

Vale of Glamorgan Early Years & Childcare Capital Small grant scheme – what can and can't be funded 2022-23

The Purpose of the Funding is to enable early years and childcare providers to apply for small amounts of grant funding to improve their premises for the provision of childcare services.

Childminders	Up to £10,000
Childcare providers registered for 15 or fewer	Up to £10,000
Childcare providers registered for 16 to 29 places	Up to £15,000
Childcare providers registered for 30+ places	Up to £20,000

Item	Max amount	Quotes needed	Comments
Building works	Up to 100% of total cost	3	
General refurbishment	Up to 100% of total costs	3	For example: painting and decorating by external company
Laptop	£400	No	Purchase for administration work only. Not for use with children
Printer	£100	No	Purchase for administration work only. Not for use with children
Outdoor equipment e.g. climbing frame		No	
Indoor/Outdoor storage/shed		No	
Car seat (each)		No	
Indoor storage		No	

Guidance for grant applications from childcare providers (excluding childminders)

Funding can be offered for various capital works that may be needed such as:

- General refurbishment, including painting, replacing carpets, etc.;
- Improving the outdoor play facilities of a setting, such as replacing the outdoor play surface or providing a canopy;
- Replacing / repairing fixtures and fittings such as toilets, kitchen facilities, windows, doors, etc.;
- Replacing worn equipment / furniture / storage which could potentially pose a health and safety risk. So for example a rusted outdoor climbing frame, broken or badly worn furniture, which could cause splinters;
- IT equipment, provided it can be clearly shown that there is a need in order to deliver Childcare Offer places, this could include laptops, printers, etc. This would not include IT equipment for use by children
- Adaptations to the setting to improve access, etc.; and
- Expenditure on capital items to allow the setting to be more accessible/inclusive for children with disabilities and/or additional learning needs i.e. equipment, ramps etc.

The grant funding is for capital purchases only, essentially something that has a resale value or improves the value of the property. It cannot be used to fund:

- The purchase of consumables, such as paper, cleaning materials, nappies, etc.;
- PPE equipment
- Staff costs such as wages, training, travel and subsistence;
- Utility bills such as gas, electric, rates;
- Mac book, I pad/ Kindle fire/ other tablets
- Toys/ puzzles/ books
- Play Tables / Art Easels/ Chalkboards
- MP3 player and speakers/ camera
- The provision of Wi-Fi;
- Insurance costs e.g. building insurance, employer's liability insurance, etc.
- The purchase of vehicles or vehicle leasing, running costs such as insurance, fuel, servicing, etc.

Guidance for grant applications from childminders

As a childminder working on domestic premises, you will clearly demonstrate the nature of what is being requested and why, and how this benefits the childminding setting and children in their care. The small grant contribution is not to be provided for, general refurbishment, replacement or repairs of fittings within the domestic premises.

Funding can be offered for various capital works that may be needed such as:

- Improving the outdoor play facilities of a setting, such as replacing the outdoor play surface or providing a canopy;
- Improving the outdoor area to enable registration with CIW
- Replacing worn equipment / furniture / storage which could potentially pose a health and safety risk. So for example a rusted outdoor climbing frame, broken or badly worn furniture, which could cause splinters;
- IT equipment for administration of children within your care. **This would not include IT equipment for use by children**
- Expenditure on capital equipment items to allow the setting to be more accessible/inclusive for children with additional needs or disabilities

The grant funding is for capital purchases only, essentially something that has a resale value. In a childminding setting it cannot be used to fund:

- The purchase of consumables, such as paper, cleaning materials, nappies, food etc.;
- Staff costs such as wages, training, travel and subsistence;
- Utility bills such as gas, electric, rates;
- The provision of Wi-Fi;
- Mac book, I pad/ Kindle fire/ other tablets
- Toys/ puzzles/ books
- Play Tables / Art Easels/ Chalkboards
- MP3 player and speakers/ camera
- Insurance costs e.g. building insurance, employer's liability insurance, etc.
- General refurbishment, including painting, replacing carpets, etc.
- Replacing / repairing fixtures and fittings such as toilets, kitchen facilities, windows, doors, etc.;
- The purchase of vehicles or vehicle leasing costs are not eligible for funding and neither are running costs such as insurance, petrol, servicing, etc

This list is not exhaustive; if there is any doubt as to whether or not an item is eligible, please contact Debbie Maule dmaule@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk