

Western Australian Kindergartens (Early Childhood Services)

Recommended Funding Pathway

Lotterywest

Application information and guidelines:
<https://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants>

Lotterywest provides funding to not-for-profit organisations to deliver projects that support community wellbeing, inclusion, and participation across Western Australia.

Grants are available year-round through an open application process, with funding decisions based on alignment to community outcomes and project impact.

Project Positioning

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

- an inclusive early childhood environment
- a space supporting development, wellbeing, and participation
- a sensory-based environment that supports regulation and engagement
- a long-term improvement to the learning environment

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

Service Overview

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

The service plays an important role in early development, providing a safe, inclusive environment that supports engagement, participation, and wellbeing during the foundational years of learning.

Applications for funding may be submitted by the service or an appropriate not-for-profit entity associated with the service.

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 inclusion of multiple interactive elements enables simultaneous use, encouraging shared experiences and promoting cooperative engagement among children.

As a permanent addition to the environment, the project will enhance the quality of the learning space and provide ongoing developmental benefits.

Community Need

There is an increasing need within Western Australian 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. Traditional environments do not always provide adequate support for these needs.

This project addresses that gap by creating a space that supports inclusion, reduces barriers to participation, and enables meaningful engagement for all children.

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

Community Benefit

This project will deliver benefits to the 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 engagement
- 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 daily 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
- a more supportive and engaging learning environment

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: \$12,000

Service Contribution: \$3,030

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 service will co-contribute to the project, demonstrating commitment to delivering a high-quality and impactful improvement to the learning environment.

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 without requiring continued funding.

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

Application Considerations

Lotterywest grants are most successful when projects clearly demonstrate community benefit, inclusion, and long-term impact.

Positioning the project as an inclusive early childhood environment that supports development, participation, and wellbeing aligns strongly with Lotterywest priorities.

Emphasising early intervention, inclusion, and sustained impact will strengthen the application.