

# Community Grants Application Form

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### Community Grants Program

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The Community Grants program supports eligible early childhood education services to increase participation and access for children experiencing vulnerability and disadvantage, by delivering targeted initiatives and support for Aboriginal children and children from low income families. This program supports the participation in 600 hours of quality early childhood education in the two years before school. The program is open to not-for-profit community preschools (centre-based and mobile) and not-for-profit long day cares. Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Services and Aboriginal Child and Family Centres are eligible for this program.

Grants can be used to promote educational access for Aboriginal children and children from low income families, as well as initiatives that will improve educational experiences or outcomes for those children attending a service.

**Applications are open 10 June 2021 to 6 August 2021.** Early payment will be available to those services who require urgent funding and lodge their application by **25 June 2021**.

For the Community Grants program guidelines please click [here](#).

### Eligibility

**Is the service a not-for-profit community preschool (centre-based or mobile) or not-for-profit long day care (includes local government managed services) or Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Service or Aboriginal Child and Family Centres operating in NSW? \***

- Not-for-profit centre-based community preschool
- Not-for-profit mobile preschool
- Not-for-profit long day care (includes local government managed services)
- Not-for-profit multifunctional Aboriginal children's service or Aboriginal child and family centre
- None of the above

**Is the service an approved early childhood education and care service under the Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations or the Supplementary Provisions Act? \***

- Yes
- No

**Does the service deliver an early childhood education program in accordance with the Early Years Learning Framework under the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education? \***

- Yes
- No

You cannot proceed with this application

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Based on the information you provided, this service is considered ineligible for the Community Grants program.

Please review the eligibility criteria as per the [program guidelines](#).

If you require assistance, please contact the Department by phone on 1300 755 426 or email at [ecec.funding@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ecec.funding@det.nsw.edu.au).

**Does the service have an ARIA+ classification of Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote? \***

- Yes  
 No

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### Service details

**Name of primary contact \***

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Email \***

Must be an email address.

**Phone Number \***

Must be an Australian phone number.  
0294113344 or 61400300311

**Approved Provider ID (PR-12345678) - Numbers only \***

Enter your 8 digit PR number as per NQAITS.

**Approved Provider name \***

**Service Approval Number (SE-12345678) - Numbers only \***

Enter your 8 digit SE number as per NQAITS

**Service name \***

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### Community Grants Initiatives

**Please select the relevant category/ies which describe the proposed activity/ies \***

- Transport initiatives such as establishing partnerships with local schools, councils or transport providers to increase access
- Providing staff development opportunities such as training and conferences that promote outreach to Aboriginal children and children from low income families
- Resources that support access and participation for Aboriginal children and children from low income families
- Providing access to specialised staff for Aboriginal children and children from low income families
- Educational resource development that promotes outreach to Aboriginal children and children from low income families
- Engagement of an Aboriginal community member to work with the service or the local Aboriginal community
- Engagement of a cultural or local community member to support low income children
- Reengagement of Aboriginal children and children from low income families where enrolments may have declined due to COVID-19 and other unforeseen circumstances such as flood, bushfire, drought etc

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Transport Initiative such as establishing partnerships with local schools, councils or transport providers to increase access

**Please select from the following options: \***

- Vehicle maintenance and repair cost
- Travel voucher
- Hiring a driver or vehicle
- Other transport initiatives

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Providing Staff Development opportunities such as training and conferences that promote outreach to Aboriginal children and children from low income families

**Please select from the following options: \***

- Conference/training (cultural awareness)
- Conference/training (wellbeing and health)
- Conference/training (early childhood education)
- Conference/training (vulnerable and disadvantage)
- Other staff development

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Resources that support access and participation for Aboriginal children and children from low income families

**Please select from the following options: \***

- Regular food programs

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- Backpacks for children
- Preschool packs for children (e.g welcome packs, starter packs, book packs etc)
- Other resources that support access and participation

At least 1 choice must be selected.

### Providing access to specialised staff for Aboriginal children and children from low income families

**Please select from the following options: \***

- Allied health professionals
- Allied health programs
- Bicultural support workers
- Other specialised staff

At least 1 choice must be selected.

### Educational resource development that promotes outreach to Aboriginal children and children from low income families

**Please select from the following options: \***

- Culturally appropriate resources
- Yarning circle
- Bush tucker/vegetable garden
- Other educational resource development

At least 1 choice must be selected.

### Engagement of an Aboriginal community member to work with the service or the local Aboriginal community

**Please select from the following options: \***

- Engage Aboriginal elder
- Engage Aboriginal artist
- Curriculum development
- In-service visits/Excursion led by Aboriginal community member
- Aboriginal education program
- Other engagement of an Aboriginal community member

At least 1 choice must be selected.

### Engagement of a cultural or local community member to support low income children

**Please select from the following options: \***

- Engage cultural or local community member
- Engage cultural or local artist
- Curriculum development
- In-service visits/Excursion led by cultural or local community member
- Education program
- Other engagement of a cultural or local community member

At least 1 choice must be selected.

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Reengagement of Aboriginal children and children from low income families where enrolments may have declined due to COVID-19 and other unforeseen circumstances such as flood, bushfire, drought etc.

**Please select from the following options: \***

- Community liaison officer
- Facilitating access to wraparound services
- Activities to promote Early Childhood Education
- Other reengagement activities

At least 1 choice must be selected.

## Budget

**Total amount of all activit/ies requested (ex GST) - must not exceed \$10,000 (ex GST) \***

\$

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 10000.

