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## Great Start Community Playgroup Grants Application Guidelines 2018

### About

The \$50,000 Great Start Community Playgroup Grant Fund has been provided by the Minister for Families and Children, Minister for Early Childhood Education – The Honorable Jenny Mikakos.

Newly established community playgroups can make an application for a grant to purchase equipment, advice and mentoring support to help get their community playgroup up and running. In 2018 priority will be given to new community playgroups being set up by parents who are transitioning from First Time Parents Groups

50 grants to the value of \$1000 will help new community playgroups get off to a great start.

Successful applicants will receive;

- Mentoring from Playgroup Victoria's Support, Engagement and Development Team
- A \$650 voucher to purchase equipment
- Registration with Playgroup Victoria
- Access to Playgroup Victoria online resources

**Applications are now open and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018**



## FAQs

### **Who is eligible?**

Community playgroups that have commenced in the last twelve months. Priority will be given to new community playgroups that include families transitioning from Maternal and Child Health Fris Time Parent Groups.

### **What is a community playgroup?**

A community playgroup is a parent run playgroup. This means that there is no payment made to anyone to facilitate or support the group

### **Can supported playgroups apply?**

No, supported playgroups are not eligible under this fund.

### **Will a cash payment be made ?**

No cash payments will be made. Successful applicants will receive vouchers to purchase equipment or toys for the playgroup.

### **What is mentoring ?**

Community playgroups will be provided with expert mentoring to support the playgroup getting established. Mentoring may occur via phone, e-mail or face-to-face and could cover Issues such as managing finances, problem resolution, promoting playgroups and play ideas.

### **What Playgroup Victoria resources will we have access to?**

- Mentoring from Playgroup Victoria's Support, Engagement and Development Team
- Great Start Playgroup folder - includes tips and tools especially targeted to new playgroups
- Playmap – an online tool with lots of play ideas for your playgroup
- Toolkit for playgroups
- Facebook – like us on Facebook to join our online playgroup community to share practical ideas and news about local events for families.

### **When is the grant application due and when will I get a response?**

Applications are now being received. Applications close on 15th May 2018. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application as soon as practicable after the closing date.