

NSW Department of Education

Building Early Learning Places Program

Information Session

Sector Growth
Early Childhood Outcomes





Acknowledgement of Country



We recognise the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we work and live, paying respect to Elders past and present as teachers of knowledge, songlines and stories.

We strive to ensure every NSW Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander learner achieves their potential through education.



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Questions can be submitted via Q&A chat throughout the presentation



Questions to be general, not specific to project or service's individual circumstances

Agenda

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Program overview

Building Early Learning Places Program

NSW Childcare and Economic Opportunity Fund



The problem

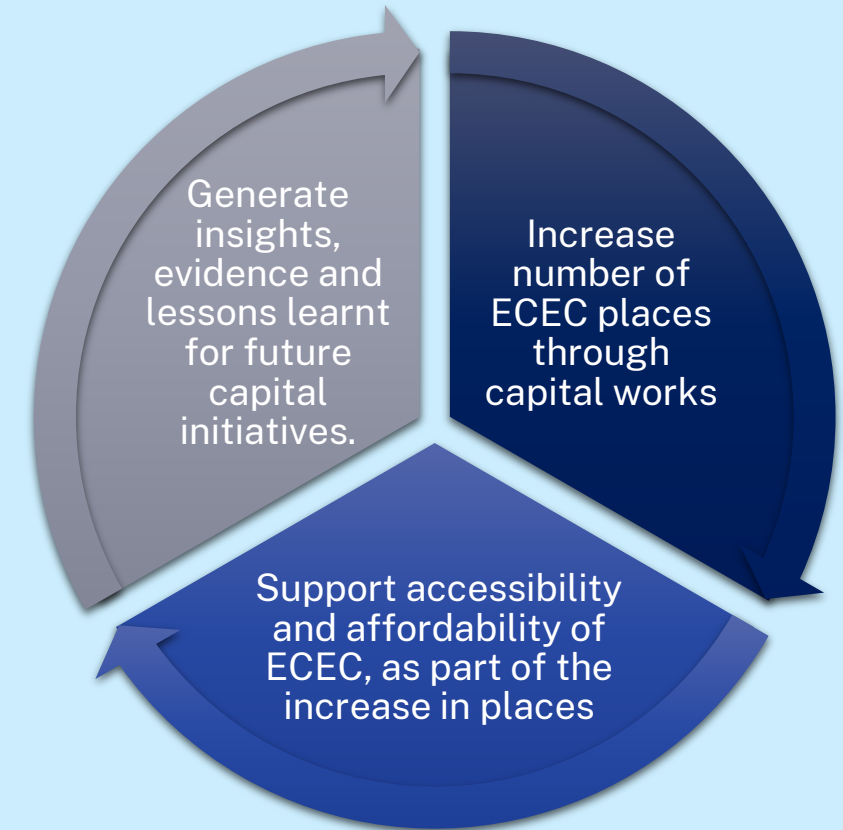
There isn't enough quality, culturally safe ECEC near children's houses or their parents' workplace. Some areas are particularly impacted.



The solution

- \$20 million program
- Competitive targeted grants program for NFP ECEC sector to deliver new ECEC places
- Targeting priority groups with greatest immediate need






The objectives






Program eligibility

Program eligibility

Applicants must meet each of the following:

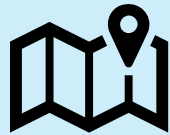
-  be registered or incorporated in Australia.
-  be a not-for-profit organisation/ association or local government entity;
-  be an approved ECEC provider operating at least one existing centre-based service;
-  intend to deliver ECEC places for a **priority group**;
-  hold or intend to hold service approval as a centre-based Community Preschool or Long Day Care.

