

ECEC Flexible Initiatives Trial – Round 3

Application resources: Assessment criteria responses

This is an extract from the Application form to assist you with preparing your responses for the Assessment Criteria questions.

- Read and understand the [ECEC Flexible Initiatives Trial program guidelines](#)
- Prepare descriptive responses to the Assessment Criteria questions using this 'Assessment criteria responses' template, or in a separate Word document.
- You will be required to paste these responses into the application form in SmartyGrants.

Applications must be:

- submitted via the SmartyGrants website (you will be able to register and create your account in SmartyGrants).
- completed by the Approved Provider, or an authorised contact.

Part 1 - Details of your proposed flexible initiative

What is your proposed initiative? * Required

Word count: 50 words maximum. This is a concise statement outlining the key operating model changes or collaborative partnership to deliver an innovative model of ECEC.

How do you plan to deliver this initiative? * Required

Word count: 200 words maximum.

How is your proposed initiative different from your current or existing way of delivering ECEC? * Required

Word count: 200 words maximum. If you are applying for Stream 1B, please write 'n/a' or 'not applicable'

Part 2 – Alignment with Flexible Initiative Trial Objectives

Please select the key objectives of the ECEC Flexible Initiative Trial that align with your proposed initiative: * Required

At least 1 choice must be selected.

You may select more than one option relevant to your proposed initiative. Think about how your proposed operating model changes align with each of the chosen objectives.

For each objective chosen, you will be required to provide a rationale.

Note: Proposed initiatives that are aligned with more objectives will get a higher assessment score

Objective: Increase accessibility of ECEC for families who need more flexible options, including an increase in the number of available places

Question: How does your proposed initiative increase the accessibility of ECEC for families? *Required

Word count: 100 words maximum.

Objective: Increase participation, particularly of women, in work and/or study, which is enabled by increased access to ECEC services

Question: How does your proposed initiative increase participation, particularly of women in work and/or study?

***Required**

Word count: 100 words maximum.

Objective: Increase service providers' knowledge of local flexibility needs and their capacity to meet those needs

Question: How does your proposed initiative increase service providers' knowledge of local flexibility needs and their capacity to meet those needs?

***Required**

Word count: 100 words maximum.

Objective: Provide appropriate support and working conditions for educators delivering flexible models

Question: How does your proposed initiative provide appropriate support and working conditions to educators delivering the flexible model?

*Required

Word count: 100 words maximum.

Objective: Develop an evidence base for successful flexible models to inform future program development

Question: How will your proposed initiative inform the development of an evidence base for future successful flexible ECEC models?

*Required

Word count: 100 words maximum.

Part 3 - ECEC Flexible Initiative Trial – Assessment key criteria

Please provide evidence of the local need for a more flexible ECEC service and how you have identified this need * Required

Word count: 300 words maximum. If you upload raw data as your evidence, please provide a summary of the findings

Attach evidence of your local need

Attach a file:

2 files maximum. Please attach any evidence of local need to support your application.

How will the needs, wellbeing and safety of all children and the quality of care, be maintained during the delivery of your proposed initiative? * Required

Word count: 300 words maximum. Consider all children attending the service, including the current children and future enrolments.

How will the wellbeing of staff be maintained during the delivery of your proposed initiative? * Required

Word count: 300 words maximum.

How will you ensure that your proposed initiative will be accessible and inclusive of all children and families in your local community? * Required

Word count: 300 words maximum. Consider all communities such as First Nations people, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and children with additional needs.

How will your service evaluate or determine the success of your proposed initiative? *

Required

Word count: 300 words maximum. Consider clear goals that can be used to evaluate the success of your proposed initiative.

How do you intend to sustain your proposed initiative beyond the funded period? * Required

Word count: 300 words maximum.

Should your initiative be unsustainable, please outline your exit strategy including the impact it may have on children and families participating in your proposed initiative *

Required

Word count: Must be no more than 300 words.

Is your application for Stream 2? * Required

☐ Yes

☐ No

The next question is conditional to selecting 'Yes' above

Stream 2 applicants only

How will you ensure the safe transportation of children from the public preschool to your service? *Please include details such as the proposed route, pedestrian safety measures (e.g., footpaths, crossings, traffic lights), anticipated duration of travel, educator-to-child ratio, adverse weather plans, and any risk assessments that have been prepared. ** Required for stream 2 only

Word count: Must be no more than 300 words.