

KEYS FUNDING

Childminder Start up Grant

The grant is designed to give assistance to new childminders with their initial setting up costs, based on evidence of need, and to help increase the numbers of registered childminders especially in areas where there is high demand and few providers.

Kirklees Early Years Service can provide grants to prospective childminders for the following kinds of expenditure:-

- Ofsted Registration Fee
- First Aid Training
- Business toolkit & Insurance
- Medical Report
- Membership to NCMA and/or KCMA
- Toy Library Membership

Contact Kirklees Children's Information Service on 01484 223041/2 for further details.

Nursery Education Funding (NEF)

Funding is available for early education settings to provide all three and four year olds with a free part-time place. Children are entitled to 12.5 hours per week for 38 weeks a year for a total of six terms until they reach statutory school age.

The rate for April 2006 to March 2007 is £1558.

Settings must be OFSTED registered and also meet Kirklees Local Conditions of Funding prior to being registered for NEF.

Further information and a registration pack can be obtained from the Children's Information Service on 01484 223041.

Small Grant Scheme

This fund is specifically for childcare providers in the Kirklees area and is split into three types of small grant which cover:

- a) Support for existing provision to maintain and improve quality within the setting, there are two **Quality Enhancement Grants**.
- b) Assistance with initial start up costs, **The Start Up Grant**.
- c) Sustainability for childcare/early education provision threatened with closure through lack of funds, **The Sustainability Grant**.

a1) Small Quality Enhancement Grant to the value of £600

What do we support with this grant?

The key objective of this grant is to support existing provision to maintain and improve quality within settings based in Kirklees. Kirklees Early Years Service can provide 'one off' grants to eligible groups for the following types of expenditure:-

- Toys & equipment
- Essential health & safety requirements
- Essential repairs
- Consumables
- Other, such as marketing, training

Eligibility

Voluntary organisations with a constitution or set of rules e.g.

- Playgroup
- Out of School Care club
- Creche
- Parent & toddler group
- Childminder Support group

New or existing providers are eligible to apply for a grant if their provision falls short of meeting Care Standards. If provision is not required to register the shortfall in standards should have been identified by a development worker from PLA, NCMA, NDNA, or KEYS Childcare co-ordinator, Advisory Teacher or Business Support Officer.

Criteria

- Evidence of identified need
- Presentation of an Ofsted certificate and latest report
- Agreement to follow up business assistance if felt necessary by KEYS.

a2) Medium Quality Enhancement Grant to the value of £1500

The key objective of this grant is to enhance the sustainability prospects of the setting through a key area of quality improvement which has been identified or endorsed by an Ofsted officer, a development worker from PLA, NCMA, NDNA, or KEYS Childcare co-ordinator, Advisory Teacher or Business Support Officer.

We envisage the possible uses of this grant along the lines of:-

- outdoor play area development,
- management office area (equipment, desks, partitions, software, computer, related training etc.),
- outdoor lighting, security upgrade, extra toilets, storage etc.
- Market research projects

- Marketing & promotional programme planning
- Staff / management development

Eligibility

The following groups are eligible to apply for this grant:-

- Out of School Clubs providing childcare of at least 3.5 hours or more per day for children aged 4 – 14 years old (disabled children up to 16 years old) linked to a primary or secondary school in Kirklees.
- Childcare providers offering childcare for children aged 0 – 4 years old, where places are provided for 3.5 hours or more per day.
- Childcare providers offering wraparound childcare of at least 3.5 hours or more per day for 3 & 4 year olds attending one or more early education sessions.
- Childminder networks providing out of school care to children 4 – 14 years old (disabled children up to 16 years old) linked to a primary or secondary school in Kirklees.

Criteria

- Evidence of identified need
- Completion of self assessment form
- Presentation of an Ofsted certificate and latest report
- Agreement to follow up business assistance if felt necessary by KEYS.

Contact Kirklees Children’s Information Service on 01484 223041/2 for further details.

b) Start Up Grant

What is the grant for?

The ‘Start Up Grant’ is designed to give assistance to new providers with their initial setting up costs.

Kirklees Early Years Service can provide ‘one-off’ grants to eligible groups for the following kinds of expenditure:-

- Toys & Equipment
- Ofsted Registration Fee
- Essential Health & Safety Requirements
- Membership to PLA/NCMA/4 Children
- Insurance
- Rent
- Marketing & Publicity
- Consumables

Who can apply?

