

# DISCRETIONARY GRANT 2024/25 AND 2025/26 FUNDING WINDOW FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA) invites applications for partnership proposals and/or special project proposals for 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial year periods. Project proposals must address any of the key priority skills areas as identified in the W&RSETA Sector Skills Plan.

The qualifying proposals for strategic partnerships will be included on the panel to be considered for implementation in line with the W&RSETA priorities.

**Key Focus areas and eligibility criteria:**

| FOCUS AREAS / KEY PRIORITY AREAS  | ELIGIBLE STAKEHOLDERS   |
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| 1.Youth Unemployment<br>2.Training and Employment for People with Disabilities<br>3.Gender equality and economic inclusion of women and youth<br>4.SMME, Informal Traders, Entrepreneurship and Cooperative Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employers (non-levy paying and levy paying)</li><li>• Retail business associations</li><li>• Holding companies</li><li>• Non-governmental organisations (NGOs, NPOs, FBOs and CBOs),</li><li>• Labour organisations</li><li>• Municipalities</li><li>• Development agencies</li><li>• Government departments</li><li>• Local public institutions of learning (CET colleges, TVET colleges and HET institutions)</li><li>• Traditional councils</li><li>• Co-operatives</li><li>• Accredited SDPs (trade test centers, assessment centers and training providers). Preference will be given to Wholesale &amp; Retail accredited and/ or with W&amp;RSETA extension of scope</li></ul> |
| 5. Infrastructure Support for PSET Institutions   | Public education and training institutions (CET and TVET colleges)  |

**APPLICATION CRITERIA**

- Applicant must be operating in the Wholesale and Retail Sector with the exception of CET colleges, TVET colleges, HET institutions and other government entities.
- A fully completed prescribed application proposal template must be submitted with the proposal.
- The proposal must clearly demonstrate the skills priorities that the proposal aims to address and the contribution of the applicant.
- Tax compliance through a tax clearance certificate/PIN or a tax exemption letter where applicable.

**METHOD OF APPLICATION**

The Application Proposal template and supporting documentation indicated above, must be submitted to [SpecialProjects@wrseta.org.za](mailto:SpecialProjects@wrseta.org.za) by **15 September 2024**. No late applications will be considered.

Maximum file size: **150MB**

The application proposal template is available from [www.wrseta.org.za](http://www.wrseta.org.za)

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- Only fully compliant applications submitted by the deadline date will be considered.
- Application must address one or more of the key priority interventions as listed above.
- Proposals/partnerships with a shared budget or co-funding options will be given preferential consideration.
- An award will be made at the discretion of the W&RSETA.
- Proposals not responded to by **28 February 2025** should be considered unsuccessful.

All queries related to this advert should be directed to [specialprojectsenquiries@wrseta.org.za](mailto:specialprojectsenquiries@wrseta.org.za)

**\*The W&RSETA reserves the right not to award the funding window.**