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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: UPDATE ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDING FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR**

1. The above subject refers.
2. The Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA) wishes to thank the stakeholders for submitting your application for Discretionary Grant (DG) funding for the 2026/27 financial year.
3. We wish to inform you about the delays in the finalisation of the evaluation and adjudication of the applications received. This is due to the high volume of applications received, coupled with the rigorous processes that must be undertaken to ensure compliance with all the legislative prescripts.
4. Furthermore, Section 217 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act No. 108 of 1996, as amended, mandates that all government procurement of goods or services must occur via a system that is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive, and cost-effective. Notwithstanding the fact that the allocation of DG funding is not done through a procurement process, the SETA is duty-bound to adhere to the said principles that are encapsulated in section 217. Hence, we endeavour to ensure that all the applications are given the same attention and treatment.
5. We really appreciate your patience and understanding during this period, and rest assured that feedback shall be provided to all the applicants, whether successful or unsuccessful, once the process has been fully concluded.

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6. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the above-mentioned employee.

Yours in skills development

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