Playground Grants in Australia

Supporting schools and communities to build play and recreation spaces

Building a playground for your school or local park is one of the most worthwhile and meaningful things you can do. However, it can be hard to find the funds to realise your dream of a well-designed playground with quality play equipment.

A playground grant can be a welcome boost to your budget and here, we provide information about grants which Australian community groups, early learning centres and schools can apply for.



Federal & State Government

The Australian Government and State Governments establish **grants programs to support policy areas** and fund community infrastructure and facilities. This can include specific playground funding programs.

For example: Targeted capital funding initiatives run by Federal and State Education Departments, and Departments which focus on community and regional development.

Community Funds

There are a host of not-for-profit organisations and private trusts which have **annual grants programs**, and the majority of these have a focus on supporting communities and children.

For example: The Ian Potter Foundation, Sidney Myer Fund and The Myer Foundation, and state-based funds like the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (QLD), ClubGrants (NSW), and Lotterywest (WA).

Corporations

Many national, regional, and even local businesses provide grants for projects which **deliver positive health and wellbeing** outcomes for children, families and communities such as playgrounds.

For example: Annual grants programs run by big banks like CommBank and Bendigo Bank, and other businesses in the energy, communications, insurance, mining, construction and retail sectors.

Councils

The majority of Councils have grants programs which include categories for **projects that benefit local residents** and promote community participation, inclusion and cohesion.

Head to your local Council website to find information about grants.



What

businesses operate in your region?

What infrastructure projects are underway near you? Check their websites or better

still, phone their offices and ask about grants!

Where to find grants information

- GrantConnect is the Australian Government's one-stop-shop for finding and applying for grants offered by different government departments.
- **The Community Grants: A Guide** lists government and non-government grants.
- Regional Development Australia has chapters in each state and promotes grant opportunities.
- The Foundation for Rural Regional **Renewal** provides grants and resources that support a range of areas including improving access to sustainable social and physical infrastructure.
- **The Grants Hub** also enables you to register to access a Grants Directory (for a fee).

Playground funding initiatives

- NSW Government Community Building Partnerships program
- Queensland Education School Subsidy Scheme
- Victorian School Building Authority Inclusive Schools Fund
- Western Australia Community Grants Programs (various)



