

NT Clean Energy VET Accelerator Fund Grant Framework

Objective

The NT Clean Energy VET Accelerator Fund aims to strengthen the capability of Northern Territory training organisations to deliver clean energy and related vocational education and training aligned with emerging workforce needs.

The fund supports capability-building activities that enable training organisations to expand scope, develop or update training resources, strengthen trainer and assessor capability and improve delivery readiness for clean energy, energy efficiency, advanced manufacturing, sustainable construction and related industries.

Purpose

The NT Clean Energy VET Accelerator Fund is a joint initiative of the Australian Government and Northern Territory Government delivered under the Turbocharging the VET Workforce Federation Funding Agreement.

The fund responds to the need to build training system capability for emerging clean energy workforce opportunities and to address barriers to training delivery in regional and remote areas.

The fund focuses on strengthening provider capability rather than directly subsidising routine student training delivery.

Eligibility

Applications must demonstrate a direct connection to clean energy, energy efficiency, advanced manufacturing, sustainable construction or related workforce priorities.

- demonstrated industry need and workforce demand
- evidence that proposed activities will increase trainer, assessor or training organisation capability
- capacity to deliver proposed activities within agreed timeframes
- measurable benefits to clean energy and related training delivery capability in the Northern Territory
- alignment with Northern Territory and Australian Government clean energy workforce priorities.

Meeting eligibility requirements does not guarantee funding.

Eligible training organisations

Funding may be provided to a Registered Training Organisation that:

- is registered and operating within Australia
- has relevant qualifications on scope or can demonstrate a pathway to obtain scope

- demonstrates capability to deliver proposed activities
- has appropriate governance, financial management and contract management capability
- maintains an acceptable regulatory and compliance standing
- can meet reporting, audit and recordkeeping requirements
- can provide evidence of industry engagement and support
- can deliver proposed outcomes within required timeframes.

Partnership applications involving employers, industry bodies, Aboriginal organisations and other stakeholders may be supported where they strengthen delivery outcomes. The Department may undertake regulatory, financial, operational and other due diligence before approving a training organisation.

Program Requirements

Training organisations must demonstrate how funding will increase clean energy VET delivery capability in the Northern Territory.

- ASQA scope expansion activities
- validation and compliance activities
- curriculum and resource development
- trainer and assessor professional development
- industry mentoring and exposure to emerging clean energy technologies
- industry engagement activities
- capability development associated with clean energy qualifications.

Funding will not be provided for routine student training delivery, ongoing operational expenses or activities that do not directly contribute to clean energy VET capability objectives.

Where relevant, applicants should demonstrate regional and remote benefits, engagement with Aboriginal organisations and communities, industry partnerships and sustainable capability outcomes beyond the funding period.

Assessment

Applications will be assessed by a departmental panel against the program objective, eligibility requirements and anticipated outcomes.

Criterion	Weight	What is assessed	Key considerations
Clean energy capability impact	30%	Contribution to increasing provider capability to deliver clean energy and related VET	Scope expansion; trainer upskilling; curriculum development; delivery readiness; sustainable capability outcomes

Organisational capability and delivery capacity	25%	Capacity to successfully deliver the proposed project and achieve contracted outcomes	Relevant experience; staffing capability; governance arrangements; financial management; regulatory standing; ability to meet milestones and reporting requirements
Industry demand and stakeholder support	20%	Evidence that the project responds to demonstrated clean energy workforce need	Industry demand; employer engagement; letters of support; stakeholder partnerships; alignment with clean energy, construction, manufacturing or related workforce priorities
Quality of delivery model	15%	Strength of the proposed project design and delivery arrangements	Delivery methodology; regional and remote reach; Aboriginal engagement; trainer support; industry involvement; realistic implementation approach
Value for the Territory	10%	Overall benefit and value of the proposal to the Northern Territory	Workforce benefit; regional outcomes; contribution to clean energy capability; value for money; sustainable capability beyond the funding period

The Department may consider the overall mix of qualifications, training organisations, locations and cohorts when determining applications. An application may meet the assessment criteria but not receive funding where demand, program funding or delivery capacity cannot be confirmed.

Funding

The Australian Government has allocated up to approximately \$1.4 million to the Northern Territory under the Turbocharging the VET Workforce initiative. Funding for the NT Clean Energy VET Accelerator Fund will be determined through approved project arrangements, assessment outcomes and available program funding.

The Department will establish funding agreements with successful applicants. Funding amounts and payment arrangements will be determined through assessment and contracting processes.

Payments will be made in instalments against agreed milestones and evidence requirements. These may include commencement of approved activities, completion of scope expansion activities, curriculum or resource development milestones, trainer professional development, milestone reporting, and final acquittal and completion reporting.

Funding is not guaranteed solely because an application is approved. Payments remain subject to achievement of agreed outcomes and provision of acceptable evidence.

Reporting

Reporting requirements will be specified in funding agreements. Successful applicants will be required to report on funded activities undertaken, expenditure against approved budgets, milestone achievement, scope expansion progress, curriculum and capability-building outcomes, trainer and assessor professional development, industry engagement, project risks and mitigation strategies, performance against agreed outcomes and key performance indicators, and final project outcomes and lessons learned.

Training organisations must maintain sufficient evidence to support Northern Territory and Australian Government reporting, assurance, audit and compliance requirements.

The Department will monitor delivery through contract management, milestone verification, reporting review and performance monitoring activities.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted through the GrantsNT website using the approved application form and within the advertised application period.

Applicants must provide sufficient information to demonstrate proposed activities, clean energy workforce capability outcomes, industry demand and support, organisational capability, delivery arrangements, risk management arrangements, proposed costs and value for money, reporting capability and achievement of program objectives.

The Department may seek clarification or additional information during assessment. Submitting an application does not guarantee funding. The Department reserves the right to amend the framework to reflect changes to Australian Government requirements, Northern Territory priorities, available funding, industry demand or emerging delivery risks.

The NT Clean Energy VET Accelerator Fund is delivered as part of Turbocharging the VET Workforce, a joint initiative between the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government.