

Workforce Participation and Training Program

2026 funded projects

Migrant Resource Centre Tasmania Inc.

Regional Skills and Employment Pathways

Region: North and North West

Grant amount: \$110,000

A place-based employment program for people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in regional Tasmania. The program will provide targeted support to help participants overcome complex barriers to employment and support under/unemployed migrants to strengthen professional networks, improve understanding of local labour markets, and connect with employers. The program will be delivered in collaboration with Master Builders Tasmania, Programmed labour hire, and local Jobs Hubs to improve workforce participation and economic inclusion for refugee and migrant cohorts.

CatholicCare Tasmania

Multicultural Employment Services

Region: Statewide

Grant amount: \$398,994

The program will provide intensive, culturally responsive employment support to people from migrant and refugee backgrounds, supporting participants to progress along an employment pathway through tailored pathway planning, job readiness development, training and licence attainment, employer engagement, work exposure opportunities, and post-employment support. The programs aims to address barriers including limited local work experience, language challenges, low confidence, limited professional networks and access to training.

Avidity Training Pty Ltd

CareReady

Region: North and North West

Grant amount: \$290,470

A community-based pre-employment program designed to support Tasmanians facing complex barriers to work or training, with a specific focus on entry pathways into aged care and disability support. Delivered in trusted local settings, the program will offer six-weeks over 12 sessions of non-accredited training that builds foundational employability, digital literacy, and communication skills. The program aims to address a critical gap between disengaged job seekers and formal accredited training by preparing participants to re-enter learning and workforce pathways with confidence and practical skills.

Youth, Family and Community Connections Inc.

Fit for Work Program - NW Tasmania

Region: North and North West

Grant amount: \$400,000

The program aims to build the work readiness and employability of long-term, unemployed youth in the region from Wynyard to Latrobe (including the Kentish LGA) on the North West Coast. The program will work with local employment agencies to identify young jobseekers (aged 15 to 25) needing additional support to enter the workforce due to complex issues and non-work-related barriers. Youth coaches will work intensively with participants, for between 6 to 12 months, to address health and wellbeing issues and build relationships and social connections. Structured training will also be provided for participants in employment skills.

Colony 47 Inc.

Home Base Education Support Pilot: Building Education, Employment and Training Pathways for Young People Experiencing Homelessness.

Region: South

Grant amount: \$400,000

The Education Support Pilot is an evidence-based and trauma-informed program supporting unaccompanied young people experiencing homelessness in the Hobart area. The program will support participants to meaningfully engage with education or employment-based training and succeed in the workforce through building on each young person's stability, confidence, and capabilities. This will be achieved through the provision of sustained coaching, individualised tutoring, psychological assessments, and practical assistance.

Launceston City Mission Inc.

The Mish Futures: Youth Participation and Employment Pathways Program

Region: North

Grant amount: \$399,843

The program combines individual mentoring, social connection and peer engagement activities, employability development, pathway planning, and transition support. Support is will also be delivered through schools, community settings, and partner organisations where this better meets the needs of participants and strengthens engagement. Participants will receive follow-up support as they move into education, training, or employment, helping to improve retention and long-term success.