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Registration and grant aid criteria and conditions

Please read these criteria carefully as your application will not be processed unless the following points are met.

Worcester Play Council Grant Mission:

Worcester Play Council continues to support and adopt the values and criteria of the Worcester Play Strategy when funding play activities within Worcester City. These values promote the importance of enabling children to access a range of play types and experiences which may include; symbolic, exploratory, object, rough and tumble, socio-dramatic, dramatic, social, communicative, creative, deep, fantasy, imaginative, role, loco-motor, mastery or recapitulative play. Worcester Play Council supports all organisations that wish to incorporate these factors into their play activities and are particularly keen to fund those which demonstrate how these play types are included in their work.

If you would like help devising a programme for your play activities please contact the Secretary at Worcester Play Council for support. There are application and evaluation workshops available throughout the year to support you in your grant aid request to Worcester Play Council.

Registration Criteria

Worcester Play Council will require all organisations who wish to apply for funding to register online or through completing a preferred provider form available from Worcester Play Council. This registration process will ensure that all quality assurance criteria is agreed including a procedure is in place for safeguarding. Worcester Play Council will support new and emerging groups to be able to meet the registration criteria below

Organisations-

1. must be a member of Worcester Play Council.
2. must deliver their services in Worcester City
3. must hold relevant insurances to deliver their services
4. must have a safeguarding policy that is regularly reviewed (unless new/emerging group)
5. must deliver to children ages under 16 years
6. must hold a register with names, addresses and ages of children attending, parental consent forms
7. must have a robust finance and accounting procedure (unless new/emerging groups)
8. must register with Ofsted if operating for children under 8 years for more than 5 days in a year
9. must seek to encourage the involvement of children within the planning and running of their play activities.
10. must have a reference for the application from a professional or local person who, although not directly involved with your organisation, knows of your organisation. This could be your local community worker, youth worker or City/County Councillor, for example.

If you need support to meet any of the above criteria please contact the Play Council Secretary who can advise on free training and other relevant training courses.

Grant Aid/ Commissioning Criteria:

1. Funding is available for
 - activities for children up to the age of 16, although we will prioritise funding activities for children aged 5-12 years .
 - equipment to deliver these activities
 - training to support the activities
2. Worcester Play Council gives particular consideration to organisations catering for children from families experiencing economic and social deprivation, ethnic minorities and children with special needs.
3. Worcester Play Council can fund 100% of the activity but usually encourages organisations to arrange their own fund-raising and to apply for other grants. This will need to be indicated and will be considered in terms of the funding allocated. Please contact the secretary who can provide support towards fundraising ideas.
4. Worcester Play Council will monitor your organisation on an ongoing basis to ensure that good practice takes place according to legal guidelines (The Children Act 2004) and safety requirements. Future funding will be dependent on good practice being observed
5. Organisations are required to complete an end of activity evaluation as a condition of future grants being awarded. The organisation will need to agree to provide these documents and information at the end of the funded scheme. A workshop to aid completing your application and evaluation pack will be put on by Worcester Play Council for the organisation to attend. Once evaluation forms have been received a small number of schemes will be chosen for 100% audits to be done.
6. All organisations are to promote Worcester Play Council in all advertising, including the logo and web address.

A number of grants are available to registered organisations throughout the year:

Grant	Limit per application	Available	Application deadline
Equipment grants	£500	All year	Before 24 th of the month
Training grants	£500	March	4 th March
Play day	£250	May	4 th May
Playschemes	£2,500	March	4 th March