

## Queensland Kindergartens and Early Learning Centres

Recommended Funding Pathway

### The GCBF (Infrastructure Focus)

**Grant Information:** [Gambling Community Benefit Fund \(GCBF\)](#)

The **GCBF** is the primary **Recommended Funding Pathway** for securing a complete **4-Unit Sensory Circuit**. As Queensland's largest community grant program, it provides one-off funding of up to **\$35,000** for permanent facility improvements. Because this fund favors high-durability assets that provide clear community benefits, the **316L stainless steel** construction and 25-year structural warranty of these sensory instruments make them an ideal candidate for a successful submission.

### Project Positioning

Position this project as a "**Permanent Community Wellbeing Sanctuary**." Highlight how these professional-grade instruments enhance the physical environment of a community-governed facility. Focus on "**Universal Access**," demonstrating how children of all abilities in the local region will benefit from a low-arousal, inclusive outdoor resource that will last for decades.

## Project Title

The [Insert Kindy Name] Community Sensory Sanctuary: A Legacy Project for Inclusive Play

## Service Overview

[Insert Kindergarten Name] is a non-profit, community-governed kindergarten dedicated to providing a rich, play-based learning environment. Our service is managed by a voluntary committee of parents and community members who work tirelessly to ensure our facilities remain inclusive, safe, and engaging for all children. We take pride in maintaining a facility that reflects the high standards of the National Quality Framework.

## Project Description

This project involves the creation of a permanent outdoor **"Full Sensory Circuit"** featuring four specialized **sensory instruments** (two Explorers and two Composers). These instruments will be securely post-mounted within our outdoor learning area to create a cohesive, inclusive sanctuary. Built from sustainable, marine-grade stainless steel, this circuit provides a permanent, low-decibel auditory experience that fosters collaborative play and emotional regulation in an outdoor setting.

## Community Need

Our kindergarten identifies a growing need for inclusive outdoor spaces that support children with sensory processing sensitivities. Traditional playground equipment can often be high-stimulus and exclusionary for some learners. This project addresses the need for a **"Regulation Zone"**—a predictable, high-quality sensory environment where children can engage in rhythmic exploration. This facility will ensure that children of all abilities can participate fully and equitably in our outdoor program.

## Community Benefit

This project represents a major capital improvement to a community-owned facility. The Sensory Circuit will provide a 25-year benefit to the families of our region, supporting hundreds of children through their critical early developmental years. By choosing **"Zero-Surfacing"** instruments, we are ensuring 100% of the GCBF grant is invested in high-quality hardware rather than consumable ground-cover, providing exceptional value for the Queensland Government's investment.

## Outcomes

The project aims to achieve a measurable increase in inclusive play participation and improved social-emotional regulation during outdoor sessions. By providing a permanent, high-quality sensory resource, we are enhancing our facility's ability to meet **NQS Quality Area 3** standards. Success will be evaluated through educator observations and documented in our school's Quality Improvement Plan (QIP), showing a reduction in playground-based distress and an increase in collaborative engagement.

## Project Delivery

The project will be delivered by our Kindergarten Management Committee. We will procure the four sensory instruments and arrange for professional in-ground installation. The "Zero-Maintenance" nature of the 316L stainless steel ensures the Sensory Circuit remains a functional and safe community asset for the next 25 years without requiring ongoing financial support from our P&C or the Department of Education.

## Budget

Item	Quantity	Total (Ex. GST)
Explorer Sensory Instrument	2	\$9,000
Composer Sensory Instrument	2	\$9,000
In-ground Post Mounts	4	\$1,200
Freight and Handling (indicative to QLD)	1	\$750
<b>Site Works Provision (Indicative Installation)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>\$23,450</b>
<b>Funding Requested (GCBF)</b>		<b>\$23,450</b>

## Pricing Note

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

## Budget Justification

This budget reflects a comprehensive, high-capacity investment in community infrastructure. By installing four sensory instruments, the project creates a complete therapeutic environment for the kindergarten. The use of "**Zero-Surfacing**" technology represents a significant saving for the grant body; a traditional four-item playground setup would typically require an additional \$15,000 in soft-fall. This ensures the maximum amount of funding is directed into durable, permanent assets with a 25-year structural warranty.

## Sustainability

The instruments are crafted from **316L marine-grade stainless steel**, designed to withstand the Queensland climate for decades. This is a "once-only" capital spend. The 25-year warranty ensures the Sensory Circuit remains a fixture of our community without placing a future maintenance or replacement burden on our local kindergarten.

## Evaluation

Success will be evaluated through our **Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)** and documented observations of student regulation. We will track how the Sensory Circuit is utilized by children with additional needs and its overall impact on the kindergarten's social environment. A final report, including photos of the instruments in use, will be provided to the GCBF as part of our acquittal process.

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## Application Considerations

- **Not-for-Profit Status:** Must have an active ABN and be a registered not-for-profit community organisation.
- **Online Portal:** Applications must be submitted through the GCBF online grants portal. Ensure your organisation's registration and financial details are reviewed and updated annually.
- **Evidence:** GCBF prioritizes "shovel-ready" projects. Including multiple formal quotes and a clear letter of support from your Management Committee will strengthen the application's readiness score.
- **Timeline:** Results for Round 126 will be announced in **July 2026**. Remaining 2026 round dates are typically announced periodically by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.