General information

Q. What is the purpose of the Everyone Can Play in NSW Grant?

The Everyone Can Play in NSW Grant (ECP Grant) is a NSW Government commitment to support councils to renew, renovate and build inclusive playspaces across all of NSW.

The Office of Open Space and Parklands manages the ECP Grant and provides the Minister with recommendations for the funding of individual grants. The NSW Government is committed to providing playspaces for people of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds to ensure that everyone can play.

Eligible projects

Q. What kind of projects will be funded?

- Inclusive Playspace – Upgrades
- Inclusive Playspace – New

The following types of projects are ineligible:

- Projects outside of NSW
- The purchase or lease of land for play spaces
- Funding of personnel or staff positions
- Buying or upgrading non-fixed equipment
- Events, marketing, branding, advertising or product promotion
- Projects requiring ongoing funding from the NSW Government
- Retrospective funding to cover any project component that is already complete / underway.

Q. How much funding can be requested?

The funding limits for the four project categories are:

- Inclusive Playspace – Upgrades
  - Up to $50,000 (with dollar to dollar matching from Councils)

- Inclusive Playspace – New
  - Up to $200,000 (with dollar to dollar matching from Councils)

Q. Can projects be funded retrospectively?

No. Successful applicants may only commence construction of a project once funding approval has been confirmed.
Eligible applicants

Q. Who can apply for ECP Grant Funding?

The ECP Grant is open to all NSW Councils only. The land on which the playspace is located must be land owned or managed by the Council.

You are ineligible to apply if you are:

- Individuals, groups of individuals and unincorporated organisations
- Incorporated not-for-profit organisation
- For profit, commercial organisations
- Organisations limited by shares
- Government departments and agencies
- Educational institutions including Schools and their P&Cs, Universities, TAFE, Colleges and Child-care centres

Applying

Q. Where can applicants find the grant guideline?

A copy of the Everyone Can Play grant guideline can be found at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/openspace

Q. How does an organisation lodge an application?

- Applications, including supporting documentation, should be submitted via the application portal at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/openspace
- Applications must be received by 3pm 21 December 2018.
- Any application that is late, incomplete or ineligible will not be considered.

Q. Can applicants submit applications for more than one project?

Yes. Applicants may submit more than one application.

Q. Can the budget be amended during the application process?

No. Budgets relating to the project cannot be amended during the application process.

Q. Will assistance be available to support the preparation of the application?

The Office of Open Space and Parklands may provide advice to applicants on the interpretation of the grant guideline. For inquiries or more information contact Meredith Paterson, Office of Open Space and Parklands on 02 8275 1732 or email everyonecanplay@planning.nsw.gov.au

Q. What criteria apply to the assessment of the applications?

Applications that are eligible and comply with the application requirements will be assessed against the program’s objectives, project types and four assessment criteria (merit, engagement, viability, and budget).
Q. What happens after the application has been submitted?

Applicants will receive a notification that the application has been successfully submitted.

**Funding**

Q. What is the total program funding?

A total of $20 million has been committed to the ECP Grant over the next five years. In 2018-19 $4 million in funding has been allocated for the Everyone Can Play in NSW grant. This funding will be available to Councils across NSW via a competitive grant process where Councils will be required to match the funding granted on a dollar for dollar basis.

Q. Will all applications receive funding?

No. The application process is competitive. It is anticipated there will be multiple applications competing for the funding available.

Successful applications will be those that best meet the objectives of the program, the assessment criteria and can demonstrate the applicant has the capacity to deliver the project and that the project aligns with the draft *Everyone Can Play in NSW* Guideline.

Q. If our Council has already received other government funding or co-contributions from external organisations for the project, does this mean the Council cannot apply?

Projects that have received other Government funding or co-contributions from external organisations are eligible for funding. Applicants must list in their application if the project has received other sources of funding and the amount received.

**Timing**

Q. When are the applications due?

Applications must be received by 3pm 21 December 2018.

Q. How long do applicants have to start and complete a project?

Project start date must be within eight months after the round opens and projects must be completed within one year from signing of the funding agreement.

**Acknowledgements**

Q. How do successful applicants acknowledge the funding when projects are underway?

It is a condition of grant funding that the Minister for Planning, NSW Government and the Office of Open Space and Parklands be:
invited to attend any formal launch event (including commencement and completion ceremonies)
• advised four weeks prior to any formal event
• acknowledged of their contribution on all communications and media for the project.

The successful applicants must install a plaque at the Project site which acknowledges the funding provided by the NSW Government and the ECP Grant. The successful applicants must provide the draft layout and text of the plaque and a plan showing the location of the plaque to the Department for approval prior to having the plaque made.

Successful applicants will receive full guidelines, logo and signage template files.

**Reporting**

Q. Do successful applicants need to report on the delivery of their projects?

All successful applicants will receive detailed information about requirements to report on the implementation and success of their project.

**For more information**

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