



Before and After School Care Reform Infrastructure Fund Equipment and Facilities Grant Program 2020

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Equipment and Facilities Grant Guidelines

Fund Overview

In March 2019 the NSW Government committed \$120 million to ensure before and after school care is available to all parents with children at public primary schools by 2021. As part of this commitment, a \$50 million Infrastructure Fund was announced. The Equipment and Facilities Grant Program is a component of the Infrastructure Fund.

Infrastructure Fund Objectives

The objectives of the Infrastructure Fund are to:

1. Increase the number of approved before and after school care places for NSW government primary school children.
2. Increase the number of NSW public primary schools with onsite Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services in Metro and Inner Regional NSW.
3. Increase the number of NSW public primary schools with access to OSHC services in Outer Regional, Rural and Remote NSW.

Equipment and Facilities Grant Program Description

The Equipment and Facilities Grant Program supports schools and services to fund equipment and facilities that enable new services to establish and existing services to expand.

Applicants may seek up to \$30,000 (GST exclusive) for their project and applications will be assessed based on the level of demand for the increase in places and how well the proposed project will address the issue. This is an open – competitive grant program.

Key Dates

Applications open at 9am 3rd February 2020.

Applications close at 4pm 31st January 2021.

	Close	Announcement
Phase 1	31 March 2020	April 2020
Phase 2	31 May 2020	June 2020
Phase 3	31 July 2020	August 2020
Phase 4	30 Sept 2020	October 2020
Phase 5	30 November 2020	December 2020
Phase 6	31 January 2021	February 2021

Grant Amounts

\$5 million of the \$50 million Infrastructure Fund is available for Equipment and Facilities Grants.

Applicants can seek up to \$30,000 per application (excluding GST).

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants

NSW Government schools and not for profit OSHC providers or services supporting government school students that can demonstrate unmet demand and the capacity to establish a new service or to increase the number of approved places may apply for grants under the Program.

Applications must be submitted by an authorised officer, either:

- The school principal, if the proposed new service or service expansion is on a school site.
- A person legally able to enter into agreements on behalf of the approved provider or service provider, if the proposed new service or service expansion is not on a school site.

What projects are eligible?

To be eligible for funding, the application must:

- Be associated with the provision of before and/or after school care from an approved OSHC provider
- Be supported with evidence of unmet demand for the service
- Enable an increase in the availability of approved places to NSW government primary school children via the establishment of a new service or expansion of an existing service to meet the unmet demand
- Have approval from Schools Infrastructure NSW (local Asset Management Unit) for any works proposed on a NSW government school site
- Request funding up to \$30,000 (excluding GST)

- Have any other required funding sources confirmed, if additional funding is required for the project
- Be for a service located in NSW
- Be for a legal activity



What activities or projects can be funded?

Activities or projects are eligible for funding where the funding is to be used to increase the number of approved places for NSW government primary school children. This may be by establishing a new before and after school care service or expansion of an existing service.

The Equipment and Facilities Grants Program will support, but is not limited to, the activities and projects listed below:

- Kitchen upgrades and fit outs
- Air conditioning
- Office space
- Storage facilities
- Outdoor facilities - play equipment, seating, shaded area, vegetable gardens
- Furniture and soft coverings
- Project management (including tendering or regulatory costs)
- Necessary equipment to support additional places - Toys, games, educational resources

Any works which involve fittings or fixtures on Department sites will be owned by the Department (e.g. a new kitchen).

What projects are not eligible?

The Equipment and Facilities Grants Program will not provide funding for projects:

- Without landowner consent:
 - Projects on a NSW government schools require support from the School Principal and approval of Schools Infrastructure NSW
 - Projects not on NSW government schools require support from landowner if this is not the applicant
- That occurred prior to 1 July 2019
- Which increased approved places prior to 1 July 2019
- That received grant funding for the same increase in places from previous Infrastructure Grant rounds
- That are not aligned with NSW Department of Education policies
- At services outside NSW
- That aren't supported with the evidence of demand to increase places to the proposed amount
- That do not represent value for money.

The Application Process

What needs to be included in the application?

Applicants will be required to provide the following information:

- Project justification. Explain why the community needs an increase in OSHC places and include evidence of unmet demand from NSW Government primary school children.
- Description of the project, activities or equipment to be purchased and how it will support the establishment of a new service or an expansion of an existing service.
- Provide evidence of consent from the landowner.
- Requested funding. Provide detailed cost breakdown for the project including supplemental funding sources if the project cost exceeds the grant value.
- Evidence of regulatory approval for the increase in places or evidence that an application for approval is underway or planned

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- require additional information from an applicant or sponsor
- change the scope of the requirements of these guidelines
- vary, amend (including by replacement) or terminate the application process.

Applicants may be contacted to provide feedback on the Equipment and Facilities Grants Program as part of the evaluation of the program.