

Tasmanian Schools (Primary and Secondary)

Supplementary Funding Pathway

Local Council Community Grants (Where Available)

Example: Huon Valley Council

Grant information:

<https://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/community/community-grants/>

Local councils across Tasmania often provide community grant programs to support projects that improve wellbeing, participation, and local engagement.

Availability, funding amounts, eligibility criteria, and opening dates vary between councils and funding rounds. While not guaranteed, these grants are commonly available and can provide valuable partial funding for school-based community projects.

Schools are encouraged to check their local council website or contact their council directly to confirm current opportunities.

Project Positioning

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

- a local community wellbeing initiative
- an inclusive space supporting students, families, and the wider community
- a project that enhances participation and engagement
- a contribution to the local community environment

Avoid positioning the project as:

- internal school equipment only
- a curriculum-based resource
- a project with limited community benefit

Project Title

Creation of an Inclusive Outdoor Sensory and Wellbeing Space

Organisation Overview

[Insert School Name] operates as part of the local community and contributes to the wellbeing, engagement, and development of students and families within the area.

The school contributes to the local community through engagement with families, events, and shared use of its environment. It plays an important role as a local hub supporting connection, participation, and wellbeing.

Project Description

This project involves the creation of an inclusive outdoor sensory and wellbeing space within the school grounds, consisting of permanently installed, interactive elements designed to support engagement, participation, and connection.

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

The design supports simultaneous use, encouraging shared experiences and strengthening connections between students, families, and the local community.

The project will enhance the school environment while also contributing to the broader community through events and shared experiences.

Community Need

Local communities benefit from accessible and inclusive environments that support wellbeing, engagement, and positive social interaction.

Many students and families benefit from spaces that provide opportunities for sensory engagement and non-verbal participation. These environments are not always readily available within existing community infrastructure.

This project addresses that need by creating a space that supports inclusion, reduces barriers to participation, and provides opportunities for meaningful engagement for a wide range of users.

Community Benefit

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

The space will:

- support students with diverse developmental and sensory needs
- provide opportunities for families and community members to engage together
- strengthen local social connection
- contribute to a more inclusive and engaging community environment

The installation will be used within the school and during community activities, supporting ongoing engagement.

Outcomes

The project is expected to deliver the following outcomes:

- increased engagement and participation
- improved wellbeing for students
- enhanced inclusion and accessibility
- strengthened connections between school and community
- increased use of shared outdoor space

Project Delivery

The project will involve:

- procurement of outdoor sensory infrastructure
- delivery and installation within the school grounds
- integration into school use and community activities

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

Budget

Total Project Cost: \$15,030

Funding Requested: \$5,000

School Contribution: \$10,030

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 and site requirements. Schools are encouraged to obtain a formal quote to confirm project costs.

Budget Justification

The proposed funding request represents a partial contribution toward the development of an inclusive outdoor sensory and wellbeing space.

The school will contribute the remaining funding, demonstrating strong commitment to delivering the project and ensuring its completion.

The installation is designed as a long-term asset, providing ongoing benefit to students and the local community.

The project represents strong value for money by delivering a high-impact, durable, and inclusive environment that supports wellbeing and participation.

Sustainability

The installation is designed as a permanent addition to the school 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 over many years.

Evaluation

The success of the project will be evaluated through:

- observation of student and community engagement
- feedback from staff, students, and families
- increased use of outdoor space
- improved inclusion and interaction

Evaluation will be ongoing and inform future planning.

Application Considerations

Local council grants are most successful when projects clearly demonstrate community benefit and local impact.

Positioning the project as a shared space that supports both students and the broader community will strengthen the application.

Focusing on participation, inclusion, and local engagement will align closely with council priorities.