The program is not eligible to:

-  for-profit organisations
-  out of school hours care (OSHC) and non-centre-based service types, such as family day care services and mobile services
-  capital works projects on public school site and non-government school sites

Targeted Approach

A) Priority group:



**31 undersupplied
areas**

(excluding on public school sites and
non-government school sites)

B) Priority group:



**Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander children**

ECEC Delivery by ACCOs

(anywhere in NSW, excluding on public
school sites and non-government
school sites)

Priority group: Undersupplied areas

Targeted geographically and by age group

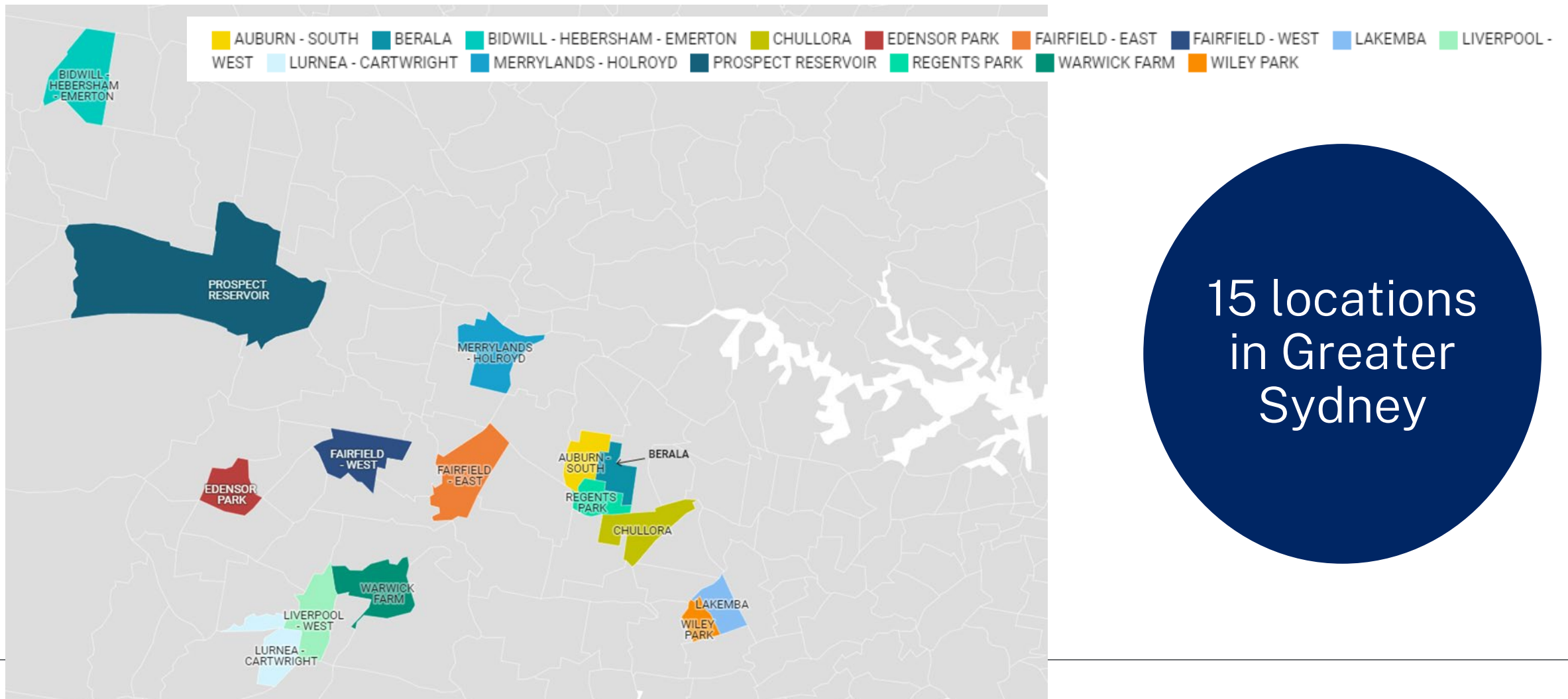


Increase ECEC places in the 31 high-need locations or Statistical Area 2s (SA2s)

Some locations need places for 0-2 year olds (and so require long day cares), while other locations need places for 0-6 year olds (preschools and long daycares)



