

Swindon Sure Start Partnership

Out of school quality development grant criteria 10 – 11

- Up to £500 revenue funding can be awarded as an equipment grant
- Private and voluntary out of school groups can apply for the grant. Daycare nurseries and preschools that also deliver out of school services are not eligible for the funding
- In order to be eligible setting staff qualification levels must either exceed Ofsted qualification requirements or exceed Ofsted qualification requirements in the near future where a member of staff meets the following four conditions:
 - is enrolled on a course which will take the setting over the minimum requirement
 - has been attending the course for at least six months
 - is making satisfactory progress as identified by the course tutor and
 - is scheduled to complete the course in the agreed timescale
- In the context of this grant exceed means that:
 - at all times Ofsted minimum requirements are met and
 - at least two level 3 qualified staff are working in the majority (more than 50%) of sessions
- As a condition of funding providers must respond to all requests for information from Swindon Sure Start Partnership including workforce and quality audits and service delivery audits
- Toys, games and items to support children's activities can be purchased with the grant. A costed list must be approved by Swindon Sure Start Partnership before purchases can be made using grant funding
- Equipment must be new and of good quality
- Small items of equipment under £25 each cannot be bought with the grant.
- Exclusions include equipment to support setting management and consumables such as art materials
- The grant cannot be used against part payment of a larger project
- Funding must be claimed in the financial year in which it was agreed
- Funding will be reimbursed against actual expenditure on production of a claim form and receipts (or other evidence of expenditure)
- If the setting closes within one year of grant being awarded Swindon Sure Start Partnership reserves the right to request the return of the equipment
- Funding is finite and no grant can be guaranteed even if the application meets the criteria