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### Discretionary Grant Advertisement for Programme Take Over

The Media Information and Communication Technologies Sector Education and Training Authority (MICT SETA) hereby invites constituent and eligible stakeholders within the Media, Information and Communication Technologies (MICT) sub-sectors to apply for a Discretionary Grant funding take over for an existing learnership programme. This Grant is intended to meet the MICT sector needs as set out in the Sector Skills Plan (SSP), Strategic Plan and priorities outlined in the National Skills Development Plan.

The allocation of funds is intended for programmes and projects that improve the supply of qualified and competent people for scarce and critical skills and enterprise development. In this window, the MICT SETA will be allocating Discretionary Grant funding for the following learning intervention:

Programme Type	Learnership Programme	Period	Targeted Number of learners	Area of the programme	Budget	Province
Number of unemployed learners enrolled for Learnership	Technical Support	9 Months	20	Johannesburg	R 962,000.00	Gauteng

### Who can apply?

The MICT SETA has been mandated, as per the amended Skills Development Act 37 of 2008, to allocate grants in the prescribed manner for skills development opportunities for all South Africans who meet the below criteria.

Applications are open to organisations that meet the following criteria:

- Must be either MICT SETA levy-paying or non-levy paying entities.

- Have successfully implemented MICT SETA funded technical support learnership in Gauteng.
- Are in Johannesburg, Gauteng.
- Operate within MICT sub-sectors as their core business.
- Demonstrate requisite capacity and are in good legal standing.

Given the special nature of skills development broadly and with regard to SETAs specifically, the MICT SETA's discretionary funding is applicable to:

- ❖ MICT SETA Levy paying and non-levy paying companies.
- ❖ MICT SETA Constituent SMMEs.
- ❖ MICT SETA Training Providers

### **Preference will be given to entities that are based in Gauteng.**

Stakeholders who applied during any previous DG window are welcome to apply during this window of funding irrespective of the outcome of their previous application.

The MICT SETA **will not** award funding for:

- ❖ Set-up costs, e.g., start-up costs.
- ❖ Capital expenditure, e.g., building costs, equipment such as computers, etc.
- ❖ Blacklisted entities.
- ❖ Entities that defaulted to pay learner stipends.
- ❖ Entities that have never implemented MICT SETA-funded programmes.
- ❖ Stakeholder who submits fraudulent compliance documents.

### **Application Process**

- ❖ All applications must be submitted online at <https://lms.mict.org.za/accounts/login/user>
- ❖ No late or incomplete applications will be considered.
- ❖ The deadline will not be extended.

### **Mandatory compliance documents**

In order for your application to be evaluated for this Discretionary Grant, the following mandatory supporting documents need to be completed and submitted with each application:

- ❖ Proof of company registration.
- ❖ Products and services of the company.
- ❖ Valid Certificate Tax Clearance – must not have expired.
- ❖ Commitment to employ learners upon completion of the learning programme applied for **(SMMEs exempted from this requirement)**.
- ❖ Valid BBB-EE Certificate or an affidavit.
- ❖ CSD report **(with tax compliance status and verified banking details)**.
- ❖ Company shares certificate(s) – not shares register or shareholding confirmations.
- ❖ List of MICT SETA learning programmes implemented by the entity /company in the past in Gauteng province.
- ❖ Proof of company banking details – not older than 3 months.
- ❖ A declaration of interest for Directors and possible relationships with Board members and management of the MICT SETA (On a company letterhead).
- ❖ Large and Medium companies must provide proof of 6% spent of the leviable amount on skills development.
- ❖ A copy of a previous Technical Support Learnership Programme of a programme, successfully implemented with the MICT SETA in Gauteng.

Failure to submit any of the above listed documents will result in the disqualification of the application.

**NB:** The allocation of Discretionary Grant funding is at the sole discretion of the MICT SETA.

The application window closes on **Wednesday 19 March 2025 at**

**16.30.** All queries must be directed to email at

[DGqueries@mict.org.za](mailto:DGqueries@mict.org.za)

**Please note: If you have not heard from us within a month of submitting your application, please consider your application unsuccessful. This is a programme takeover of a programme that is currently running: it is separate to the 2025/26 Discretionary Grant funding window opportunity.**