

NSW Department of Education

Trade Pathways Innovation Fund Grant Round

Trade Pathways

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Artwork created by Suzanna Bulai.
The artwork expresses the themes of
community, school, friendship and
family.

Presenters



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Agenda

- Trade Pathways and context
- Fund overview
- Fund objectives
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- Fund eligibility
- Reporting and finance
- Assessment criteria
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Trade Pathways

Implementing the NSW Productivity Commission recommendation to:

- build pathways to trade qualification
- increase the representation of women, mature age workers and school leavers in trades.

These are actioned via four streams:

Stream 1

Trade
Pathways for
Experienced
Workers

Stream 2

Trade
Pathways
Women in
Trades

Stream 3

Trade Skills
Recognition

Stream 4

Trade
Pathways
Innovation
Fund

Fund Overview

Trade Pathways Innovation Fund

- Industry-led innovation
- Focused on trade (and trade-like) qualifications / occupations
- \$5 million funding allocation
- Up to \$500,000 per project
- Delivery across one or more Training Services NSW regions
- 12-month duration with commencement in May 2023

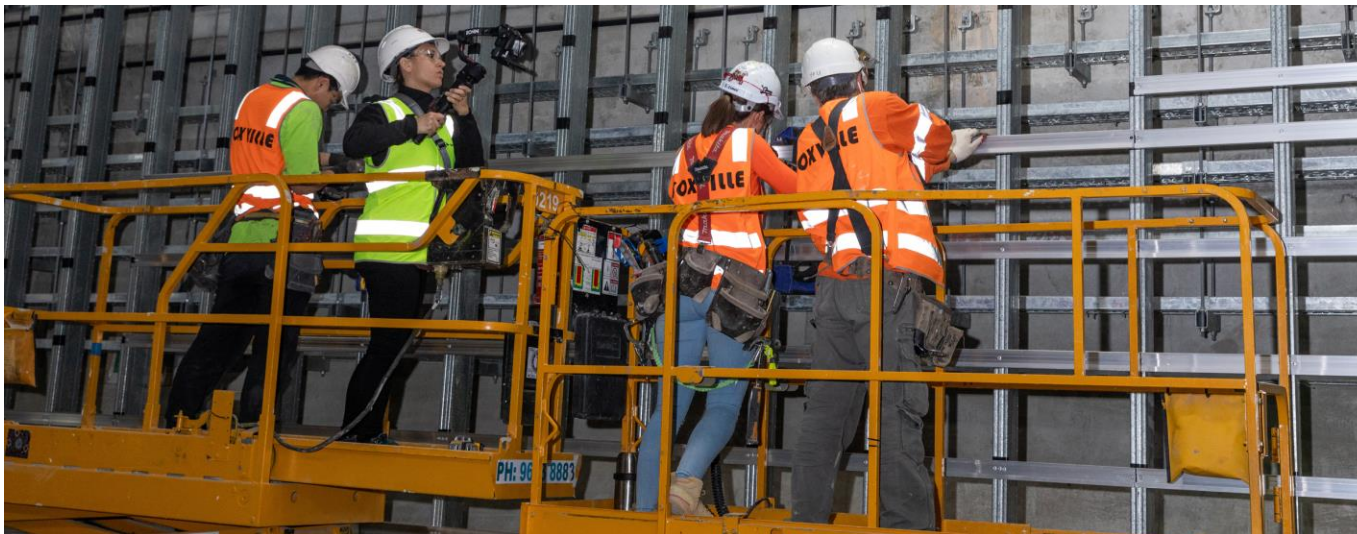
One application per organisation. Nominate as a delivery partner across multiple applications.

