

CTF CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING ROUND

- The Board has established a funding pool of **\$10 million** for applications awarded before **30 June 2027**.
- The applications for the Capital Grant Program must demonstrate alignment with the Board's statutory objectives to:
 - Increase the number of skilled workers in the building and construction industry; and/ or
 - Improve the quality of training in the building and construction industry.
- In assessing applications, the Board will align capital investment decisions with the Government's priorities. Capital grant funding will support projects that contribute to one or more of the following priorities:
 - Promoting and expanding the number of skilled workers to support the residential housing sector;
 - Ensuring growth of apprentices to support the clean energy transition, including expansion of transmission infrastructure, renewable generation and storage, and new green industry;
 - Addressing the lack of gender equality, and diversity more generally, in the construction sector through strategies and measures to address cultural and other barriers to increase participation rates;
 - Supporting modern methods of construction;
 - Improving the retention of the construction workforce; and
 - Expand access to training in regional and remote areas via local infrastructure, mobile delivery, including the deployment of digital and mobile technologies to overcome geographical barriers and deliver high-quality training remotely.
- Capital funding under the Program is allocated to RTOs based on demonstrated need.
- The Capital Grant Program allocations to RTOs do not include the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Criteria for Capital Expenditure

The CTF must ensure that each project meets the criteria for capital expenditure set by the Board. Capital expenditure supported by the Fund must demonstrably contribute to *increasing training capacity and/or improving the quality of training*, in accordance with the Act. This includes, but is not limited to, the following categories:

- Planning for the erection, alteration, extension, demolition, or refurbishment of a building or other facility (or part of a building or other facility).
- Erecting, altering, extending, or refurbishing a building or other facility (or part of a building or other facility).
- Provide equipment, including information technology (as part of a broader capital project unless exceptional circumstances exist).
- Provide furniture (as part of a broader capital project unless exceptional circumstances exist).
- Preconstruction (site preparation) activities such as clearing, earthworks or site accessibility works.
- Any other building and construction industry training-related expenditure prescribed by the Board.



Eligibility requirements

- Have registered with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) or the Training Accreditation Council (TAC) in Western Australia.
- Not be an agent of the State, for example, an independent statutory authority such as a TAFE college.
- Be in good standing with the ASQA and TAC.
- Demonstrate to the CTF a financial need and that the RTO cannot meet the project's total cost.
- Demonstrate to the CTF that the project will contribute to the objectives of the capital grant program.
- Demonstrate to the CTF that the RTO has an appropriate maintenance plan and can meet the ongoing running costs of its training facilities or equipment funded by the grant.
- Demonstrate to the CTF that adequate insurance is held over its training facilities.
- Propose a project consistent with sound planning within the environment in which it operates, especially concerning the cost, size, and use of facilities to be funded.
- Proposing a project that will not adversely affect the condition of a place in relation to the Commonwealth, State or local government heritage legislation.
- Demonstrate that the RTO and the proposed project are financially viable.
- Own the land or have a lease for the land and/or buildings that have a period to run commensurate with the period in which the capital grant may be required to be repaid if the RTO no longer provides training for the building and construction industry.

Ineligible projects

The following projects and costs are ineligible for funding:

- Projects where construction and/or installation of infrastructure has commenced before signing a funding agreement with the CTF.
- Projects focused on opportunity identification, concept screening, product development research, marketing concept development and feasibility studies.
- Advertising, signage, and related communications activities.
- Land acquisition.
- Staff, resourcing, salaries.
- Security and/or surveillance equipment.
- Project management costs.
- Certification, permit, licence, or related fees.
- Compliance monitoring and management costs.
- Vehicle and transport costs.
- Contingency costs.
- In-kind contributions.
- Costs to establish and ongoing operational costs such as, but not limited to, salaries, electricity, water, rates, other utilities, overheads, engineering, design, or insurance costs.

