

ACT GOVERNMENT

2018 ACT MATURE WORKERS GRANTS PROGRAM

Information Session
14 September 2018
Canberra Nara Centre



INFORMATION SESSION OUTLINE

1. Intention of information session
2. MWGP objectives
3. Eligibility
4. What will not be funded
5. Evaluation criteria and application form questions
6. Registering with Smarty Grants
7. Key dates
8. Questions

INFORMATION SESSION: INTENTIONS

- What is Skills Canberra's vision for the MWGP?
- How should I interpret the guidelines/application form questions?
- Who is my audience?
- Helpful hints for focusing your efforts
- Supporting good outcomes

MATURE WORKERS GRANTS OBJECTIVES

- Skills Canberra's vision:
 - Narrow version: 2 projects over 2 years
 - Flexibility? Yes, within a limited range
- Interpreting the objectives:
 - 2 main cohorts:
 - Mature Canberrans
 - Employers
 - Objective 1: aim to cover all subgroups:
 - 45+ years
 - 25+ Australian Apprentices
 - Disadvantaged groups
 - Objective 2: aim to cover all elements

ELIGIBILITY

- Broad definition of a “consortium”.
- Emphasis on collaborative approaches.

WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED

Refer to the list of what will not be funded is available on p. 4 of the *MWGP Application Guidelines*

To avoid “duplicative services” and/or “demonstrate additionality outcomes,” we suggest the following:

- research existing services
- provide evidence of gaps
- be aware of relevant ACT and Australian Government programs, e.g.:
 - Community Services Directorate programs
 - Dept of Jobs and Small Business programs targeting mature workers:
 - <https://www.jobs.gov.au/restart>
 - <https://www.jobs.gov.au/pathway-work>
 - www.jobs.gov.au/career-transition-assistance
- be aware of Skills Canberra’s programs:
 - Skilled Capital
 - Australian Apprenticeships through User Choice
 - ACT Adult Community Education Grants Program

EVALUATION CRITERIA: ASSESSMENT PANEL

5 panel members:

- Skills Canberra (Chair)
- member of Ministerial Advisory Council on Ageing
- member of ACT Inclusion Council
- external expert on VET sector
- representative from Community Services Directorate.

EVALUATION CRITERIA/APPLICATION FORM

- Relationship between criteria and application form questions
- When is a criterion/question not relevant to my project?
- What about word limits?
- The importance of robust, convincing evidence:
 - consider its reliability and validity
 - is it up-to-date?
 - how does it relate to the ACT context?
 - make clear links between the research findings and your project.

EVALUATION CRITERIA/APPLICATION FORM

- Structuring your answer:
 - begin with a summary of your argument
 - then detail each claim
 - for each claim provide supporting evidence and examples
- Satisfactory answers: Claim → 1 piece of supporting evidence → 1 example
- Highly satisfactory answers: Claim → 2 pieces of supporting evidence → 2 examples
- Outstanding answers: Claim → 3 pieces of supporting evidence → 3 examples

SMARTY GRANTS PROCESS

- Registration
- Who do I ask for help?
 - for technical questions about using the online application form, refer to Smarty Grants e.g.
 - download the [Help Guide for Applicants](#) or
 - check out [Applicant Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ's\)](#)
 - for other questions about the MWGP, contact Skills Canberra
 - email skills@act.gov.au [Attention: Anita]
 - call 62058555

KEY DATE

Application closing date = Midnight on Monday 1 October 2018

Remember it is a long weekend!

Late applications will not be accepted.

QUESTIONS

- Written responses to all questions will be published on Skills Canberra's website:

<https://www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/enterprise-canberra2/skillscanberra/mature-workers-grants-program>

- Further questions on the MWGP can be sent to skills@act.gov.au