

# 5. A new family day care service in a remote area

## Flexible Initiatives Trial – Stream 1B scenario

### Community need

Located in a remote area, Happy Bugs family day care provider identifies a need for more quality, accessible early childhood education and care for local families.



### The proposal

Happy Bugs has identified a Certificate III educator who is willing to operate a new family day care service in the area but whose residence will need some safety upgrades to meet the regulatory standards.

### The plan

The Happy Bugs team puts together a plan that includes an investment in training and upskilling a Certificate III educator; regulatory fees; and some minor capital works to complete essential repairs for safety and compliance, equipment upgrades, and to improve accessibility of the family day care residence for the purpose of the program.

## The budget

Item	Trial cost *GST excl
<b>Regulatory fees</b>	
Service approval fees	\$815
Annual service fee	\$245
<b>Development Application (DA) fees</b>	
To use the residential house as a family day care service	\$1,800
<b>Staff</b>	
1 x full-time diploma educator for program establishment	\$15,080
<b>Admin</b>	
1 x 0.25 x full-time equivalent of a diploma educator for 4 weeks (temporary cost)	\$2,320
<b>Training</b>	
Upskilling of new staff 0.5 of a full-time diploma educator for 4 weeks (temporary cost)	\$2,320
<b>Minor capital works</b>	
One-time cost to cover minor building modifications to meet safety and compliance requirements	\$29,300
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>plumbing and installation of child appropriate toilet facilities</li> <li>fencing, new door and additional window</li> <li>supply and install shade sail</li> <li>fire and first aid equipment</li> <li>electrician –rewire smoke alarms, supply and install toilet fan and replace old meter box</li> <li>outdoor fixtures for play</li> </ul>	\$5,500 \$3,600 \$5,000 \$300 \$9,400 \$5,500
<b>FDC coordination unit</b>	
Visit and support costs (ongoing cost)	\$5,000
<b>Software cost</b>	
Software for administration	\$1,500
<b>Training</b>	
Educator professional development (ongoing cost)	\$200
<b>Educational resources</b>	
Learning resources and consumables	\$1,550
<b>Public liability insurance</b>	\$500
<b>Total cost (excluding GST)</b>	\$161,150

## Grant application

The Happy Bugs team submits a grant application outlining the above information. The application is assessed and is successful. They sign a funding agreement.

## Implementation

Happy Bugs, with the Certificate III educator, is successful in setting up the new family day care service.

The service actively engages with their community. They partner with low-SES and CALD families, embracing cultural sensitivities and relevant multilingual resources. They make the best use of IT and software to streamline their administration, so they can focus on caring for and educating young children.

Crucially, the new Happy Bugs family day care service collects feedback, records observations of children's progress, and fosters development. This two-way interaction guides further enhancements, ensuring the program remains rooted in community needs.

## Outcomes

Happy Bugs bridges gaps and fosters children's growth in an accessible, home like environment.



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