**Questions and Responses from the Women in Trades Grants Program Round 2 - Information Session on 13 November 2018**

**Q-1. Is there any form of pre-qualification process?**

No. However, applicants will need to meet the eligibility criteria.

**Q-2. Is a current grant holder able to apply?**

Yes.

**Q-3. Is there a space in the application form for applicants from round one to indicate they had applied before?**

No. Round two applications are treated as new applications.

Round one applications can be accessed by Skills Canberra in SmartyGrants system if needed.

**Q-4. In the previous rounds, there was a 1000 word limit to outline the proposal. Will that be the same for this round?**

In sections of the application form that request a brief overview or summary there has been a word limit applied. The word limit for the summary of activities has been capped at 1000 words. There are further areas that allow applicants to address the specific evaluation criteria for their project with no word limit. The form can be viewed at <https://innovation-connect.smartygrants.com.au/WiT-RoundTwo>. It is recommended applicants view the form before starting the submission.

**Q-5. What kind of timeframes should applications address?**

Exact timeframes of projects are not specified. The maximum duration of a grant is two years.

**Q-6. What is the duration of a grant?**

Up to two years.

**Q-7. Why is there a cap on funds requested for a grant?**

A cap of $150,000 per grant was imposed to attract applications that offer targeted activities proposed to lead to specific impacts and contribute to increasing the number of women in trades.

Applicants may access funds for training and other activities from other available sources.

**Q-8. Can funds for training offered by Skills Canberra be accessed for activities proposed by an applicant?**

Yes. Where Skills Canberra’s training subsidies are to be accessed this should be identified in the application.

**Q-9. Can funds for training offered by the Training Fund Authority still be accessed by the recipient of a grant?**

Yes. Where funds from other sources will be accessed the amount and use of these funds should be identified in the application.

**Q-10. Given the availability of Skilling Australians Fund (SAF) in round two, will grant recipients have to report to Skills Canberra and the Commonwealth?**

No. Grant recipients will report only to Skills Canberra.

**Q-11. Will it be the same evaluation panel as round one?**

To be confirmed.

**Q-13. Are round two applications expected to propose long-term strategic approaches? Or will projects that provide short-term employment outcomes (as in round one) be prioritised in round two as well?**

It will depend on the quality of applications received in round two and the evaluation panel’s assessment of how to prioritise the best outcome based on the program objectives.