



North Tyneside
Council

Childcare Expansion Capital Grant – Supporting Information

The Childcare Expansion Capital grant supports:

- the phased expansion of Early Years childcare provision for working parents of children aged 9 months to 3 years; and
- the provision of 8am to 6pm wraparound care for primary aged children.

Organisations can apply for 'Childcare Expansion Capital Grant' funding by completing and submitting this form. Applications can be made for one or both, of the childcare expansion programmes.

Whilst it is ultimately up to local authorities to determine how best to prioritise this funding to address local priorities, it must be spent on capital projects, and is being provided to meet the capital costs associated with projects that help ensure sufficient places for:

- Children taking up an early years place through the expanded 30-hours entitlement for qualifying working parents (from the term following the child reaching 9-months to the term in which they turn 3-years-old); and / or
- Increasing the supply of wraparound childcare for primary-school aged children.

In completing and submitting the document you are confirming that your organisation meets the eligibility criteria and can provide supporting evidence on request.

The eligibility criteria will be assessed on a **Pass/Fail basis** initially and only organisations answering **YES to all eligibility criteria** will progress to the selection process.

If you are unable to **meet all the eligibility** criteria listed you **should not** submit an expression of interest.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by the deadline. The Local Authority will not consider expressions of interest received after this date.

A total of £441,272 of capital grant funding is available. North Tyneside wants to maximise the number of additional childcare places created from this funding. (The indicative split is 80% for the early years project and 20% for the wraparound project.

The decision of the Early Years Expansion Capital Funding Bid Panel is final.

Supporting documentation can be send to eycommissioning@northtyneside.gov.uk

Conditions of Grant

Early Years Expansion Capital grant funding is subject (but not limited) to the following key condition:

- the money awarded can only be used for the purpose of expanding childcare places;
- the expectation to work collaboratively in partnership with the local authority to deliver the project;
- further information may be requested to support this application or further payments;
- any funding received should be shown separately in your annual accounts;
- any unspent award will be recovered by the Local Authority;
- termly monitoring will take place to apprise progress of project; and
- termly data (incl. take up and demand) must be supplied to the local authority.

Costs in Scope of Project

The funding is provided for capital purposes only and **cannot** be used for revenue expenditure of any kind, such as training or staff costs, resources/assets that do not meet the definition of capital expenditure. Capital expenditure includes individual items of a value greater than £1000 and which must have a life longer than 1 year. This does not include:

- repairs and maintenance items;
- leases or licenses for goods;
- services or premises;
- spend on staffing, training etc
- items such as toys, books, clothing etc.

Grants cannot be paid retrospectively therefore any work commenced prior to acceptance of the grant offer **will not** be eligible for funding.

Childcare Providers With Domestic Premises On Site

Where a childcare provider with domestic premises on site is seeking funding (including childminders, childcare on domestic premises or other provision where the provision is situated in or alongside domestic premises), the local authority will ensure the nature of what is being requested and why, and how this benefits the childminding setting and children in their care has been clearly demonstrated.

Funding will not be provided for general refurbishment, replacement or repairs of fittings within the domestic premises, unless there are exceptional circumstances. However, each case will be assessed according to the need, circumstances and environment in which the childminding is being delivered.

Examples of Projects

Example projects that North Tyneside Council will consider for grant funding are set out below. The list is not exhaustive and capital projects not included on the list will be considered.

Examples of appropriate early years projects:

- Projects that enable and/or increase access to childcare places for eligible children;
- Projects that adapt, re-model or improve existing childcare places to make them suitable for a wider range of needs;
- Central capital works required to enable delivery of the entitlement.

These could be achieved through:

- Expansion of existing childcare provision, including expanding existing provision to a different or additional site;
- Remodelling of existing provision to create additional capacity;
- Creation of new childcare places, whether via the creation of new settings, or expanding provision in existing providers;
- Modifications or improvements to central IT systems used by the local authority to deliver the entitlements.

Examples of appropriate wraparound projects:

- Projects that enable the creation of new wraparound places and/or increase access to wraparound places (where suitability of space may be a concern);
- Projects that adapt, remodel or improve existing wraparound provision to make them suitable for a wider range of needs;
- Purchasing fixed assets required to deliver wraparound provision.

These could be achieved through:

- Building modifications to enable use of space outside main school/setting operating hours, e.g., secure external access, outside lighting to enable outdoor space to be used year-round;
- Building modifications to adapt space for use to deliver inclusive wraparound childcare;
- Improvements to storage;
- New physical assets such as minibus purchase (to support a hub model of wraparound provision), play equipment (including outdoor play equipment), or tables and chairs. To be considered capital expenditure the asset must bring an economic benefit, and able to be depreciated, over more than one financial year.

Projects That Won't Be Supported

This grant funding is **not** intended for:

- Routine maintenance or refurbishment of premises;
- Capital works to maintain and improve the condition of the school estate, which should continue to be supported by Devolved Formula Capital funding (DFC), the Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) or School Condition Allocations (SCA);
- Childcare providers not providing Early Years entitlements or wraparound care.