

Workforce Training Innovation Fund (WTIF)

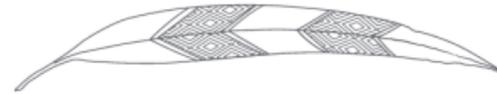


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I would also like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and Aboriginal Elders of other communities who may be here today.'



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Welcome to the land of the Wurundjeri people



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What is the Workforce Training Innovation Fund (WTIF)?

WTIF is designed to:

- Improve the **flexibility and responsiveness** of the VET sector
- Encourage greater industry and employer **partnerships**
- Contribute to broader **economic productivity gains**
- **Share innovative** training models and resources
- **Sustainable** post funding

What does the program fund



Up to **\$5 million** across four categories

Grant duration up to **24 months**

Two rounds of funding
September / February

New training, products and methods

Innovation in course development, product design and training delivery, supporting training and TAFE system improvements that drive social, economic and global success.

Applied research

Research solving 'real world' industry and business productivity challenges and the study of innovation in training design and delivery and product development.

Workforce training and skills development

Improving accessibility, relevance and delivery of workplace skills to support business productivity and learner employability.

Priority sectors

Design of skills development approaches for new and emerging industries, key priority growth industries, and the Victorian Government priority sectors.

Innovation

- New ideas to enhance workplace productivity
- Allow industry and training providers to challenge existing practices
- Improve the relevance of training
- Support economic growth



Partnerships

A key feature of WTIF is to encourage partnerships between:

- industry bodies
- businesses
- TAFEs and
- training organisations

to improve workforce productivity through innovative training programs and modes of delivery.

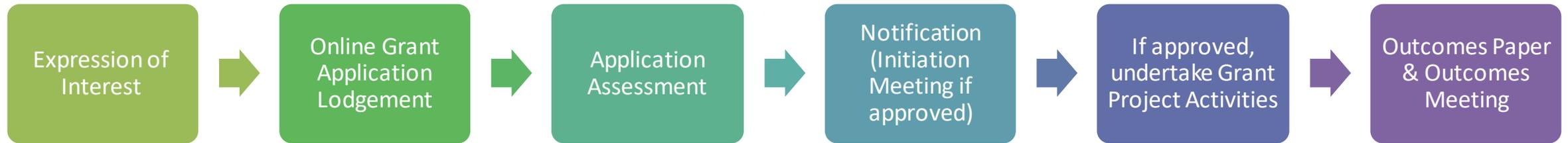
There are two potential roles an organisation may have in a WTIF project – lead or partner



Who can apply?

Applicant Eligibility Requirement		Eligibility	
		Lead	Partner
TRAINING PROVIDER			
Skills First Contract holders including	TAFEs, dual sector (vocational arm only), Learn Locals and Registered Training Providers delivering in Victoria	✓	✓
Training providers without a Skills First Contract	Learn Locals with ACFE Board Registration and Registered Training Providers registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority or the Victorian Registration and Qualifications authority delivering in Victoria	X	✓
INDUSTRY			
Union, Peak Body and Industry Association	Current operation and member interests in Victoria ¹ Related to the local industry/ sector	✓	✓
Individual business	Have an Australian Business Number (ABN); and Registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST); and Have main operations in Victoria	✓ Conditional ²	✓
OTHER			
Tertiary education providers	Victorian based universities including the tertiary arm of dual sectors.	X	✓
Research centres and other academic institutes	Currently deliver research and other academic activity in Victoria	X	✓
Local Government	Provide goods and services to local community members	✓ Conditional ³	✓
Regional Body	Formal alliance of government, business and community representatives working together to address local issues	✓ Conditional ⁴	✓
State Government	N/A	X	✓

Applying for a WTIF Grant



• **Round 1 opens**
16 August 2021
Lodge an EOI

• **Round 1 closes**
1 October 2021

• **Assessments finalised**
December 2021

• **Project Initiation Meetings**
January / February 2022

• **Projects Close**
March 2024

2021

2022

2024

Application Assessment Criteria

- Innovation **35%**
- Capability and Capacity **25%**
- Evaluation Plan **20%**
- Governance **10%**
- Sustainability and Sharing Best Practice **10%**



Budgets



Benchmark for items such as:

- development of VR and AR resources
- program and project manager salary figures
- pilot delivery and assessment costs

For noting: Assessment of your budget may require further or more comprehensive evidence.

What the program **DOES NOT** fund

As an innovation fund, project activities are broad, however the following **will not** be considered for funding:



- duplication of initiatives previously funded
- capital works
- ongoing training delivery and assessment
- travel and accommodation
- business as usual activities

Lesson Learnt and Best Practice

- **Committed** partnerships *(with defined roles and responsibilities)*
- **Skilled** program and project managers
- **Structured** and **phased** rollout, including **sign-off** milestones from partners
- **Comprehensive** communication strategies *(keeps everyone informed- expectations)*
- Industry / Training Provider **“go-between”** *(interpreter– VET speak vs. Industry speak)*
- **Appropriate** and **Relevant** Evaluation Strategies
- Ability to **pivot** and **be responsive**



Next Steps



1. Visit the Workforce Training Innovation Fund website page
2. Download the Grant Funding Guidelines and an Expression of Interest (EOI) form
3. Forward the completed form to the WTIF inbox
4. A Department representative will contact you to discuss your proposal. This may be a Principal Regional Advisor from the Victorian Skills Authority (VSA)
5. If you proceed to lodge an application, remember that applications close 1 October 2021
6. A second round of applications will open again in February 2022



Questions

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