# OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) ESTABLISHMENT GRANTS

As part of the 2020 COVID Recover Budget the Victorian Government has announced a $81.6 million investment in the establishment of up to 400 new Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services in Victorian government schools over the next four years. Grants of up to $75,000 per annum are available in 2022 to support schools to establish new OSHC programs.

### ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for an OSHC Establishment Grant, schools must:

* Be a Victorian government school
* Be delivering primary aged education (primary schools, P-12 schools and specialist schools are all eligible)
* Not have an existing on-site OSHC service (and have not had an OSHC service operating for at least two terms prior).

### THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING

If your school is eligible for a grant and you are interested in applying for funding to support the establishment of your OSHC program, it is important that you consider the following questions:

* What is the level of demand for OSHC services at your school? How many students are likely to utilise the service? For how many days?
* What type of services are required by families? Before and after school? School holiday programs? Both?
* What model of service delivery will most suit the needs of your school and families? Is a School Council service preferable to a third-party delivered service?
* Is your school ready to deliver an on-site OSHC program? Do you have the space/facilities?
* Would it be preferable to cluster with neighbouring schools and transport your students to access an off-site program? Could you support students from other government and non-government schools to access your new program instead?
* What support do you need to establish your OSHC program? How much funding will you apply for? What will the funding be used for?

Schools considering applying are encouraged to commence discussions regarding these questions with key stakeholders including school councils, school communities, potential cluster schools and third-party providers (where applicable) early.

### GRANT APPLICATIONS

Round 3 Grant applications will open mid-2022. 100 grants will be available..

Grants will be available to support a range of costs associated with the establishment of new OSHC services, including:

* Staffing costs
* License fees or rent for operating premises
* Program management and administration costs
* Resources and/or equipment
* Facility upgrades
* Transport (for both government and non-government students)
* Food
* Programs/activities to attract or retain enrolments
* Training and professional development.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

A virtual briefing about Round 2 of the OSHC Establishment Grants will occur in mid-2022 prior to the opening of grants. All eligible schools are welcome to attend. Please email OSHC.Central@education.vic.gov.au to RSVP to this Webex event.

Detailed information, including guidelines to support you in submitting a grant application is available on the Policy and Advisory Library. The Round 2 Application Guidelines can be found [here](https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edrms/COMMS/CA/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/edrms/COMMS/CA/Draft%20communications%20submissions/7739201/7739201_factsheet.docx&action=default).

For queries regarding the grants, please email OSHC.central@education.vic.gov.au.

For additional information on the delivery of OSHC please see the Outside School Hours Care — Decision Making Regarding the Provision of OSHC - [Policy and Advisory Library](https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/outside-school-hours-care-decision-making-regarding-provision-oshc/policy).