Your group should be a voluntary organisation with a constitution. The following groups are eligible to apply:-

- Playgroup
- Crèche
- Parent & Toddler Groups
- Childminder Support Group

Applicants must show that the scheme for which they are receiving grant aid:-

- Will provide good quality childcare and meets local needs
- Viability has been established
- Is registered or in the process of becoming registered where applicable

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c) Sustainability Grant

Kirklees Early Years Service can provide 'one-off' grants to eligible groups for the following kinds of expenditure:-

- Staffing
- Rent
- Heating & Lighting
- Essential Health & Safety Requirements
- Insurance
- Marketing & Publicity
- Consumables
- OFSTED recommendations

Groups would normally be expected to have undergone a Business Health Check with a member of the Business Team and be willing to commit to Quality Assurance and business training as a condition of the grant. Any grant requested should only be at the level needed to address the difficulty faced and cannot be used to maintain profit margins. Only one application will be allowed by a group in any 3 year period.

Who can apply?

- Childcare providers offering childcare for children aged 0-4 years old, for 3.5 hours or more per day. (This excludes childminders)
- Childcare providers offering integrated childcare of at least 3.5 hours or more per day for 3 & 4 year olds attending one or more early education sessions.
- Playgroups offering early education sessions of 2½ hours per day.

- Out of School Clubs providing childcare of at least 3.5 hours or more per day for children aged 4 – 14 years old (disabled children up to 16 years old) linked to a primary or secondary school in Kirklees.

Applicants must show that the scheme for which they are receiving grant aid:-

- Provides good quality childcare/early education and meets local needs
- Is in need of funding due to circumstances beyond the control of the scheme
- Has taken all possible steps to ensure viability. This could include rent negotiations, review of fee policy, grant applications and fundraising.
- Has produced a plan that will ensure the scheme will be viable within 12 months which should identify a programme of training for both staff and management.

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Sure Start Out of School Funding

For the financial year 2006 -07 Kirklees Early Years Service has a modest amount of funding to aid the creation of out of school places which can be applied for by new or existing providers to satisfy the identified local needs of children and families.

This funding will be linked closely to the Government's 10 year strategy and the outcomes of Every Child Matters in particular creating childcare linked to the extended schools programme which has:

- Quality
- Sustainability
- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Flexibility to meet the needs of parents

Sure Start Extended Schools have the potential to be at the heart of their local communities, meeting local needs as part of a wider strategic approach for Children and families. KEYS is working in partnership with the Extended Learning Service and other organisations to deliver this programme which hopes to have 2500 schools nationally providing access to a core of extended services (which may include childcare) by September 2006.

The expectancy is that applicants for this grant will be working closely with the school, KEYS childcare co-ordinators and other agencies to meet the extended schools agenda.

The funding can be used to create the following types of out of school hours childcare:

- Breakfast or before school service
- An after school service
- Before and after school service
- Integrated/wraparound service for 3 & 4 year olds in early education
- Holiday service or an all year service (This can be any of the following combinations: before school + holiday provision, after school + holiday provision, before and after school + holiday provision, integrated /wraparound service for 3 and 4 year olds in a day nursery setting.
- An eligible place should offer at least 3.5 hours of care.
- Wraparound care should offer an hour or more.
- Holiday provision should be at least three consecutive weeks but preferably all holiday periods.

NB: This grant cannot be used to fund retrospectively

Who is eligible for the Out of Schools General Sure Start Grant ?

- Existing out of school clubs
- Schools through Voluntary Management Committees, private providers, Governing Body
- Local voluntary groups and community groups
- Organisations which co-ordinate and support childminding
- Local Authority & private sector providers
- Pre-schools / Playgroups
- Groups of providers
- Employers

For further details and a funding Start Up Pack please contact Kirklees Children's Information Service on 01484 22 3041/2.

Childminder Sustainability Grant

The Kirklees Early Years Service can provide financial assistance to childminders who have lost previously registered children and who comply with strict requirements and criteria.

If you meet these criteria the grant will entitle you to 80% of your loss of earnings, two clear weeks after the place becomes vacant, for up to five weeks. This cannot exceed £100 per vacancy, per week.

Please contact Lucy Shuter on 01484 225288 for further details.

Special Educational Needs (SEN) Access Fund

Funding is available for Out of School Clubs who wish to make inclusive childcare accessible for all children. It supports children who currently receive additional support within an educational setting but who's needs cannot be fully supported within an Out of School Club. It is also to support children with special educational needs/disability who have significant needs in other early education and childcare settings.

The fund could pay for additional support, equipment or resources. The funding is for a maximum of 12 weeks. Should a continuation of the funding be necessary your application will be re-assessed prior to the end of this period.

For further details and an application form please contact Kirklees Children's Information Service on 01484 223041/2