2026/27 CATHSSETA FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES APPLICATIONS

OPENING DATE: 21 September 2026
CLOSING DATE: 09 October 2026 at 16h00

The Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority (CATHSSETA) is a statutory body established in terms of the Skills Development Act (1998), as amended, to advance skills levels in accordance with the National Skills Development Plan (NSDP).

CATHSSETA HEREBY INVITES APPLICATIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS AND LEGAL ENTITIES WHO FALL WITHIN ITS SCOPE.

Applications are open for Discretionary Grant Funding for the following PIVOTAL Programmes:

LEARNING PROGRAMME	QUALIFICATIONS	TARGET APPLICANTS	TARGET BENEFICIARIES	
			Employed	Unemployed
CET Internships (Graduate Internship)	Degree, National Diploma and N6 Diploma in Finance, Marketing, Administration, HR, & IT	CET Colleges	**-**	**52**
CET College lecturers awarded skills development programmes (Skills Programme Employed)	QCTO part-qualifications	Training providers CET Colleges	**50**	**-**
CET learners accessing AET programmes (Adult Education and Training)	AET-related qualifications			**35**
TVET Lecturers exposed to the industry through Skills programmes (Skills programme employed)	QCTO part-qualifications	Employers, Training Providers & TVET Colleges	**50**	**-**

Discretionary Grants are allocated at the sole discretion of CATHSSETA, subject to the availability of funds, specific criteria outlined in the CATHSSETA Discretionary Grants Policy and Guidelines, and approval from the CATHSSETA Accounting Authority.

Applications are open for Strategic Projects Funding for the following non-PIVOTAL Programme and PIVOTAL Programmes:

LEARNING PROGRAMME	TARGET APPLICANTS	LEARNING STRUCTURE	TOTAL NUMBER OF ENTITIES BEING FUNDED
SMMEs supported through training interventions (0 - 49)	SMME's (0 – 49) Cooperatives Universities / Business Schools NGOs/NPOs/CBOs Cooperatives SMME's (0 – 49) Federations/Trade Unions Coaching & mentorship institutions	**Accredited Short Courses** Labour relations Emotional intelligence Corporate communication Introduction to management and leadership Problem solving and decision-making Performance management and compliance Marketing, branding and sales Personal selling, etc.	**20**
Cooperatives supported through skills training			**20**
NGOs/NPOs/CBOs supported through skills training			**20**
Worker-initiated training interventions supported through capacity building			**20**
Partnership projects implemented with TVET Colleges	TVET Colleges	**Infrastructure** New projects (purchase equipment, upgrading of building etc.)	**20**
Partnership projects implemented with Community Education and Training Colleges (CETs)	CET Colleges		**9**

Preference will be given to target applicants operating within CATHSSETA sub-sectors, provided all requisite compliance documents are submitted

APPLICATION FORMS:

The submission of applications is done via email to the following email address: dg2@cathsseta.org.za

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Please refer to the CATHSSETA website, **www.cathsseta.org.za,** for further information on the applications, including the Discretionary Grants and Strategic Projects policy.
- Subject line should be the Learning Programme you are applying for.
- Applications should reach CATHSSETA no later than 09 October 2026 at 16h00. CATHSSETA **will not** accept applications after the deadline.

WORKSHOPS

CATHSSETA will be hosting virtual Strategic project workshops on the following dates:

Date	Day	Regions
01 October 2026	Thursday	Gauteng, Northwest, Limpopo & Mpumalanga
02 October 2026	Friday	Eastern, Northern & Western Cape
05 October 2026	Monday	KwaZulu-Natal & Free State
07 October 2026	Wednesday	National (if required)

Please refer to the CATHSSETA website: www.cathsseta.org.za for more information on how to register for the virtual workshops.