Scottish Borders Council is pleased to let you know that the small grants scheme for early learning and childcare settings is continuing for financial year 2018/19.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the grant schemes please contact the Grant Coordinator at: communitygrants@scotborders.gov.uk or on 01835 826659 for an application form and guidance.

Application forms and guidance notes can also be accessed at: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/communities

Applicants will be considered by the Early Years Team and Children and Young People Support Services, and approved through the appropriate financial channels. It would be our aim to give notification of decisions as soon as possible. Applicants will be advised of any delay in the decision making process.

Application deadline dates:

14th September 2018
26th October 2018
14th December 2018

There are different conditions attached to each grant and information on these is provided with the application forms. Grants are only available to registered childcare services. The exception to this is applications on behalf of non-commissioned Vulnerable Playgroups and Parent & Toddler Groups.
Grants are available for the following; subject to the specific criteria for the grant being met and the funding being available:

1. **Children with Additional Needs**

   Financial support may be available for children with identified complex needs to support their placement in funded ELC.

2. **Support for Vulnerable Out of School Care Clubs**

   If your group is facing possible closure due to financial difficulties the some financial support may be available.

3. **Support for Vulnerable Playgroups / Parent & Toddler Groups (Non-Commissioned)**

   If your group is facing possible closure due to financial difficulties, some financial support may be available.

4. **Support for Vulnerable Playgroups (Commissioned)**

   If your group is facing possible closure due to financial difficulties, some financial support may be available through this grant.

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