

Children's Week 2026

Small Grants Program Summary Guidelines

What is the Children's Week Small Grants program?

Communities and not for profit organisations can access small grants of \$1,000 to support Children's Week activities in 2026.

Children's Week 2026 runs from Saturday 24 October to Sunday 1 November 2026 with the theme of:

Children have the right to use their own language, celebrate their culture and practise their religion

(from UNCRC Article 30)

Children's Week aims to be inclusive of and accessible to Tasmanians from all communities, and to be celebrated in all regions of Tasmania.

What is the purpose of the grants?

We want even more families to enjoy the benefits of play and to connect with other families and children in their communities, celebrating the rights of all children.

Following on from the successful Small Grant program in 2024 and 2025, the continued purpose is to increase the number, diversity and accessibility of Children's Week activities held in 2026. This year there will be 10 grants of \$1,000 available and there will be a strong focus on accessibility, making it easier for families to attend events in Tasmania.

*'Accessibility' is defined as physical, geographic, cost, developmental and literacy-related accessibility. For example, holding an event in a remote community, providing free transportation, or using simple language, visuals, and translated materials to support people with different literacy levels are all ways to make your event accessible to a wider range of people.

Who can apply for a grant?

The following groups can apply:

- Community playgroups that are registered with Playgroup Tasmania
- Organisation playgroups that are registered Playgroup Tasmania
- Not-for profit-organisations or community groups.
- Playgroup Tasmania encourages organisations representing diverse community groups to apply.

Applicants must be:

- an organisation that delivers community support, services and/or programs to Tasmanians;
- a Tasmanian organisation; and
- be incorporated organisations, or a community playgroup.

And your activity must support the following objectives and highlight the theme of Children's Week 2026:

1. Increase the number of Children's Week activities.
2. Increase the accessibility of Children's Week activities.
3. Increase the diversity of Children's Week activities.

What won't be funded?

Funding will not be provided for:

- Staff wages (unless it involves additional hours specifically for the Children's Week project);
- Building, refurbishment, and maintenance;
- Fundraising;
- Closed events which are not available for the general public to attend;
- Projects that require ongoing funding; or

Ongoing commercial activities. Priority will be given to smaller organisations that rely on this funding to carry out their activities.

How do we apply?

Applications will be collected online using the Smartygrants website - [Home Page - Department of Premier and Cabinet Tasmania](#).

Support is available, if you do not feel confident using Smartygrants or have not used it previously please contact Amanda at amanda.treanor@playgrouptas.org.au or phone 1300 035 350 for more information.

Child Safe Events

Successful applicants for 2026 Children's Week Small Grant Project will be required acknowledge in writing their commitment to the Tasmanian Child and Youth Safe Standards.

Timeframes

Applications must be received by 2:00pm Monday 1 June 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

It is intended that applicants be notified of the outcome of their application by 22 June 2026.

Below is a table for the critical dates of the grant program.

Description	Date
Application opens	Friday 8 May 2026
Application closes	Monday 1 June 2026 (2:00pm)
Outcome expected to be advised (estimated date)	Thursday 18 June 2026
Funding disbursed by	Monday 30 June 2026
Projects are expected to be completed by	Sunday 1 November 2026
End of project report to be completed by	COB Friday 20 November 2026

If you have difficulty accessing SmartyGrants or would like support to complete the application online, please contact Amanda at amanda.treanor@playgrouptas.org.au