

# GHANA SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND (GSDF)



## 3rd CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

The Government of Ghana, through the Commission for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (CTVET), is implementing the Ghana Skills Development Fund (GSDF), where 700 businesses across various sectors can access grants towards upgrading skills of their workforce.

With a **USD 60 million** financial support from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Ghanaian enterprises and institutions can access up to **GH¢1,650,000** in this year's round of applications.

GSDF is a challenge fund which addresses the skills and Technological needs of enterprises operating in both the formal and informal sectors of the economy of Ghana. The Fund is a demand-driven response to two of the most critical challenges encountered by the productive sectors in Ghana; namely a qualified and skilled labour force and the acquisition and development of technology towards increased productivity and practical innovations. The Fund supports initiatives that address the needs of continuous skill upgrading of enterprises in especially the enterprises with high growth potential, as well women-led and enterprises with women dominated workforce and persons living with disabilities (PWD). It also offers support

to enterprises in other sectors with exceptionally strong potential for productivity improvement and job creation.

Part of the grants was also given to support Training Institutions to develop demand-driven innovative training contents required by industry for enhanced productivity and competitiveness.

GSDF now invites eligible small and medium enterprises, trade associations and training institutions to apply for grant support.

**Please note that only enterprises that are 3 years and above, qualify to apply. Start-ups need not apply.**

Interested applicants must complete the online application form from the GSDF Website: [gsdf.ctvet.gov.gh](https://gsdf.ctvet.gov.gh)

**Applications must be submitted not later than 14th June 2024.**

GSDF offers grant support for the following activities:

FUNDING WINDOWS	UPPER CEILING FOR EACH FUNDING WINDOWS (GH¢)	MATCHING CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED
<b>Window 1</b> Formal Sector Enterprises skills upgrading	<b>GH¢1,100,000</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Window 2</b> Informal Sector /MSEs skills upgrading	<b>2a: Associations</b> <b>GH¢121,000</b>	<b>10%</b>
	<b>2b: Individual SMEs</b> <b>GH¢110,000</b>	
<b>Window 3</b> Training Innovation & Greening Grants	<b>GH¢1,650,000</b>	<b>20%</b>

Expected outcomes of GSDF funding support are increased productivity and competitiveness of beneficiary enterprises leading to job creation, increased incomes and better livelihoods for employers and employees, master crafts persons and apprentices, as the case might be. Women-led businesses, and enterprises with women dominated workforce as well as persons living with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply.

**For further enquiries, kindly call the CTVET/GSDF Office between 8.30am and 4.00pm on 0303 941 361, 0303 941 277, and speak with grant officers.**