Fund Objectives

Trade Pathways Innovation Fund

Category A - Establish new pathways to trade qualification

Category B - Enhance existing non-traditional pathways to trade qualification



Project scope

Projects are to:

- Improve accessibility of trade training
- Contribute towards an uplift in trade qualification attainment
- Be fully funded
- Nominate focus occupation/s and qualification/s
- Be evidence-based
- Have broad support in the relevant industry
- Have strong engagement with stakeholders and partners



Out of Scope

Trade Pathways Innovation Fund

- Traditional pathways to trade such as apprenticeships and traineeships
- Trade ‘tasters’
- Pre-apprenticeship projects
- Proposals that do not have the ongoing support of industry



Fund eligibility criteria

Eligible applicants include:

- Industry representative bodies
- Industry Training Advisory Bodies (ITABs)
- Group Training Organisations or the peak body
- Local Government partnerships or peak bodies
- Trade Unions
- Skills Service Organisations

Participant eligibility

Trade Pathways Innovation Fund

Learners participating in accredited training project components must be

- 15 years or older at the time of enrolment
- No longer at enrolled school
- Living or working in NSW
- Australian Citizens, permanent residents, humanitarian visa holders or NZ citizens.



Reporting considerations

Interim and final project report

Requests for information

Template Agreement

Insurance



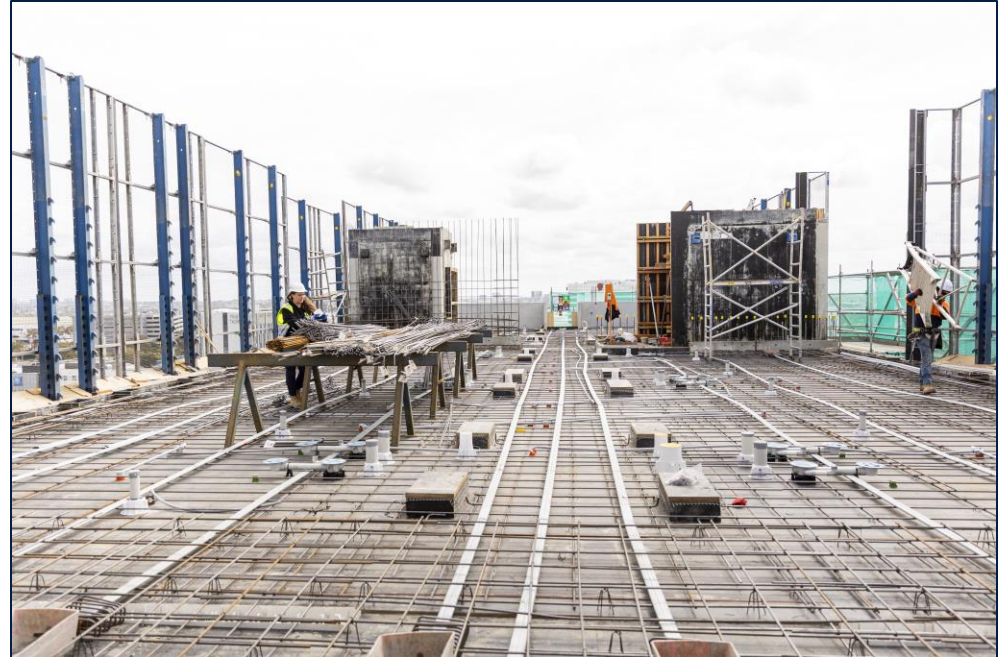
Financial considerations

Grant amounts

Up to \$500,000 per project proposal.

