

What is the CTF Capital Grant Program?

Introduced in 2024, the CTF Capital Grant Program invests in construction training infrastructure.

The 2026-27 round commits \$10 million to eligible private RTOs for capital projects that increase skilled workers or improve training quality.

Who can apply?

The program is open to private RTOs that meet the following criteria:

- Registered with ASQA or TAC in WA
- In good standing with your regulator
- Not a State Government entity (e.g. TAFE colleges)
- Able to demonstrate financial need and project viability
- Have a clear maintenance plan and appropriate insurance
- Own or lease the land/building where the project will take place.

Only one application per RTO will be accepted. Joint applications or partnerships are welcome, provided one lead applicant is nominated.

What types of projects are eligible?

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.



Projects must be ready to commence within 12 months of funding approval. Forward commitment of funding may be made for up to two years from the date of approval, where the funding is required in a future year.

All applications should demonstrate how the project will improve training delivery, accessibility and alignment with industry needs.

What are the priority areas for funding?

- Increasing the number of skilled workers to support the residential housing sector
- Growing apprenticeships to support the clean energy transition, including renewable generation, storage and transmission infrastructure
- Improving gender equality and diversity across the construction workforce
- Supporting modern methods of construction
- Enhancing workforce retention
- Expanding access to training in regional and remote areas through local infrastructure, mobile delivery and digital technologies
- Capital funding is allocated based on demonstrated need and supports investment that strengthens Western Australia’s construction training capability.

How much funding is available?

A total funding pool of \$10 million is available for 2026–27, to be distributed across multiple approved projects.

How much can a single private RTO receive in grant funding?

Capital funding under the Program is allocated to RTOs based on demonstrated need; there is no maximum grant amount.

