

Flying Start Infrastructure Grants Stage 1 Application Form

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Flying Start Infrastructure Grants (FIG)

STAGE 1: Initial Application

Information for Applicants

Before completing this application form, you should read the [Flying Start Infrastructure Grant Program Guidelines](#). For supporting material on your application and infrastructure projects, you are encouraged to read the [Flying Start Infrastructure Guidance Pack](#)

If you have any queries in completing the application, contact the Office for Early Childhood Development on OECD.Infrastructure@sa.gov.au.

You do not have to complete this application in one attempt. You can save the application and come back to it later.

Declaration and Privacy Statement

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Privacy notice

All personal information collected from applicants will be treated in accordance with the Government of South Australia's Information Privacy Principles as set out in South Australian Government Premier and Cabinet Circular 012.

Treatment of confidential information

If an applicant believes that any information provided in their application is confidential or commercial-in-confidence, the applicant must clearly identify such information and the reason for its confidentiality.

Declaration and privacy statement:

Applicants should be aware that the Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD) is subject to certain legislative, parliamentary and administrative accountability and transparency requirements of the Australian Government and Government of South Australia, including public disclosure in accordance with Department of the Premier and Cabinet policy.

The OECD will treat all information provided by applicants sensitively. Any information contained in, or relating to, an application, including information identified by an applicant as confidential, may be disclosed by the OECD:

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- within the Government of South Australia or other entities where this serves the legitimate interest of the OECD
- in response to a request by a House or Committee of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia or South Australia
- if the application is successful, for promotion of project activities and outcomes
- where information is authorised or permitted by law to be disclosed

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- where the information is already in the public domain.

Declarations *

- ☐ I am aware the Grant Conditions outlined in the Flying Start Infrastructure Grants Program Guidelines will apply to successful proposals.
- ☐ I understand that the information contained in this application will be used in accordance with relevant legislation and policies and procedures.
- ☐ If successful, I agree to undertake the proposal as stated and provide the required evidence to demonstrate that the grant was expended in accordance with the agreement.
- ☐ I certify that all details supplied in this application and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the application has been submitted with the full knowledge and agreement of the management of my organisation/group.
- ☐ I agree that I will contact the Office for Early Childhood Development immediately via OECD.Infrastructure@sa.gov.au if any information provided in this application changes or is incorrect.
- ☐ I have collected and recorded the information or evidence as outlined in the application form and can, if asked, provide copies of this evidence.
- At least 6 choices must be selected.

Authorised person's name: *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Position held: *

Date of declaration: *

Applicant details

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Applicant Details

Organisation name: *

Organisation Australian Business Number (ABN) *

Organisation head office address *

Address

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.
Post Office Box addresses are not accepted

Postal address (if different from above)

Address

Primary contact *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position held in the organisation *

Primary contact phone *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Alternative phone

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary contact email *

Must be an email address.

Organisation eligibility

*** indicates a required field**

Organisation eligibility

Organisation entity type: *

- ☐ Local government authority
- ☐ Non-government school registered with the Education Standards Board (ESB) and in receipt of state government funding
- ☐ Not-for-profit organisation that is registered or incorporated in Australia
- ☐ Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO)-led Community Child Care Restricted (CCCF-R) service

My Organisation is applying as the: *

- ☐ Approved provider of an expanded or new service operating from a leased facility
- ☐ Approved provider of a new or expanded service operating from a facility that is/will be owned by my organisation
- ☐ Landlord of a facility from which a new or expanded service is/will be delivered

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Existing site tenure details:

Upload a copy of relevant extracts of your lease agreement. *

Attach a file:

Landlord / Owner support:

Provide evidence of landlord in-principle support for the proposed project and proposed lease extensions (or options to extend) to meet the requirement for a 10 year lease. *

Attach a file:

Site tenure details:

Does your organisation own the land on which the facility is located? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Advise land ownership details and evidence of landowner in-principle support to undertake the project works on the site. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Upload supporting documents. *

Attach a file:

Delivery of 3-year-old preschool

Do you undertake to ensure a funded 3-year-old preschool program is delivered from the expanded or new facility for a period of 10 years following completion of the proposed project? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please note: it is a condition of the grant funding that there is a commitment to provide a funded 3-year-old preschool program for period of 10 years. Please refer to the [Flying Start Infrastructure Grant Program Guidelines](#) for further information.

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Provide your approved provider number (e.g. PR-000001234). *

Provide the name and approved provider number (e.g. PR-00001234) of the not-for-profit early childhood provider that will operate the service, OR, your plan for engaging a not-for-profit early childhood approved provider to operate the service. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Project eligibility

* indicates a required field

Project summary

Which of the following best describes the project? *

- ☐ Expansion of an existing facility
- ☐ New build

Please note: to be eligible for funding, new facilities must offer preschool integrated with long day care.

Indicate your service's current operating model.