**I confirm that if the total cost of the project exceeds the total amount requested in this application, the service is able to finance the shortfall \***

- I agree

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**Have you completed your Community Grants Program application? \***

- Yes
- No, I would like to apply for the additional funding support for transport initiatives

**Please indicate your service type \***

- Not-for-profit Aboriginal community preschool
- Not-for-profit centre-based community preschool that can demonstrate significant historical enrolments of Aboriginal children

## Services are encouraged to contact the Department

Not-for-profit community preschools that are not identified as Aboriginal Community Preschools and believe they may meet the program criteria are encouraged to contact the Department regarding their circumstances and intent to apply. This additional funding is limited and supports the participation of Aboriginal children at high risk of discontinuation in preschools and/or to further extend the participation of Aboriginal children in a preschool program.

Applications may be accepted on a case by case basis where community preschools (that are not identified as Aboriginal Community Preschools) can demonstrate significant historical enrolments of Aboriginal children. This will take into consideration a range of

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factors including evidence of numbers and/or percentages of Aboriginal enrolments over the last 3-5 years and significant engagement with a local Aboriginal community to support preschool participation.

Early Childhood Education Directorate

1300 755 426 [Ecec.funding@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Ecec.funding@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Additional Funding Support for Transport Initiatives

Additional funding is available to support transport initiatives for eligible Aboriginal community preschools or community preschools with significant historical enrolments of Aboriginal children. **Eligibility for this funding is limited.**

Your service must meet the following criteria:

- be a not-for-profit centre-based community preschool
- be an Aboriginal community preschool
- have an ARIA+ classifications of Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote
- not currently receiving funding for the same transport initiative through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy or other funding source.

Services are only eligible to apply for additional transport funding once per service approval. Applications for additional funding support will be available in the Community Grants program application should the service meet the eligibility criteria.

Please note that this funding is on an adhoc basis, and is not ongoing. For Community Grants Program guidelines, please click [here](#).

**Are you currently receiving funding for the transport initiative described in this application through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy or other funding source? \***

- Fully funded
- Partially funded
- Not funded

**You are not eligible to apply for the Additional Funding Support for Transport Initiatives**

Based on the information you have provided you are considered ineligible for the Additional Funding Support for Transport Initiatives.

Please review the eligibility criteria as per the program guidelines.

**Please select the relevant activity from the list below. If multiple categories apply, please tick these boxes \***

- Purchase of a vehicle
- Vehicle maintenance

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- Repair cost
- Hiring a driver or vehicle

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Transport initiatives need to comply with safety requirements and national regulations.

### **Has your service previously received funding for the purchase of a vehicle through the Community Grants program? \***

- Yes
- No

### **You are not eligible to purchase a vehicle under the Additional Funding Support for Transport Initiatives**

Based on the information you have provided you are not eligible to purchase a vehicle under the Additional Funding Support for Transport Initiatives.

Services are not able to apply for this category if they have previously received funding for a vehicle through this program.

**If you would like to apply for another relevant activity, please clear the questions above and select from the relevant activity list or unselect the purchase of a vehicle in order to continue.**

### **For the purchase of a vehicle:**

- the motor vehicle must be used primarily to transport children attending the community preschool
- the motor vehicle must be fit for purpose and capable of transporting children safely to and from the service, including operating safely in varying weather conditions; and comply with all applicable requirements to comply with the Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations
- the motor vehicle must be registered in NSW with appropriate insurances.

**Note:** Services are not able to apply for this category if they have previously received funding for a vehicle through this program.

### **Conditions of purchasing a vehicle \***

- Does the Service Provider agree the motor vehicle will be primarily used to transport children attending a community preschool?
- Does the Service Provider agree that the motor vehicle referred to in this application will be fit for purpose and capable of transporting children and operating safely in varying weather conditions; and comply with all applicable requirements to comply with the Education and Care Services National Law and Regulations?
- Does the Service Provider agree that the motor vehicle referred to in this application will be registered in NSW with appropriate insurances?

At least 3 choices must be selected.

**Please provide a detailed outline of the transport initiative that you are seeking (what do you plan to do?) \***

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Word count:  
Must be between 20 and 200 words.

**Please provide a clear number of Aboriginal children aged 3 and above that will be assisted through this initiative. \***

Must be a number.

**Please provide evidence to support the number of children who will be assisted through this initiative. \***

Attach a file:

**Please outline any other funding sources you have applied for or are receiving for this transport initiative \***

**Please attach information or data that supports the community need \***

Attach a file:

### Budget Breakdown of Amount Requested

Please provide a detailed outline of the expenditure.

Item Description	Amount (Ex GST)
	\$

**Please attach a quote of the vehicle you intend to purchase \***

Attach a file:

**Please upload any available financial documentation that supports your application**

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Attach a file:

For example: quotes from suppliers

**Total amount requested (maximum of \$100,000 ex GST) \***

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

**I confirm that if the total cost of the project exceeds the total amount requested in this application, the service is able to finance the shortfall \***

I agree

## Applicant's Declaration

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By submitting this application I agree with the below:

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- I confirm the service will keep evidence of expenditure as part of the acquittal process
- I confirm that the information provided is complete, correct and accurate
- I confirm that I have read and understood the Community Grants program guidelines and will adhere to the program guidelines (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs/community-grants>)
- I confirm the service will keep evidence of expenditure as part of the acquittal process
- I confirm that I am authorised to submit the application form on behalf of the service
- I confirm that the initiative/s outlined in this application have not been funded by the Department through another Early Childhood Education Directorate program

At least 6 choices must be selected.