

Quality and Access for All Young Children – Early Years Capital Grant Application Pro-Forma

Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) has made funding available for quality and access to services for all young children. This presents a really significant opportunity for providers to implement changes to the environment to better meet welfare standards.

Aims of the Funding

There is a total of £2.1 million over the next three years to be spent on capital projects (those with a value of at least £2,500 resulting in a tangible asset). There are three aims to the funding;

- To improve the quality of the learning environment in early years settings to support delivery of the EYFS, with a particular emphasis on improving play and physical activities and ICT resources.
- To ensure all children, including disabled children, are able to access provision.
- To enable providers to deliver the extension to the free offer for 3 and 4 year olds and to do so flexibly.

Capital expenditure is not necessarily limited to single purchases over £2,500; the following categories of expenditure are also included:

- **Grouped assets:** i.e. assets of a similar nature are purchased at the same time, for example as part of a project. The value of the individual assets may be below £2,500, but the total value of all the assets determines whether expenditure falls above or below the capitalisation threshold.
- **Bulked assets:** i.e. a bulk purchase of furniture or computer assets where the value of the individual items is below £2,500. As with grouped assets, the total value determines whether expenditure falls above or below the capitalisation threshold.

Please complete the following:

Setting Name	
Contact Name	
Contact Address	
Contact Telephone No.	

Your proposal in brief:

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Total estimated cost of proposal:

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(Please provide supporting documents as per letter from Barbara Mands dated _____)

Please give evidence to support your proposal, in answer to the following questions:

1. Please describe how your proposal has been shared in partnership with your Shared Foundation Partnership members and other stakeholders. Please describe how you consulted with these colleagues. (Please list the stakeholders)

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2. Please describe how your proposal meets the aims of the grant. (see above)

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3. Please describe how you consulted with parents, carers, and children. What ideas did they have which were most felt would improve your setting?

4. Describe how the proposal will improve play, care and educational opportunities for children and young people.

5. Describe how you have worked with the local leadership groups of Integrated Children's Centres in developing your proposal. (if appropriate)

6. Please describe how the proposal will enhance your work supporting all children, particularly those with additional needs.

Please enclose further sheets if you need more writing space, and any further evidence you feel supports your proposal for funding.

If you need help or advice please contact the Early Years and Extended Schools Service Remodelling Advisers team on 01904 554592 and send in an Expression of Interest to Barbara.Mands@york.gov.uk

Please note: closing date for applications is noon on 30th November 2008 and these should be returned to the address below.

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