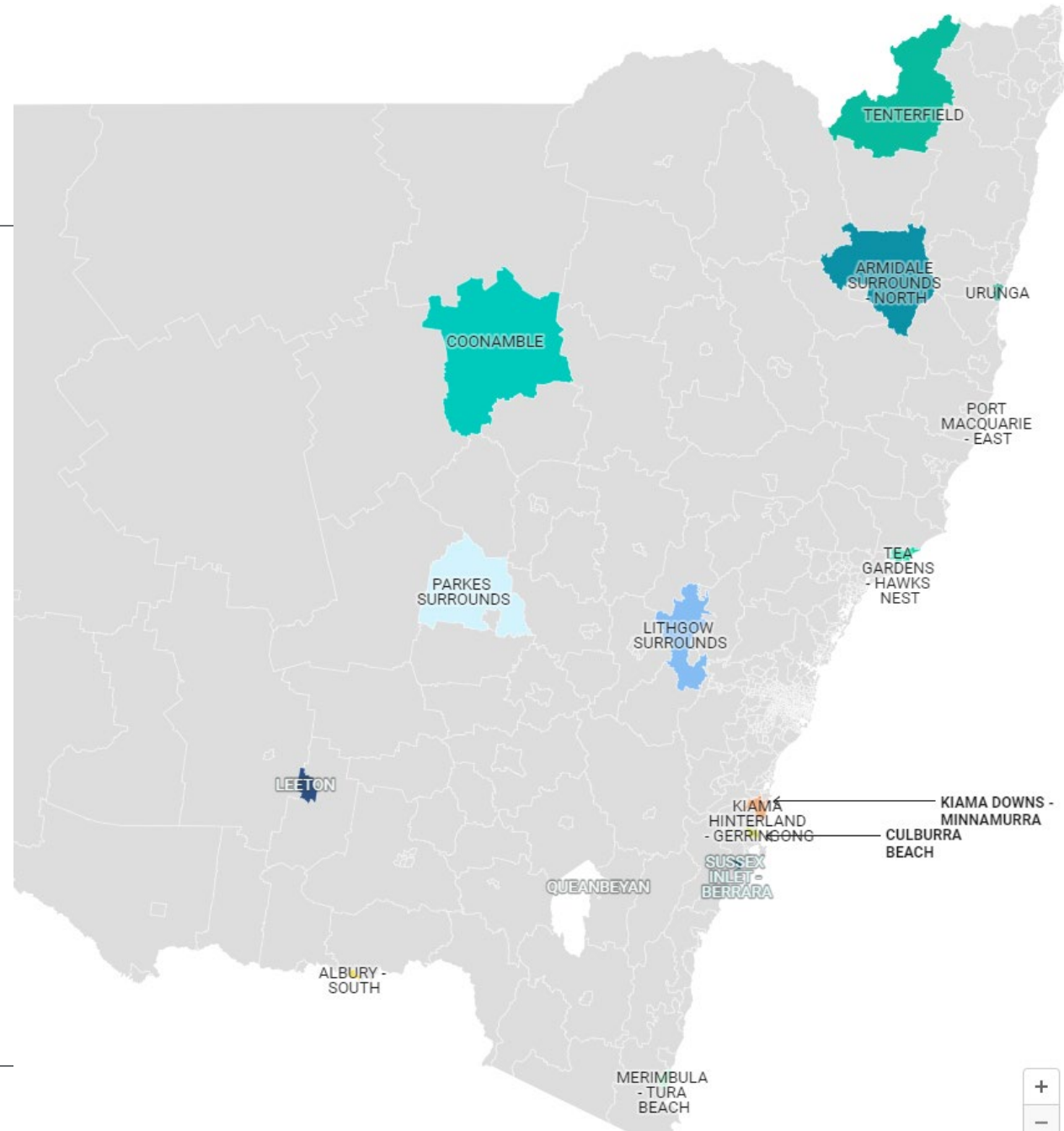
Undersupplied areas – Greater Sydney



Undersupplied areas – Rest of NSW

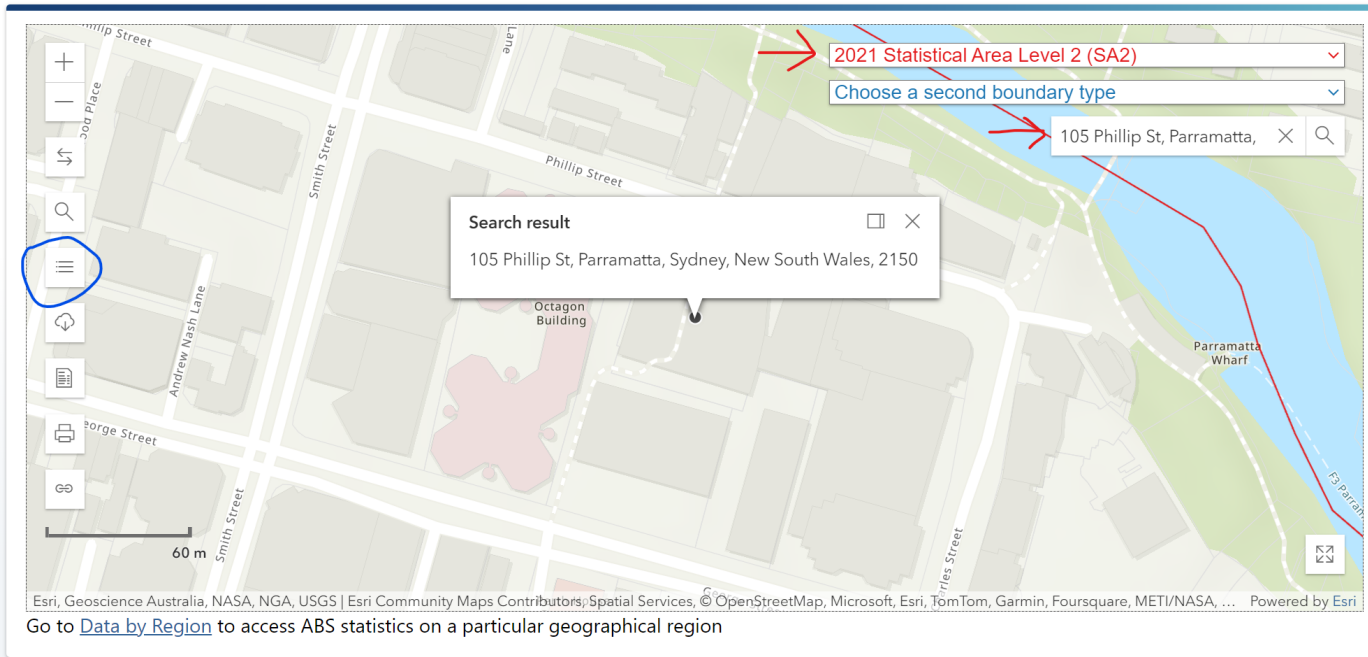
16 locations
across the
rest of NSW

- ALBURY - SOUTH
- ARMIDALE SURROUNDS - NORTH
- COONAMBLE
- CULBURRA BEACH
- KIAMA
- DOWNNS - MINNAMURRA
- KIAMA HINTERLAND - GERRINGONG
- LEETON
- LITHGOW SURROUNDS
- MERIMBULA - TURA BEACH
- PARKES SURROUNDS
- PORT MACQUARIE - EAST
- QUEANBEYAN
- SUSSEX INLET - BERRARA
- TEA GARDENS - HAWKS NEST
- TENTERFIELD
- URUNGA



Determine eligible SA2 areas

ABS Maps



Search result
105 Phillip St, Parramatta, Sydney, New South Wales, 2150

2021 Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2)
Choose a second boundary type

105 Phillip St, Parramatta, × 🔍

60 m

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ASGS Classification

Geography Type	ASGS Name	ASGS Code
2021 State/Territory (S/T)	New South Wales	1
2021 Greater Capital City Statistical Area (GCCSA)	Greater Sydney	1GSYD
2021 Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4)	Sydney - Parramatta	125
2021 Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3)	Parramatta	12504
2021 Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2)	North Parramatta	125041489
2021 Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1)		12504148939



Program guidelines on department website for list of targeted SA2 areas and **Application guide** for further information to identify your SA2 area.

Priority group: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children

More affected by location of ECEC and service availability than other children

Children are more likely to participate in ECEC where local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff are employed



ACCOs intending to deliver ECEC places for 0–6-year-old children in community preschool or long day care settings, anywhere in NSW, can apply



What can and cannot be funded?

