

## Grant Fundraising

Applying for a grant or fundraising for a school or local community playground can be an onerous task, with each grant or fundraising body having different expectations on what is required for a successful submission.

Right from the outset, our design aim is to enhance the communities' recreational enjoyment and help to create confident, strong and healthy children through a variety of outdoor and social experiences.

The most successful grant or funding applications are driven by an invested member of the community, with a clear idea of what the grant can do for the area as a whole. Passion and a plan are key to success!

As a trusted partner for many school and community organisations, we have experience in helping people navigate the complexities of landscape design and community needs so you can plan your new play environment and have all of the deliverables ready for your grant or fundraising application.

### Accessing Funding

With Federal, State and Local government grants available throughout Australia, there are several grants available at any one time. The easiest way to find further information is to use the free online search engine <https://www.grants.gov.au/>

There may be a number of charitable grants available in your local area. These may be announced in a number of different formats – through newsletters or newspapers, online, even social media! Reach out to your community and ask if they've heard about any upcoming grants that may suit you.

### Fundraising Ideas

Once you have a visual representation of your playground, it is so much easier for your community to see your vision and want to help you create it!

- Set up an easel with images of your new playscape at the School Fete and add a fundraising booth so people can donate. Why not add a plant stall?
- Generate a 3D flythrough of your new playground so users can take a birds eye view of the fun they will have
- School email newsletter
- GoFund me page

## Preparing your Submissions

While there are a number of professional grant writing resources available to you, it is possible to successfully write and submit your own grant application!

- Make sure you read all of the criteria and assess your eligibility prior to going through the process. Some grants are only eligible to certain community groups so make sure you do your research.
- Weave your narrative throughout the document. Your community group is looking to access this grant to give you specific community outcomes – make sure you tell this story as it's important!
- Provide as much information as you can; why you need to access this grant, what it will mean to your community and how you plan to use the funds. Comprehensive plans and ideas are key to achieving this.
- Submit on time! Cut-offs dates and times for grant applications are very strict so make sure you submit with plenty of time up your sleeve, just in case there are technical issues.

## Design and Consultation Service

Our team skills extend beyond proprietary playground equipment; backed by a full design team, fabrication facilities and construction crew, our team create solutions that consider all of the existing elements within the space, combines them with your vision, add a touch of magic and conclude with the peace of mind that all of the required Playground Safety Standards have been factored into the design.

### *Stakeholder Engagement*

There are several stakeholders to consider in the design and construction of any recreational environment, from the users themselves to interested community groups, the final asset owners and the maintenance crews that care for the space over the longer term.

With experience engaging stakeholder groups in design consultation, community meetings and presentations, Playscape Creations understand the importance of having key stakeholders fully on board throughout the design process.

### *Key Considerations*

- Who will it serve? Ages, abilities, play space context.
- What is the available area? How much space is there for equipment and landscaping.
- What are the style or theming requirements?
- What is your vision for this play space?
- What is your budget for this project?
- How does this space fit in with the whole environment and any future development plans?
- Plus consideration of any ongoing maintenance and resource management sensitivities

## Deliverables

- 2D Equipment layout on Site Plan
- 2D Site Plan with equipment fall zones and quantity table
- 2D Site Plan with Play Zoning and Design methodology
- Equipment list including play value specifications, age recommendations and number of users
- 3D Renders to visualise the equipment layout in the space
- You will also be provided with an opinion of probable cost, which will outline the pricing and expected construction costs of the equipment and landscaping elements detailed in your plans. If a professional site survey has been provided by the Client, a complete quotation may be provided.
- Working bees can help to prepare your playspace or finish the landscaping after playground installation, potentially saving you money