

What is the Parent & Toddler Funding available / not available for?

Following recent feedback from CCCs regarding the financial pressures being encountered by Parent & Toddler Groups in re-opening, DCEDIY is making two changes to P&T funding criteria in 2021.

1) It is acknowledged that many services who closed due to Covid may no longer have current insurance cover in force. To assist existing groups applying for financial support, it has been decided that the submission of evidence of current insurance as an application criteria will be waived for 2021 only. **However**, CCCs must include a funding condition in the letter & Grant Agreement to any subsequent successful applicants that proof of appropriate and current insurance be submitted within one month of receipt of grant monies.

(Note that the arrangements for new groups are unchanged i.e. they are also eligible to apply without insurance but must submit proof of same within one month of grant payment).

2) As an expanded measure to assist existing groups with the upfront costs of re-establishing following Covid uncertainties, the maximum contribution that will be available to (existing) groups towards insurance, rent or minor refurbishment, will be increased from **30% to 50%** of total funding. This is a once-off measure for 2021 in light of the exceptional circumstances associated with Covid-19.

Checklist:

1. Application form
2. Expenditure Report form
3. Data Protection form
4. Copy of current and appropriate insurance (not applicable to new groups). **NB.** New groups will have to submit evidence of insurance within the first month of receiving the grant.
5. Up to date bank statement/credit union statement (no older than 2 months)
6. Evidence of receipts for items purchased with last grant
7. Progress Report

The deadline for returning these documents is Friday 5pm 10th of September. Please disregard date on application form.

Information on grants available:

Applications for funding under this scheme should only be made by Parent & Toddler Groups that are organised on a not for profit basis and involve the participation of parents in the community. Grants will normally range from **€100 to €1,250**. Existing groups can apply for a maximum grant of **€800**. New start up groups may apply for a maximum grant of up **€1250**.

Funding will be available for:

- Toys, equipment and books for indoor and outdoor activities

- Storage for equipment
- Training for parents, e.g. paediatric first aid, committee skills, parenting courses
- Children's activities, e.g. arts and crafts, music
- Limited funding will be available towards insurance, rent or minor refurbishment, up to a maximum of 30% of total funding for existing services.
- Limited funding will be available towards insurance or rent, up to a maximum of 70% of total funding for new services.

Funding will not be available for:

- Groups operating out of private homes
- One off events such as outings, parties and trips
- Groups with a closing balance of €3,000 or more in the previous year
- Groups who received funding in previous years and did not return the Progress Report and receipts for items purchased
- Groups who do not submit evidence of appropriate insurance when making their application