

Media Release

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BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS IN EARLY LEARNING ACROSS THE WIMMERA MALLEE AND MILDURA REGIONS

The Government's new \$124 million dollar Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) is now open for eligible child care providers to apply for funding.

Federal Member for Mallee Andrew Broad has urged all eligible local child care providers to apply, with the funding aimed at breaking down barriers that may be preventing disadvantaged and vulnerable families accessing early learning services.

"The CCCF open competitive grant is aimed at improving child care participation and increasing the availability of places particularly in disadvantaged regional or remote communities," Mr Broad said.

"The CCCF will also help out our local child care services that may be experiencing financial viability issues."

Program guidelines for the CCCF were released earlier this month and Mr Broad says there are specific eligibility criteria to be met by applicants.

To be eligible for funding applicants must be:

1. An approved provider of an approved child care service (see section 3.1.3 of the guidelines); AND
2. An organisation which is either:
 - a. Seeking funding for an approved child care service operating in a priority area (see section 3.2 of the guidelines); OR
 - b. Seeking funding for an approved child care service currently in receipt of funding under the department's Community Support Program (see section 3.1.4 of the guidelines).

For more information or to apply visit: www.grants.gov.au.

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