

# EDUCATION AND CARE

## Minor Infrastructure Grants

### Information Sheet

From time to time, the Department of Education (DoE), through the Education and Care Unit (ECU) Grants Program, provides opportunities for eligible organisations to apply for funding to complete minor infrastructure projects in education and care services<sup>1</sup>. These grants are known as Minor Infrastructure Grants.

#### What are the eligibility criteria for funding?

The applicant must be an eligible organisation. Generally, all community-based and not-for profit organisations (including non-Government schools) operating an approved education and care service are eligible to apply for Minor Infrastructure Grants.

Private, for-profit organisations may also be eligible to apply for Minor Infrastructure grants for education and care services located on community-owned premises, DoE premises or a non-Government school site.

Grant recipients must be willing to enter into a legally enforceable agreement with the Department of Education to complete the funded project, and comply with the terms of this agreement

#### How can I apply for funding?

The ECU publishes details of available grant funding, including application guidelines, on its website.

All grant applications are made via the Education and Care Unit SmartyGrants website page:  
<https://ecu.smartygrants.com.au/> (via SmartyGrants).

<sup>1</sup> The term 'education and care service' also includes child care services licensed under the *Child Care Act 2001*.

Applications cannot be submitted by mail or email.

#### Program Priorities

The Education and Care Unit has determined that the priority for this round of funding will be directly supporting the safety, health and wellbeing of children.

#### Accountability Requirements

To ensure that ECU grant funding is used appropriately and is providing benefits to children, families and/or the community, grant recipients are required to comply with a number of requirements in relation to funding, which may include:

- providing an Accountability Statement, signed by two members of the organisation's Management Committee (or equivalent), stating that grant funding has been used for its intended purpose;
- providing evidence that the project has been completed (e.g. photos); and
- demonstrating how the project has supported improved outcomes for children.

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