

## 2024/2025 DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDING WINDOW

### CATEGORY A: ARTISAN DEVELOPMENT

The W&RSETA invites its stakeholders to apply for the 2024/25 Discretionary Grants to implement Artisan Development programmes that will assist the SETA to contribute to the National Development Plan targets to address the national shortage of artisans and to reduce the skills gap for artisans in the Wholesale and Retail Sector.

### ELIGIBLE PROGRAMMES AND APPLICANTS

Only applications for artisan qualifications obtainable through a trade test will be considered for funding.

### CATEGORY B: CANDIDACY PROGRAMME

Professional bodies and W&RSETA stakeholders are invited to apply for Discretionary Grants to place and support candidates to achieve professional designations to address Hard to-Fill Vacancies as identified in the Sector Skills Plan.

#### Eligible Programmes and Applicants

Applications for Candidacy programmes that require screening and preparation of candidates to take their final assessments to obtain a professional designation will be considered for this funding window.

The following interventions may be applied for:

INTERVENTION	ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS
Category A: Enrolment of Artisans/Technicians / ARPL candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private skills development providers accredited by the QCTO, NAMB or other related bodies (e.g. SAMSA)</li> <li>W&amp;RSETA levy-paying companies</li> <li>Accredited RPL trade centres</li> <li>TVET Colleges</li> </ul>
Category B: Candidacy programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional bodies</li> <li>W&amp;RSETA levy-paying companies</li> </ul>

### ALLOCATION CRITERIA:

- Preference will be given to W&RSETA levy-paying employers when awarding grants.
- W&RSETA Levy-paying companies must have submitted their Annexure II documents for the 2023/24 financial year by **30 April 2023**.
- Applicant track record in the successful implementation of Artisan/ARPL programmes and related administration (enrolment/registration) will be considered when awarding the grants.
- Applicant track record in the successful implementation and administration (enrolment/registration) of candidacy programmes will be considered when awarding the grants.

## METHOD OF APPLICATION:

- All applications must be made online through the W&RSETA Management Information System (MIS) using an SDL number to access the system.
- Where a W&RSETA SDL is not applicable, applicants must contact **Maria Mahlangu** and **Goodman Ndou** for assistance.

## ALLOCATION PROCESS:

- Award Letters will be issued to successful applicants after the closing date. Should stakeholders not receive an Award Letter by **30 June 2024**, their application should be considered unsuccessful.
- Award Letters must be signed and uploaded on the MIS within 10 working days.
- All learners for whom funding is awarded, must be registered on the W&RSETA MIS by **31 August 2024**. Failure to register learners within the stipulated timelines will result in the re-allocation of funding awarded.
- Applicants must demonstrate their capacity to deliver the artisan programmes (Apprenticeship /ARPL/ Trade Test) by submitting the following to the relevant provincial office:
  - trade test centre accreditation letter
  - workplace approval letter
  - SDP accreditation letter
- For Candidacy Programme applications, the capacity of professional bodies to deliver the programme must be demonstrated. Declaration of Workplace Placement must be submitted during application stage or can be submitted before registering the beneficiaries and contracting with the W&RSETA.
- All supporting documentation requested above must be submitted to the relevant provincial office during the application stage and must be uploaded with the signed Award letter on MIS once an award has been made.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE:

Applications for funded interventions will close at midnight on **07 June 2024**. No late applications will be considered.

## QUERIES

For enquiries related to these Funding Windows, please contact:

OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:			
INTERVENTION	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT	PROVINCIAL E-MAIL
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Candidacy Programme	Maria Mahlangu	012 430 4930	<a href="mailto:mmahlangu@wrseta.org.za">mmahlangu@wrseta.org.za</a>