Elements funded under the program	Elements not funded under the program
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• project management costs• planning and design costs• contingency costs for capital works project within value for money tolerances and included in the endorsed proposal• soil hygienist reports• removal of contaminants on project sites (e.g. asbestos/arsenic)• site preparation, including clearing or demolition• construction and commissioning• landscaping and car parking• fixed fittings and fixed equipment• elements of the build that enhance quality and best practice related to inclusion and cultural safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• site acquisition and lease costs• routine or cyclical maintenance works• purchase of cars, buses and other vehicles• ongoing administration or operational costs• staff salaries and training• toys, portable equipment and consumables• cosmetic upgrades that do not increase capacity• additional funding due to project cost overruns or unforeseen expenses• playground equipment (unless strictly required for the purposes of obtaining service approval)• quality and aesthetic improvements and upgrades that do not lead to an increase in ECEC places

Competitive assessment process & criteria

Assessment process

Stage 1 – Non-priced
assessment criteria

Stage 2 – Priced
assessment criteria

Stage 3 – Overall
ranking



Stage 1 – Non-priced assessment criteria



Project Readiness

Project is ready to commence construction within 12 months of grant award.



Financial Readiness

Accurate cost estimates and sufficient confirmed funding to cover all project costs.



Socio-economic Value

Benefit the project creates for children, families and state's economy through capital works.



Program Guidelines and Application guide on department website for further guidance.

Financial Readiness – Non-Board contributions



Non-Board contributions refer to funding that comes from sources other than the Program grant amount or any other funding provided by the Fund Board.



Contribute a minimum amount of non-Board funding, depending on the size of organisation

Size	Definition	Contribution level required (% of total project cost)
Small Providers	1 service	At least 10%
Medium Providers	2 – 4 services	At least 25%
Large Providers	5 or more services	At least 50%



Non-Board funds are required to be spent prior to any grant funds and should only cover eligible costs of the capital works project.



Apply for an exemption.

Financial Readiness – Budget table and calculating non-Board contribution

Example: ABC Preschool

Penguin Preschool currently operates **one** existing community preschool in Parramatta. They intend to build a new community preschool in Lakemba which will create **50 new licensed places**. The total project cost is \$4,000,000 ex GST, however \$1,000,000 ex GST is to fund therapy rooms which are ineligible items that make up part of the preschool's capital works.

Project expenditure table:

Items	Project expenditure (EX GST)
Site readiness and management	\$150,000
Main build costs	\$2,000,000
Fit out	\$120,000
Landscaping and roadworks	\$300,000
Electricity and plumbing	\$100,000
Project Management fees	\$120,000
Administrative costs	\$150,000
Builders/construction contingency	\$30,000
Provider contingency	\$30,000
Total project cost (eligible items):	\$3,000,000



Note the project expenditure table should only include **eligible items**.

You will be asked to fill out a separate table for any ineligible items that may make up part of your capital works project.

Financial Readiness – Budget table and calculating non-Board contribution

What is my minimum non-board contribution?

Income source	Amount ex GST
Minimum Non-Board Contribution <i>*10% of the total cost of eligible items – in this case it is 10% of \$3,000,000 ex GST</i>	\$300,000
Building ECEC Places Grant amount	\$2,700,000* <i>*this figure represents the max amount they can apply for</i>
TOTAL:	\$3,000,000

Penguin Preschool must have **additional funding** on top of the nominated non-Board contribution to cover the total cost of the ineligible items (\$1,000,000 ex GST).

If Penguin Preschool has an approved bank loan of \$1.3M from the bank but only needs to use \$300,000 to cover their non-board contribution, they can use the remaining \$1,000,000 from the bank loan to contribute towards ineligible items.



Minimum non-Board contribution is the required % of the total project costs on eligible items.

In some cases, applicants may use the same source of funding to cover the ineligible items and the nominated non-Board contribution such as the ABC Preschool example.



Application guide, Budget video and Checklists on department website for further guidance.

Stage 2- Priced Assessment Criteria

- Applications that meet the non-priced criteria will progress to the priced assessment criteria
- While grant awards are uncapped, value for money will be considered
- We will consider the cost per place of your project:

$$\text{Cost per place} = \frac{\text{Grant amount requested (ex GST)}}{\text{New licensed places}}$$



Stage 3- Overall ranking



Project Development and Planning Support

Project Development and Planning Support (PDPS)

Individual support which can include:

- Up to \$10,000 (ex GST) to assist with some of the costs incurred in the preparation of an application
- Up to 20 hours of individual support (or up to 25 for ACCOs, who may also access additional support provided by a sector strengthening partner).