- ☐ Sessional preschool service
- ☐ Long day care service (with or without an integrated preschool program)

Preschool is an educational program for 15 hours per week, led by a Bachelor qualified early childhood teacher.

It is currently offered in the year before children attend school. Commencing from 2026, the new preschool model for 3- and 4-year-olds will include:

- *a teacher-led quality preschool program*
- *support from allied health and other professionals*
- *early identification of a child's developmental needs on site, with organised pathways to interventions*
- *organised family and community supports for those who need it.*

See the [Policy and Funding Guide](#) for more information.

Is your service a "declared approved service" under national regulations?

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ECEC services that were licensed under the *Children's Services Act 1985* or operated before the National Law came into effect (1 January 2012) and have not been renovated since are known as declared services.

This means they were approved to educate and care for the same number of children as before this law, despite not meeting the indoor space requirements specified by the regulations in the Education and Care Services National Law (South Australia).

Please tick one box. *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Do your service's approved places align with the maximum physical capacity of the current space? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Provide further details, including the potential for re-assessment of approved places *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Does your service have an enrolment policy that limits enrolments below its number of approved places? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Provide rationale for the policy and whether you are open to amending your enrolment policy. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

How many approved places at your existing service accommodate preschool-aged children? (i.e., considering the spaces in which you deliver programs to children aged 3 or above in the two years before school) *

Must be a number.

What is your average vacancy rate in these rooms over the past year? *

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State the vacancy rate in %. This can be indicative.

Provide an overview of the proposed scope of the project (note: further details are sought in the Project implementation section). *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

How many additional approved places for preschool-aged children will be created by the proposed project? *

Must be a number

Will your project create approved places for children aged 0-2? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Advise how many approved places will be created for children aged 0-2. *

Must be a number

Has your organisation signed a building contract or commenced construction at the site for a project to expand preschool capacity at the date of this application? Please tick one box. *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Grant funding will not be provided where projects have been completed, have an executed agreement in place with a builder or have commenced prior to an application being submitted.

Please contact the Office for Early Childhood Development on OECD.Infrastructure@sa.gov.au for further information.

Provide the address of the service to be expanded. *

Address

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Provide the proposed location address for a new service *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.

Provide title reference information if possible.

☐ CL (Crown Lease) ☐ CT (Certificate of Title) ☐ CR (Crown Record) ☐ LT (Limited Title)

Title Prefix, Title Volume, Title Folio, Any Details

Stakeholder support

Provide evidence of support for the project from your organisational governance.

Upload supporting documents *

Attach a file:

Provide evidence of support for the project from affected stakeholders, for example from co-located or visiting services.

Upload supporting documents if required

Attach a file:

Preschool demand

Is the proposed expanded or new service in an area of unmet demand based on the published OECD Market Information Summary? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

The Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD) has published the [Market Information Summary](#) to share estimates of where new preschool capacity is needed to support the roll-out of 3-year-old preschool.

This Market Information Summary presents outputs from statewide preschool provision modelling, showing where there is anticipated unmet demand for 3- and 4-year-old preschool at the end of the 3-year-old preschool roll-out in 2032, modelled by geographical areas (Statistical Area 2, SA2).

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Provide details and compelling evidence that there is unmet demand for preschool at a local / sub-SA2 level in the proposed project's location or that it would service an area of unmet demand. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Upload supporting evidence as required.

Attach a file:

Service level demand and viability

Please provide evidence that the new or expanded service will have sufficient demand (including non-preschool demand) to be viable. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Upload supporting evidence as required.

Attach a file:

Provide current and/or projected enrolments and/or high-level financial forecasts for expanded capacity for 2 years following the project's completion. *

Attach a file:

Project implementation information

*** indicates a required field**

Planning and design

Provide layout drawings with markup of spaces for current (if applicable) and planned use. Include current approved places for preschool-aged children and calculation of increase in approved places for preschool-aged children, completed by your professional consultant. *

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Drawing markup must include area calculations for spaces in m2.

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Provide photographs of the site including aerial photo from Google Maps or similar. *

Attach a file:

Provide an indicative project schedule including key dates and milestones. Please use the [project schedule template](#) provided.

Please upload a copy of the project schedule. *

Attach a file:

Attach completed template

What is your plan to continue operations during project delivery (including impacts on any co-located services, if applicable)? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Upload a copy of supporting evidence as required.

Attach a file:

Planning and development approvals

Confirm initial planning and development consultation with local council has taken place and support has been indicated. *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

These consultations with the local council should consider:

- *external environment*
- *planning and zoning*
- *carparking*
- *traffic*
- *any preliminary advice and feedback*
- *any identified project risks and issues.*

Upload copies of supporting evidence.

Attach a file:

Project cost estimate

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What is the estimated indicative total project cost in \$ (Excl. GST) including:

- all project elements
- a minimum contingency of 15% to account for unforeseen costs and escalation above projections
- professional fees.

