

Childcare Start Up & Expansion Grant **2016/17**

The Childcare Start Up & Expansion Grant is an initiative funded by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council & Early Years Development Childcare & Play Partnership. The scheme has been introduced to support the set up of new provisions or those in the process of expanding their provision within Blaenau Gwent, to accommodate the growing need for childcare.

Who can apply?

Any Day Nursery, Pre School Playgroup, Cylch Meithrin or After School Club registered with CSSIW and affiliated to National Day Nurseries Association, Mudiad Meithrin, Wales Pre-School Providers Association, Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years or Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club, within the Blaenau Gwent County Borough currently providing childcare for children between the ages of 0-12 years.

Amount of Grant

- £500 flat rate payment for start-ups plus £50 per registered place.
- For start-up's that are supported through the Flying Start Grant or that are taking over an existing provision there will be no flat rate payment and the amount per registered place will be reduced to £25.
- Expansion grants will be paid at a rate of £25 per registered place with no flat rate payment.

Eligible Expenditure

- Capital Equipment
- Rent
- Staffing Costs
- Registration Fees
- Training Costs
- Resources: paint, paper, toys
- External & Internal Building Works & Alterations
- Purchased via cheque, debit card or online BACS payment

Ineligible Expenditure

- Expenditure incurred **BEFORE** the date the Grant is offered
- Stock / Consumables
- VAT / Taxes
- Revenue Costs
- Insurances
- Legal & Professional Fees
- HP / Lease Hire purchases
- Cash or Credit Card purchases

Application Process

- Must be registered or in the process of registration with CSSIW – copy of certificate required
- Application Form accompanied by:
 1. 3 months business or personal bank statements if no business account is set up.
 2. Cash Flow Forecast
 3. Commitment to undertake the Blaenau Gwent Quality Improvement Scheme.

Payment of the Grant

- £500 for Start Up's will be issued at the stage of approval, with the balance issued upon receipt of CSSIW registration document.
- For Sessional Childcare, payments for registered childcare places will only be paid where places are being offered. If a provision starts up initially with one session per day they will only be paid for the registered places offered at that session. If an additional session is later started an expansion grant may be considered.
- An Expansion Grant application will not be considered where a provision has received this grant for the same service within the last five years.

When can you apply?

Applications can be returned immediately or must be received by 31st January 2017, at the latest and should be sent to: Kara Kershaw, Child Care Business Development Officer, Early Years & Childcare Team, Integrated Services Team, Heart of the Valleys Integrated Centre, High Street, Blaina. NP13 3BN

N.B Late applications will not be considered