

Playgroup Funding Guidelines (Overview)

Guidelines for expenditure

Playgroup Funding must be spent with the objectives of playgroups in mind. Below are some suggestions for uses of Playgroup Funding:

- The purchase of curriculum resources and a range of children's equipment.
- To increase language and culturally-specific resources.
- Assist with the overheads associated with operating a playgroup eg, rent, power etc.
- To recruit and retain membership to ensure the ongoing success of the playgroup.
- To promote the availability of the service within the local community.
- To improve learning spaces used by the playgroup.
- To support training programmes relevant to the needs of the playgroup.

Special Grants

Introduction

The Special Grant is a discretionary grant to assist a playgroup to cover large "one off" costs that cannot be met from other funding. Being discretionary means that applicants are not guaranteed to receive monies applied for. The Special Grant may meet the full costs of what is applied for or it may provide a contribution towards the larger expense.

Consult with your ECE coordinator to help decide whether your playgroup is able to apply for a Special Grant.

Eligibility

Playgroups that are eligible for Playgroup Funding are also eligible to apply for the Special Grant.

Special Grant uses

Playgroups usually use this grant for such things as the set up costs associated with establishing a new playgroup, to upgrade security, health and safety items, or outdoor play items.

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