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Everyone Can Play Grant Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply for my Public School as it is a State Agency?

Unfortunately, Educational Institutions including schools and their Parents & Citizens Associations, Universities, TAFE, Colleges and child care centres are not eligible. Eligibility of projects also calls for the space to be free and accessible 24/7.

Can I seek feedback on a previous application?

Unfortunately, we cannot provide any specific application advice – or feedback – for probity reasons as the grant round is currently open. Applications are assessed against the published assessment criteria in the grant guideline and against how well the project embedded and articulated the principles of inclusivity outlined in the ECP Guideline. If an application has previously been unsuccessful, please consider how you could improve your design in response to the published criteria.

Will the ECP grant will open in 2021?

The fourth grant round for ECP is currently open for applications.

Is there a cap on the number of applications I can submit under each category (new and upgrade) or can I submit multiple applications?

There is no cap on the number of applications. Each individual application will be assessed on the project eligibility and criteria as set out in the grant guidelines.

Can I seek feedback on an unsuccessful application?

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Is the grant only accessible to eligible councils and State Agencies or can I apply on behalf of my school?

Eligible applicants are local councils and eligible State Government agencies. Unfortunately, Educational Institutions including schools and their Parents & Citizens Associations, Universities, TAFE, Colleges and child care centres are not eligible. Additionally, eligibility requires that the applicant owns or manages the land on which the proposed playspace will be located and that the location is a public space, accessible to all 24/7.

Can I submit an application for a play space on land that I don't own or manage?

An application is not eligible if the applicant does not own or manage the land on which the playspace sits.

Can I apply for a project that will update footpath paving in order to complete a network of accessible paths?

This type of project is not eligible as it would not be considered an upgrade to an existing playspace. Upgrades can include paths as part of a larger playspace upgrade but as an individual application would not be eligible.

Am I able to upgrade a single play piece within a playspace?

The guideline looks for the alignment of each project with ECP guidelines and considers more than a single play piece on its own. Although the upgrade of a play piece may contribute to an upgrade, a context plan would need to show how the greater playspace aligns with the program principles overall. When choosing equipment, the 'fit' design principle should be considered so a range of play opportunities for people of all abilities and sizes is provided.

Is my local health district eligible in this round considering the new eligibility rules for State Government Agencies?

The application process has been extended to eligible NSW State Government agencies and local councils only. Applicants must own or manage the land on which the proposed playspace is to be located and the land must be publicly accessible 24/7.

Is there a cap on how many applications I can make?

There is no limit to the number of projects that can be submitted but each must have their own application. Eligible applicants must also own or manage the land on which the proposed playspace is to be located and the land must be publicly accessible 24/7.

Can I partner with different stakeholders to put forward and application for ECP4?

Eligible applicants must own or manage the land on which the proposed playspace is to be located and the land must be publicly accessible 24/7. In the case of a partnership the eligible party (an eligible NSW council or State Government Agency) would need to apply and would be the entity with which the contract would be made.

Is there a template or guidance about what I should include on the context plan within the application?

The context plan should be used to show where the playspace sits/will sit with respect to the wider environment and how it relates to nearby features. The context plan could show adjacent buildings such as schools, public buildings, cafes etc. It could also show roads, footpaths, cycleways and other nearby public space or attractions. The context plan is useful for showing the need for the playspace and to address the principles of Everyone Can Play, in particular – Can I get there.

Can I apply for an internal playspace as part of ECP4 or is it only for external spaces?

Grant eligibility requires for spaces to contribute to quality green public open space and be able to fulfil tree planting quotas within the design. Play spaces also need to be owned or managed by the applicant and accessible 24/7. As such internal spaces would not meet the eligibility criteria.

Can I apply for the upgrade of an existing underutilised tennis court to an accessible, 24/7, multi-use court, in the ECP 4 Round?

A project such as this would not be eligible as the grant program is for the upgrade or creation of a new playspace.