and closes on **05 December 2025 at 23:59** (midnight). The deadline will not be extended. **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**
3. All queries must be submitted before the **04th December 2025 at 17:30 pm**, queries submitted after will not be attended.
4. Levy-paying and identified stakeholders are expected to send **ONLY ONE** proposal for all the learning interventions applied per institution using the DG window proposal template. Multiple applications **WILL NOT** be considered.
5. Compulsory briefing sessions will be conducted virtually to take applicants through the process. (See *LGSETA website for more information*).
6. 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