Scope of the support:

- Assist applicants in scoping a project with reliable estimates, including obtaining builders' quotations, Quantity Surveyor reports, structuring a budget
- Obtaining reliable professional plans and unencumbered calculations
- Identifying project risks and mitigation strategies

Eligibility

Meet all the eligibility requirements and objectives of the Program

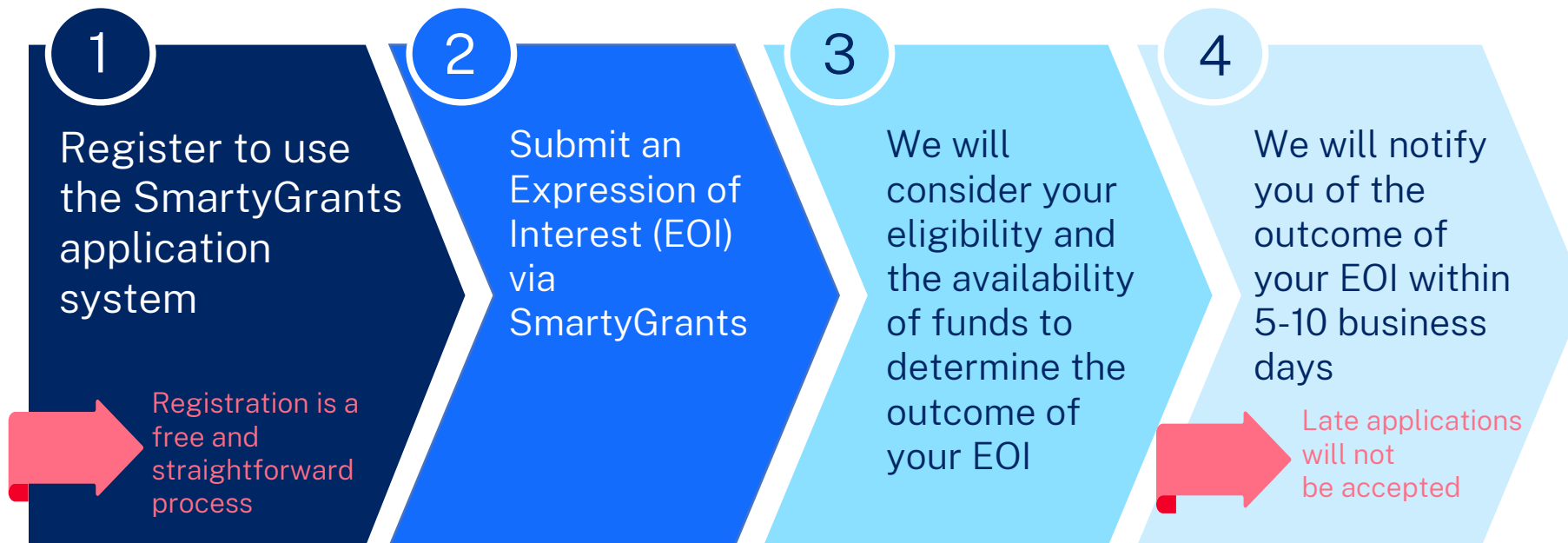
Agree to the Fund Board's Terms of Use

Demonstrate intent and high-level ability to start the capital works project within 12 months of receiving an outcome letter



PDPS procedure on department website for further information on the scope of the support.

How to apply for the support



Opening and closing dates for EOI – from 11 November 2024 – 16 February 2025

Please note: EOI to access support is separate to the application to the program.

Being referred to the support does not guarantee your eligibility or success in obtaining funding under the program.

ACCOs may also access additional support provided by a sector-strengthening partner.