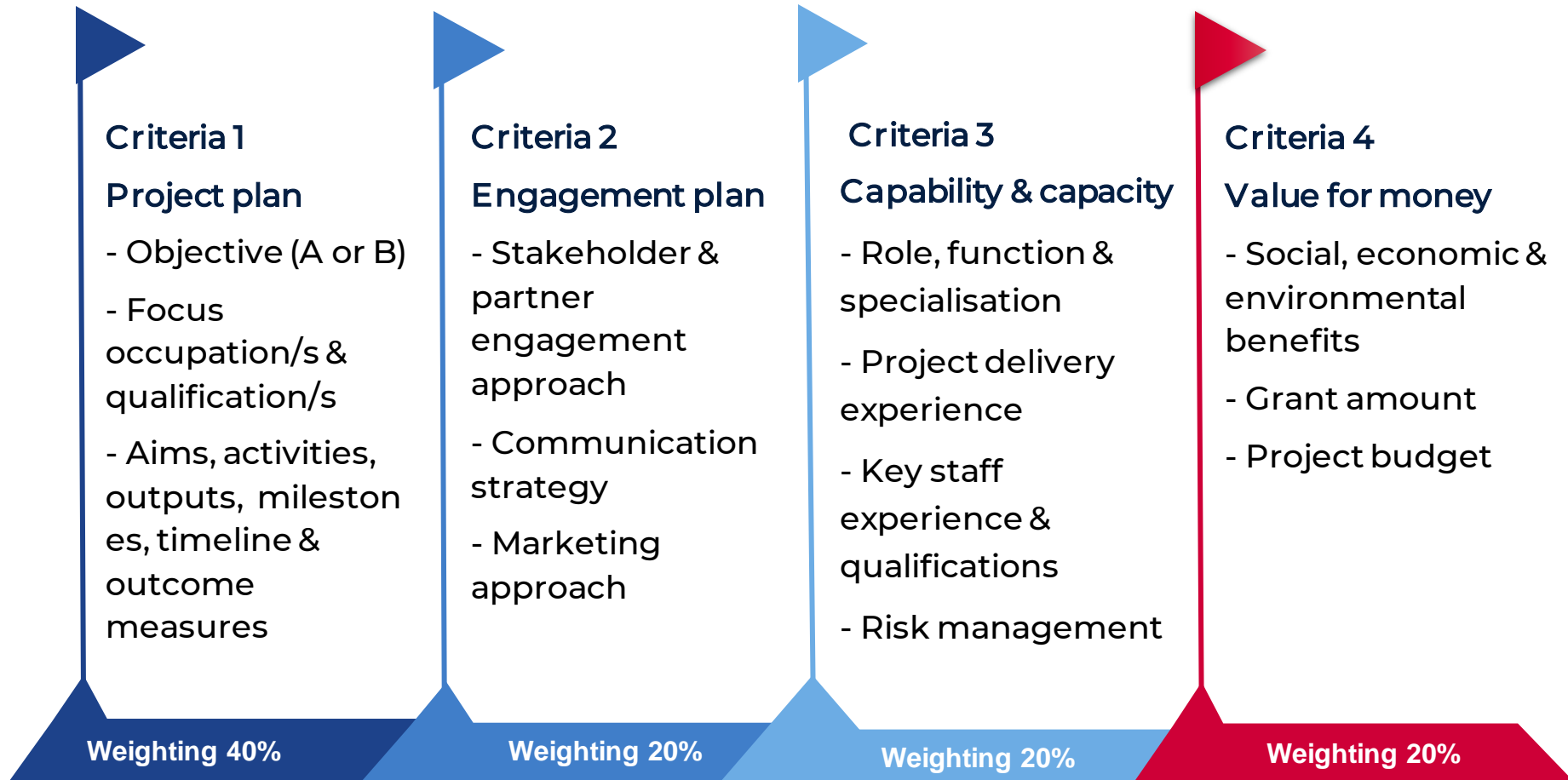
Grants will be paid in three stages:

- 50% at **project commencement**
- 30% at **project mid-point**
- 20% at **project completion**



