

Tasmanian Kindergartens (Early Childhood Services)

Supplementary Funding Pathway

Tasmanian Community Fund

Application information and guidelines:

<https://tascomfund.org>

Funding rounds open periodically and are typically highly competitive. Services are encouraged to monitor the website for upcoming rounds.

Project Positioning

For this grant, the project should be positioned as:

- a community wellbeing asset
- an inclusive space supporting children and families
- a long-term contribution to the local community
- infrastructure that delivers ongoing social benefit

Avoid positioning the project as:

- internal kindergarten equipment only
- a short-term or program-based initiative
- a discretionary or low-impact addition

Project Title

Creation of an Inclusive Outdoor Sensory and Wellbeing Space for Children and Community

Service Overview

[Insert Kindergarten Name] is an early childhood education and care service embedded within the local community, supporting children and families through high-quality, inclusive learning experiences.

The service plays an important role in fostering connection, participation, and wellbeing within the local area, providing a supportive environment for children and their families.

Project Description

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

The space will provide a welcoming and accessible environment where children can engage in sensory-rich, non-verbal experiences that support emotional regulation, creativity, and social interaction.

The inclusion of multiple interactive elements enables simultaneous use, allowing children to engage together and encouraging shared experiences.

As a permanent addition to the environment, the project will contribute to the local community by providing an ongoing space that supports wellbeing, inclusion, and connection.

Community Need

There is a growing need within Tasmanian communities for inclusive and accessible spaces that support wellbeing, connection, and positive engagement for children and families.

Early childhood environments play a critical role in supporting development, particularly for children who benefit from sensory-based and non-verbal forms of engagement.

This project responds to that need by creating a space that supports inclusion, reduces barriers to participation, and provides opportunities for meaningful engagement for all children.

It also contributes to broader community wellbeing by enhancing a local environment that supports families and strengthens community connection.

Community Benefit

This project will deliver long-term benefits to the local community by creating a shared space that supports inclusion, wellbeing, and connection.

The space will:

- support children with diverse developmental and sensory needs
- provide opportunities for families to engage in shared experiences
- strengthen social connection within the local community
- enhance the role of the kindergarten as a community hub

The installation will be used regularly as part of the kindergarten program and will contribute to a more inclusive and connected community environment.

Outcomes

The project is expected to deliver the following outcomes:

- improved wellbeing and engagement for children
- increased inclusion and accessibility
- strengthened connections between children, families, and community
- increased participation in shared outdoor experiences
- a more inclusive and supportive local environment

Project Delivery

The project will involve:

- procurement of outdoor sensory infrastructure
- delivery and installation within the kindergarten environment
- integration into daily learning and community interaction

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

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

Pricing Note

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

Budget Justification

The proposed funding request represents a contribution toward the development of a community-focused outdoor sensory and wellbeing space.

The service will co-contribute to the project, demonstrating commitment and shared investment in delivering a high-quality outcome.

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

The project supports inclusive participation, strengthens community connection, and provides ongoing benefit without requiring continued funding.

The funding request reflects a realistic and proportionate contribution toward a project that delivers sustained social and community outcomes.

Sustainability

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

It is constructed from durable materials suitable for outdoor conditions and requires minimal maintenance. Its longevity ensures that it will continue to provide value to children, families, and the community over many years.

Evaluation

The success of the project will be evaluated through:

- observation of engagement and participation
- feedback from educators and families
- increased use of outdoor space
- improved inclusion and interaction

Evaluation will be ongoing and inform future planning.

Application Considerations

Projects of this nature are strongest when clearly positioned as delivering community benefit beyond the immediate service.

Framing the project as a shared wellbeing space that supports both children and the broader community aligns strongly with the intent of the fund.

Emphasising long-term impact, inclusion, and community connection will strengthen the application.