



merSETA

MANUFACTURING, ENGINEERING
AND RELATED SERVICES SETA

APPLICATION GUIDELINE FOR DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDING

DGYR23 3rd Funding Window 16 – 31 January 2023

This guideline outlines specific interventions for which to apply when responding to the Discretionary Grant Year 2022/23 (DGYR23) 3rd funding window notice calling for grant applications. Each initiative stipulates the set of interventions to be addressed and entities eligible for application. Only relevant entities' application that show capacity to deliver will be considered. All initiatives are for the benefit of the diversification and growth of manufacturing, engineering and related (mer) sector and its industries (current, emerging and new).

1. Skills development programmes through partnerships with levy-paying and non-levy-paying employers

- 1.1 Interventions will include Skills Programmes, Learnerships and Bursaries (New and Continuing) for employed learners.

Target applicants: merSETA employers

Target learner beneficiaries: Learners who prior to registering on the programme (Skills programme, Learnership or Bursary) are already employed.

2. Skills development programmes through partnerships with Higher Education Institutions and TVET Colleges.

- 2.1 Interventions will include bursaries (new and continuing) for unemployed learners.



Target applicants: Organisations managing bursaries, HEIs, TVET Colleges.

Target learner beneficiaries: Bursaries for unemployed learners.

3. Cooperative enterprise development programmes for both mer occupations in demand and supporting business/organisation develop skills

- 3.1 Skills development interventions to create capacity to cooperatives to enhance enterprises growth. Skills include but not limited to finance, management, ICT and mer-sector priority skills identified in the sector skills plan and annual performance plan.
- 3.2 Mentorship interventions to support cooperatives linked to mer industries to function effectively.

Target applicant/s: Entities registered as cooperatives or umbrella bodies of cooperatives are eligible to apply for this initiative.

4. TRADE UNIONS PARTNERSHIPS

Unions operating in the merSETA seeking support for:

- 4.1 Bursaries for employed union members.
- 4.2 Skills programmes for union members.

Target applicant/s: The initiative is open to trade unions in the mer-sector.

5. PUBLIC COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (CET) COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE: SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS FOR APPLICATION ARE:

- 5.1 Support for occupational programmes (development/review and implementation); equipment and workshop infrastructure (excluding bricks and mortar).



Target applicant/s: Community Education and Training Colleges.

6. RESEARCH – TVET Growth Occupationally directed programmes.

Research projects for the TVET sector for the following areas:

- 6.1 Comparison of the Competency Based Modular Training (CBMT) against National Occupational Curriculum Content (NOCC) system.
- 6.2 Workability and flexibility methods of implementation of occupational qualifications for occupational skills programmes for the employed learners.

HOW TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATIONS

The applications will be submitted through the NSDMS (<https://nsdms.merseta.org.za/>) platforms: PIVOTAL application platform, and the Project application platform (**For TVET Research and CET Infrastructure Proposals only**). The Project portal has a template which entities applying through this platform are encouraged to complete in full. Entities have an option to also attach a proposal through both the PIVOTAL and Project portal platforms.

Deadline to receive Applications is 31 January 2023 at 23:59. Applications should be submitted through NSDMS.

Applications submitted after this deadline will NOT be considered.