

## **New South Wales Kindergartens (Early Childhood Services)**

Recommended Funding Pathway

### **ClubGRANTS NSW**

Application information and guidelines:  
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/clubgrants>

ClubGRANTS NSW is a community funding program supported by registered clubs, providing funding to projects that improve community wellbeing, social inclusion, and participation.

Funding is typically available through annual funding rounds and may vary by region depending on participating clubs.

### **Project Positioning**

For this funding pathway, the project should be positioned as:

- an early childhood wellbeing initiative
- a space supporting development, inclusion, and participation
- a project that delivers social and developmental outcomes
- infrastructure that supports engagement for children and families

Avoid positioning the project as:

- general playground equipment
- a music-based activity or program
- a discretionary or non-essential addition

## **Project Title**

Creation of an Inclusive Outdoor Sensory and Wellbeing Space for Early Learning and Community

## **Service Overview**

[Insert Service Name] is an early childhood education and care service supporting young children and families within the local community.

The service plays an important role in early development, providing inclusive learning environments that support engagement, participation, and wellbeing during the formative years.

Applications for funding may be submitted by the service or an appropriate not-for-profit entity associated with the service, such as a management body or community partner.

## **Project Description**

This project involves the development of an inclusive outdoor sensory and wellbeing space within the early childhood environment, consisting of permanently installed, interactive elements designed to support engagement, exploration, and participation.

The space will provide opportunities for children to engage in sensory-rich, non-verbal experiences that support emotional regulation, creativity, and social interaction.

The design supports simultaneous use, encouraging shared experiences and promoting cooperative engagement among children and families.

The project will provide a long-term community asset that supports early development, inclusion, and participation.

## **Community Need**

There is an increasing need within New South Wales communities for early childhood environments that support diverse developmental and sensory needs.

Young children benefit significantly from opportunities for sensory exploration, non-verbal expression, and emotional regulation, particularly those with additional needs or those requiring alternative pathways to engagement.

This project addresses that need by creating an inclusive space that reduces barriers to participation and supports meaningful engagement for all children.

It also contributes to broader community wellbeing by supporting families and strengthening early childhood participation.

## **Community Benefit**

This project will deliver long-term benefits to the local community by supporting early childhood development, inclusion, and family engagement.

The space will:

- support children with diverse developmental and sensory needs
- provide opportunities for families to engage in shared experiences
- strengthen early childhood participation and inclusion
- contribute to a more inclusive and supportive community environment

Supporting early intervention and development during the formative years has a long-term positive impact on community wellbeing.

The installation will be used regularly within the service and contribute to positive developmental outcomes.

## **Outcomes**

The project is expected to deliver the following outcomes:

- increased engagement in early learning
- improved emotional regulation and wellbeing
- enhanced inclusion for children with diverse needs
- increased opportunities for social and cooperative play
- strengthened engagement between children, families, and the community

## **Project Delivery**

The project will involve:

- procurement of outdoor sensory infrastructure
- delivery and installation within the service environment
- integration into daily learning and play

Installation will be carried out by a qualified contractor in accordance with site requirements.

## Budget

Total Project Cost: \$15,030

Funding Requested: \$10,000

Service Contribution: \$5,030

All costs are GST exclusive

## Budget Breakdown

Item	Quantity	Total
Explorer Outdoor Musical Instrument	2	\$7,900
Composer Outdoor Musical Instrument	1	\$4,150
In-ground Post Mounts	3	\$900
Freight (indicative)	1	\$580
Installation Allowance	1	\$1,500

## Pricing Note

*Costs provided are indicative to support funding applications. Final pricing, including freight and installation, may vary depending on location, instrument selection, and site requirements. Applicants are encouraged to obtain a formal quote to confirm project costs.*

## Budget Justification

The proposed funding request represents a contribution toward the development of an inclusive outdoor sensory and wellbeing space within an early childhood setting.

The project will be co-funded, demonstrating strong commitment to delivering a high-quality and impactful outcome.

The installation is designed as a permanent asset with a lifespan exceeding 20 years, ensuring long-term value.

The project supports early development, inclusion, and participation, providing ongoing benefits to children, families, and the broader community.

The funding request reflects a realistic and proportionate investment toward a project that delivers lasting developmental and social outcomes.

## Sustainability

The installation is designed as a long-term addition to the learning environment.

It is constructed from durable materials suitable for outdoor conditions and requires minimal maintenance. Its longevity ensures that it will continue to support children's development and wellbeing over many years.

## **Evaluation**

The success of the project will be evaluated through:

- observation of children's engagement and participation
- feedback from educators and families
- increased use of outdoor learning spaces
- improved inclusion and interaction

Evaluation will be ongoing and inform future planning.

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## **Application Considerations**

ClubGRANTS applications are most successful when projects clearly demonstrate community benefit, social impact, and inclusion outcomes.

Positioning the project as an early childhood initiative that supports both children and families is essential.

Applications should clearly articulate how the project supports participation, inclusion, and positive community outcomes.