

SKILLS CANBERRA

Future Skills for Future Jobs Grants Program



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INTRODUCTION

The ACT Government has committed \$2 million in 2018-19 which includes funding provided by the Australian Government under the National Partnership on the Skilling Australians Fund (the National Partnership), to support the ACT's target of 4165 commencements over the next 4 years

The **Future Skills for Future Jobs Grants Program** has been designed to encourage innovation and collaboration between industry and stakeholders to target future growth sectors

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Projects must be aligned to the focus of the **National Partnership and Skilling Australians Fund** priorities:

- ACT Skills Needs
- occupations with a reliance on skilled migration pathways
- trade apprenticeships
- targeted cohorts



CO-DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Following an expression of interest process, successful applicants will work with **Skills Canberra** to develop a project proposal for consideration by the **ACT Government program delegate**

This includes providing information and advice to support the project proposal, and facilitating connections with relevant stakeholders where appropriate

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Expressions of interest should demonstrate:

- Evidence of demand for workforce skills by employers or industry
- How the proposed activities are intended to lead to an Australian Apprenticeship pathway
- How business (employers) will be involved in the project development and implementation
- Partnership or consortium opportunities that will support the project outcomes
- How the intended project outcomes will be sustained into the future
- A break-down of project costs



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following **will not** be funded:

- an applicant's existing services, unless the applicant can demonstrate additional outcomes
- duplicate services that are already being delivered in the ACT
- expenses incurred prior to signing the Deed of Grant.



AVAILABLE FUNDING

Funding of \$2 million is available under the **Future Skills for Future Jobs Grants Program in 2018-19**

The maximum amount of funding that can be sought is limited to **\$300,000 per expression of interest**. There is no minimum amount per expression of interest, and no limit on the number of expressions of interest an applicant can submit, providing they are for different project proposals, or for specific services delivered by a partnering organisation or consortium.

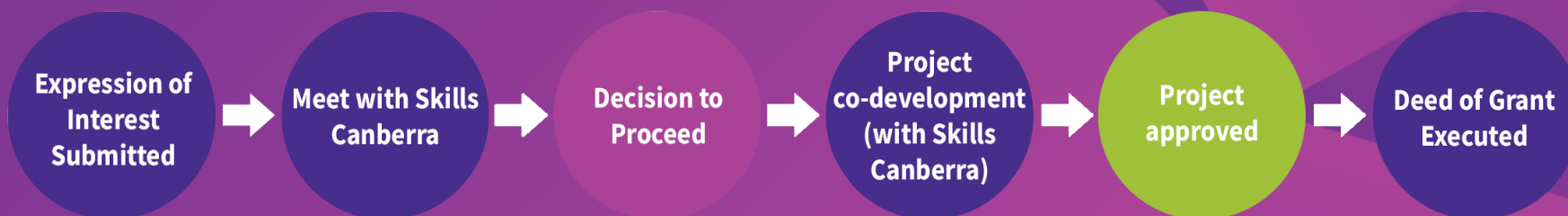


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APPLICATION PROCESS

- Expression of interest will be accepted in six week rounds to continue until funding is exhausted
- Once an expression of interest is received, Skills Canberra will contact the applicant within 5 working days to arrange a time to discuss the proposal
- EOI will be progressed to an evaluation panel for assessment
- If deemed suitable, Skills Canberra will work with the successful applicant to develop a project proposal

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Organisation Effectiveness

1. Understanding of the industry sector and current and future workforce needs
2. Understanding of the issues and factors impacting Australian Apprenticeship commencements within the industry locally and, if relevant, nationally
3. A demonstrated capacity to engage with the target groups and build a collaborative approach with Skills Canberra and other stakeholders
4. Demonstrated adherence to the Work Health Safety Act 2011 and applicable regulations
5. Staff capacity and capability to implement the project and specified activities
6. Demonstrated capacity to make financial and/or in-kind contributions towards successfully achieving the objectives and requirements of the project

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Activity Effectiveness

1. Originality and innovation of the proposed activities in addressing program objectives
2. Evidence of factors impacting Australian Apprenticeship commencements in the industry and how this gap can be directly addressed by the proposed activity
3. Evidence supporting the likely effectiveness and sustainability of the proposed methodologies and strategies to address the program objectives
4. Sound strategies to deliver tailored support in relation to identified social and economic inclusion groups
5. Effective communication strategies for promoting activity and sharing outcomes beyond the direct parties involved
6. Evidence that the proposed project design can effectively leverage the applicant organisation's identified financial and/or in-kind contributions, both during and beyond project implementation



KEY DATES

- Program announced and first round of expressions of interest open
27 February 2019
- Information session held on 12 March 2019
- First round of expressions of interest closes 20 March 2019 –
subsequent rounds in 6 week blocks
- Additional funding rounds announced as necessary, subject to
availability of funds
- Project commencement Before 30 June 2019
- Project conclusion Before 30 June 2020



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QUESTIONS?

If you would like to discuss your project or the program, please contact **Skills Canberra**:



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