Please use supplied [cost estimate](#) template and attach any files from your professional consultant.

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Must be a dollar amount.

Attach a completed copy of the supplied cost estimate template and any relevant files provided by your professional consultant. *

Attach a file:

What is the estimated total indicative cost in \$ (Excl. GST) for the components that will create additional capacity for preschool-aged children, including shared spaces?

(This must list all spaces designated as preschool or shared spaces, include estimated costs for each space, and align with the marked up layout drawing requested above).

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Must be a dollar amount.

List each component that will support additional preschool capacity in the table below (e.g. preschool room, kitchen, hallway, staff room etc.).

Additional preschool space component

Total project funding and budget

What is the funding contribution in \$ (Excl. GST) you are requesting from the Flying Start Infrastructure Grants program? *

Must be a dollar amount.

Financial information

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Organisation financial viability

Provide audited (if available) financial statements from the last three financial years of operation. *

Attach a file:

State Government Non-Government School Loans Scheme

Non-Government School Loans Scheme.

The South Australian Government has made available low interest loans of amounts between \$500,000 and \$10 million to deliver eligible infrastructure through the School Loans Scheme.

The School Loans Scheme provides an alternative or additional source of funding for eligible organisations and projects, either in lieu of a grant, or for eligible entities to source their co-contribution to a project.

Applicants may be eligible to fund part or all their project under the School Loans Scheme provided they meet the required eligibility criteria. For more information on the Scheme, including eligibility, view the [School Loan Scheme guidelines](#).

If another round of the Non-Government School Loan Scheme is opened, would you like to apply to assist with funding your proposed project?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Indicate the loan amount proposed to be sought.

Must be a number.

Indicate the proposed loan term in years (up to 15 years)

Must be a number.

The South Australian Government Financing Authority or the Office for Early Childhood Development may reach out to you during the grant round should further information be required to consider the application for funding under the School Loan Scheme.

If your grant application is not competitive, would you like to be considered under the Non-Government School Loan Scheme?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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The Flying Start Infrastructure Grants are competitive and not every application is guaranteed funding.

Eligible applicants that nominate to be considered under the Non-Government School Loan Scheme increase their opportunities to secure state government funding to deliver their project.

A loan may be provided in lieu of, or in addition to, an approved FIG grant.

Project budget (funding and finance arrangements)

Please outline how you will fund your project in the budget table below, including planned and confirmed funding.

(All amounts are to be GST Exclusive).

Funding / Finance Income Description **Is this funding confirmed?** **Income amount (budgeted) (Excl.GST)** **Notes**

Provide a clear description for each Funding / Finance income item.		Enter the total amount expected to be received. Must be a dollar amount.	Include dates when funding will be secured or the outcome known.

Upload supporting documents as required.

Attach a file:

Budgeted Income Total

Total budgeted income amount \$ (Excl. GST).

This number/amount is calculated.

The amount will be automatically calculated from the Project Budget Table above.

Competitive assessment criteria

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Provide written responses below on how the project will meet each of the following competitive assessment criteria. Please note your responses can vary in length and you may refer to other responses or evidence already provided.

Access to preschool

Outline the extent to which your project would:

- **contribute towards addressing anticipated unmet demand for preschool places in a local area**
- **maximise effective and efficient use of any existing service capacity**
- **improve access to preschool for priority groups of children**
- **address inequities in preschool availability within the community.**

The availability of potential partner services or identified market led projects underway will be considered.

Please note, the OECD will consider all aspects of the grant application when assessing this criterion.

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Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Value for money

Outline the extent to which your project would:

- **provide cost-effective solutions that maximise the impact of government investment**
- **not proceed without government investment**
- **deliver a high return on investment in terms of increased preschool capacity and community benefits.**

Please note, the OECD will consider all aspects of the grant application when assessing this criterion.

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Word count:

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Project readiness

Outline the extent to which your project:

- **is ready to proceed, with planning, design, and approvals in place or underway**
- **has the necessary stakeholder support to ensure successful implementation.**

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Please note, the OECD will consider all aspects of the grant application when assessing this criterion.

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Word count:

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Integration with the early childhood system

Outline the extent to which your project would:

- align with and complements other early childhood services
- support seamless transitions between preschool and other early childhood programs or services.

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Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Quality

Outline the extent to which your project would:

- deliver high-quality preschool facilities that, for example, meet or exceed the National Quality Standard
- promote innovative approaches to early childhood education and care.

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Word count:

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Broader project benefits

Outline the extent to which your project would:

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- **create additional positive impacts, such as job creation or environmental benefits**
- **enhance broader community development and contributes to long-term sustainability.**

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Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Supporting evidence

You may provide supporting evidence such as your service's enrolment profile, partnerships with other organisations, reference to plans and council engagement, and evidence the project will assist to address childcare demand.

Attach a file:

Attach supporting files if desired