

Childcare Sustainability Grant **2016/17**

The Childcare Sustainability Grant is an initiative funded by Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council & Early Years Development Childcare & Play Partnership. The scheme has been developed to enhance the sustainability of childcare providers supporting them to increase occupancy levels.

Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of the Sustainability Grant is to support and sustain a good quality childcare provision, which is at severe risk of closure. Providers must show that their income is less than their expenditure, must have no non-staff related reserves & will need to prove that occupancy or income levels will increase by the end of the financial year.

Who can apply?

Any Day Nursery, Childminder, Pre School Playgroup, Cylch Meithrin or Out of 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

- £100 for Childminders
- £750 for Group Provisions

Eligible Expenditure (purchased via cheque, debit card or BAC's)

- Wages
- Rent
- Heating & Lighting
- Essential Health & Safety Costs (eg) Insurance
- Relocation Costs (If no fault of Setting)
- Resources (e.g) Paint, paper etc

Ineligible Expenditure

- Expenditure incurred **BEFORE** the date the Grant is offered
- VAT / Taxes
- Advertising & marketing materials
- Repair & maintenance
- Membership payments
- Legal & professional fees
- HP / Lease Hire purchases
- Cash or Credit Card purchases

Application Process

- Must be registered with CSSIW – copy of certificate required
- Application Form accompanied by:
 1. 3 months business bank statements (All settings must have a separate bank account in the name of the business/setting, 3 months personal bank statements can be accepted for childminders).
 2. Demonstrate how the Setting will become sustainable with the injection of the Sustainability Grant & how the business will continue to run at a sustainable level in the future.
 3. Commitment to undertake the Blaenau Gwent Quality Improvement Scheme using the Environmental Rating Scales appropriate for the setting, or to have already undertaken the scheme.

How to apply?

N.B Late applications will not be considered

Complete the attached form and return it to the Early Years Childcare and Play Team with all the supporting evidence enclosed. . All forms must be typed or printed in **BLACK** ink. If you require any help in completing your application form or would like any further information, please contact Kara Kershaw on 01495 354772

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

What happens next...

The Early Years Development Childcare and Play Partnership will consider all applications received by 31st January 2017. An acknowledgement letter will be sent within 10 working days confirming receipt of your application. If your application is successful you will receive an approval letter and payment will be made by bank transfer by 31st March 2017.

Evaluation

You will also be required to complete and return by 29th September 2017:

- A self-assessment form outlining how the grant helped towards sustaining your provision.