Application Resources

Available support to prepare a grant application



Videos

Regulatory requirements and design consideration

Elements of professional plans

Risk Assessment and management

Monitoring and Analysing Risk

Obtaining builder's quotes

Budget

Fact Sheets

Regulatory requirements and design consideration

Risk management

Cultural Safety

Access and inclusion

Strategic workforce planning

Safeguarding

Checklists

Architectural checklist

Budget review checklist

Financial resources checklist

Application checklist

Other Resources

Program Guidelines

Application Guide

Terms and Conditions

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

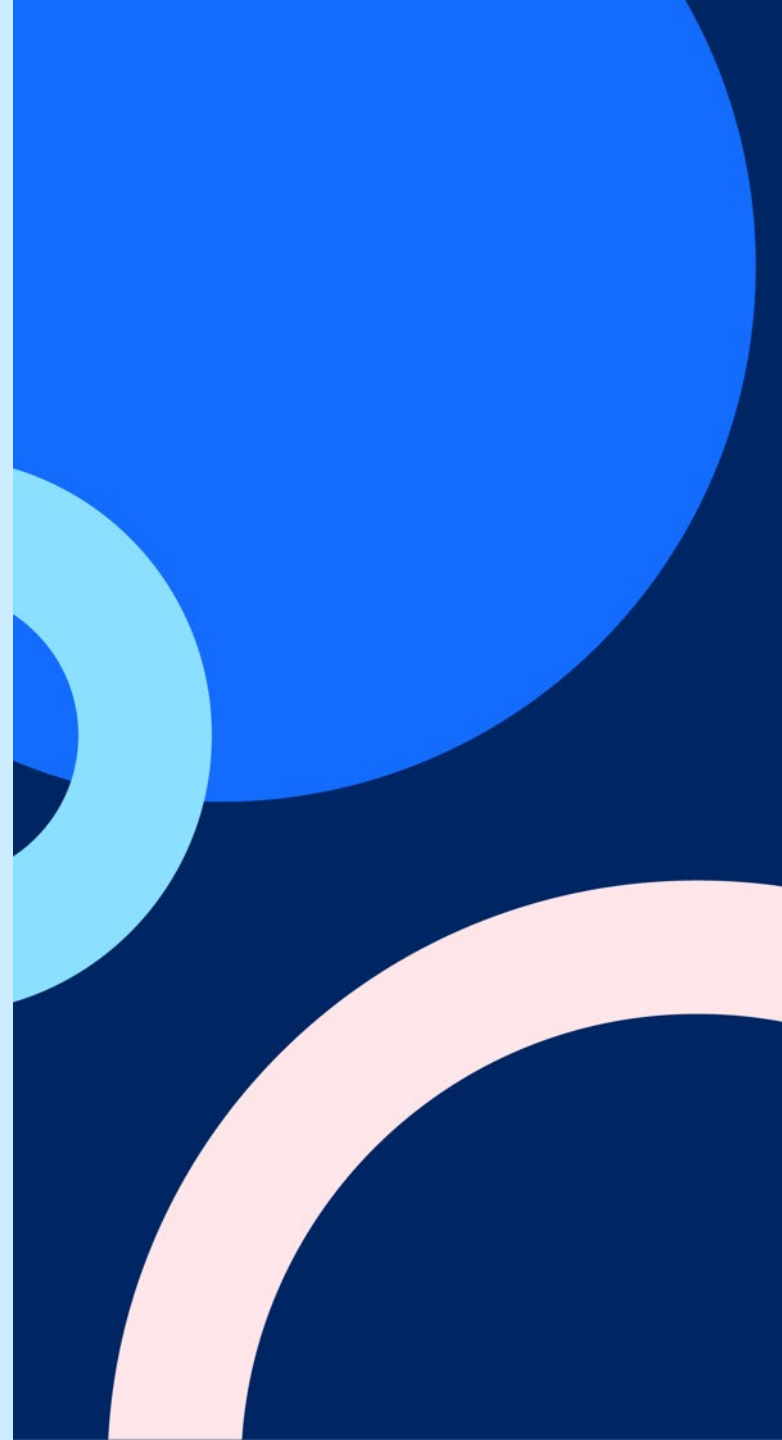
Risk register template

Important dates

Engagement Activity	Date
Info webinar	20 November 2024

Grant Activity	Date
PDPS EOI open	11 November 2024
Program applications open	11 November 2024
PDPS EOI close	16 February 2025
Program applications close	9 March 2025
Applications assessed	March – April 2025
Approval of outcomes	May – June 2025
Notification of outcomes	June 2025

Q & A





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