

# INDIGENOUS TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT

## GRANT FUNDING 2009 FACT SHEET

### What is ITEP?

The Indigenous Training for Employment Program (ITEP) support projects to assist Indigenous adults in regional and remote communities to develop skills to enter employment and/or to progress in their current jobs through planned training and/or career development initiatives.

ITEP is a joint program of the Australian and Northern Territory governments. ITEP is managed by the Northern Territory Government Department of Business and Employment and is a four-year program. The priorities for each grant funding round may change to meet current challenges to economic participation of Indigenous jobseekers and workers in remote and regional locations.

### Who can apply for an ITEP grant?

Industry peak organisations, businesses, incorporated Aboriginal organisations, registered training organisations and other incorporated organisations may apply for ITEP funding. The applicant may manage the project in partnership or collaboration with other stakeholder organisations.

Projects must assist or result in supporting Indigenous adults who live in regional and remote communities. This includes all the Northern Territory except Greater Darwin.

### What can ITEP funding be used for?

In this 2009 grant funding round, the ITEP will support:

#### **1. Industry-specific workforce development strategies**

Support for the development, with business and industry sectors, of Indigenous workforce development strategies to drive demand for Indigenous training and employment, and to integrate skills development for employment retention and career development of Indigenous people in regional and remote locations.

Such strategies will be sufficiently robust to draw on existing Australian and Northern Territory government programs, such as the Productivity Places Program, Language, Literacy and Numeracy programs, mentor support, pre-employment programs, apprenticeships and traineeships, STEP ERS, etc, if necessary.

Applicants should show evidence of collaboration with business and industry and their commitment to an Indigenous workforce development strategy. Prior to submitting, applicants also should seek clarification from Training Advisory Councils and Industry Skills Councils that their proposal is unique.

#### **2. Projects that train and prepare Indigenous people in regional and remote locations for specific, sustainable job outcomes**

Successful applications will complement other activities that are supported by Australian or Northern Territory government programs. Applicants should show evidence of support for the project from stakeholders. Applicants are encouraged to provide evidence to support the project plan; e.g. results and lessons learnt in earlier projects.

## How big could our project be?

Your ITEP project should be on a scale your organisation/partnership can manage well. It should have a start and finish date you can achieve. It should set out outcomes that you can achieve in this timeframe.

ITEP projects selected in this grant round should commence in July 2009, and can run for up to 18 months.

Up to \$2 million is available for ITEP projects in 2009.

## What is the deadline for applications?

Applications are to be submitted by 9.00 am **Monday 6 April** 2009 with successful applicants advised by 30 April 2009.

The Grant Application Form 2009 can be downloaded at [www.nt.gov.au/dbe](http://www.nt.gov.au/dbe)

## How can I be successful in my ITEP application?

ITEP grant funding is a competitive process and selection will be based on the merit of each application. Each eligible application will be considered by the ITEP selection panel and assessed against set criteria. See the ITEP Guidelines for Grant Funding 2009 for more information. The Grant Application Form includes a guide to assist you in filling out the form.

## How are ITEP grants paid?

Successful applicants will be provided with a contract for signing.

- 50 per cent of the grant will be paid on signing of the contract
- 30 per cent of the grant will be paid on acceptance of a progress report on project milestones at a time to be agreed
- The remaining 20 per cent of the grant will be paid on acceptance of a final report outlining achievements against proposed outcomes.

## Further information

For more information, see:

- ITEP Guidelines for Grant Funding 2009
- ITEP Grant Application Form 2009.

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