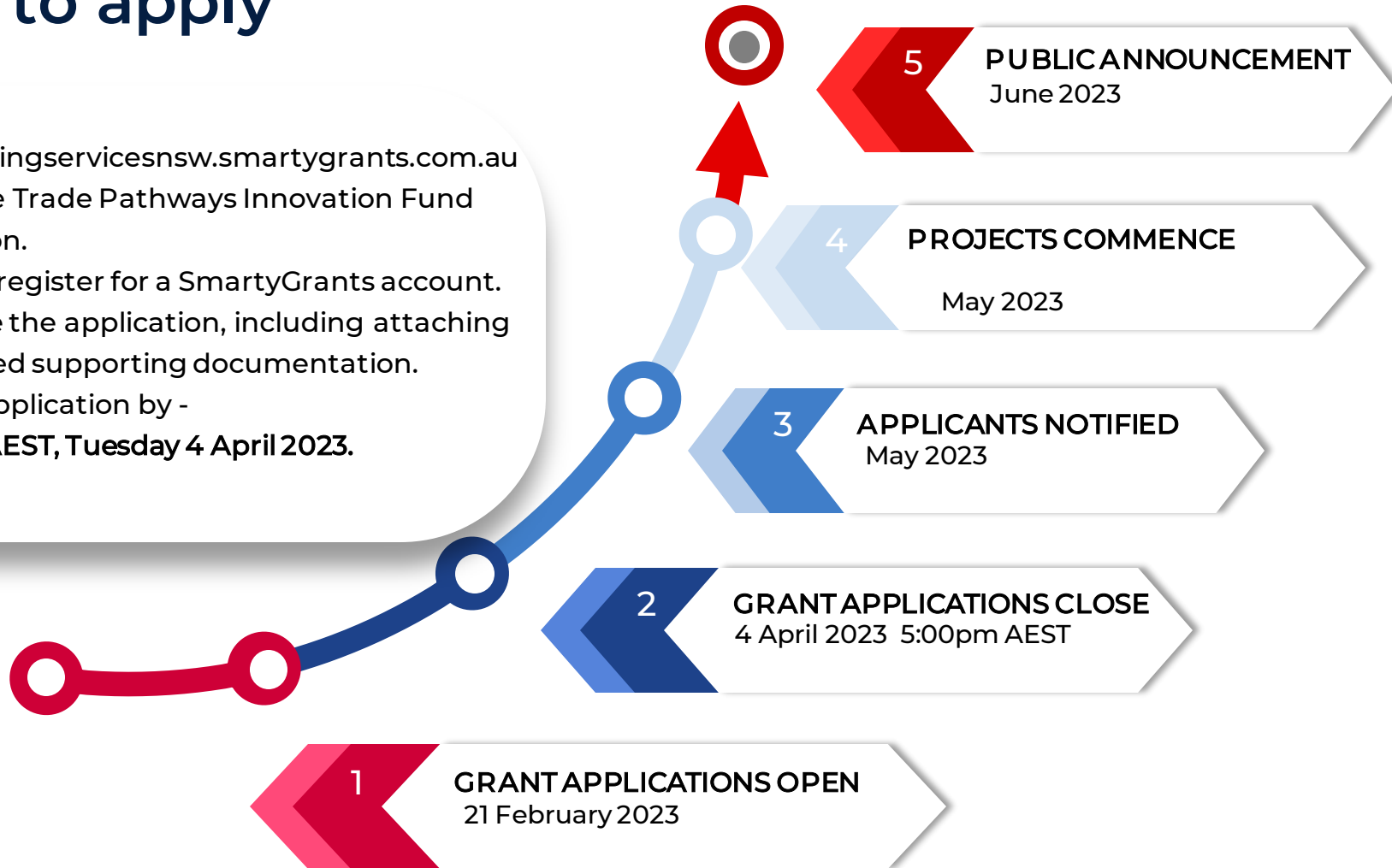
Assessment criteria

Applicants must address the four assessment criteria



How to apply

1. Visit trainingservicesnsw.smartygrants.com.au
2. Select the Trade Pathways Innovation Fund application.
3. Log in or register for a SmartyGrants account.
4. Complete the application, including attaching all required supporting documentation.
5. Submit application by -
5.00pm AEST, Tuesday 4 April 2023.



All applications must be submitted online via <https://trainingservicesnsw.smartygrants.com.au/>
Please also visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/trade-pathways-innovation-fund>

Questions?



If you require additional support and/or have further questions, reach out to us via email TradePathways@det.nsw.edu.au