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\$4.5 MILLION WORTH OF GRANTS OPEN TARGETING NSW YOUNGEST LEARNERS

Research shows a quality early education is the best preparation for success at school and beyond, which is why the NSW Government today announced \$4.5 million in grants for our youngest learners.

Minister for Early Childhood Education Sarah Mitchell said children too young for preschool will benefit from \$2 million in NSW Government funding for educational programs supporting children to prepare for preschool.

“Services like playgroups and toy libraries play a vital role in offering a pathway for our children into early childhood education,” Mrs Mitchell said.

“Not-for-profit, community-based services who support educational engagement of children prior to preschool and promote the importance of early childhood education to parents are encouraged to apply.

In addition, the NSW Government continues to support the engagement of Aboriginal children and disadvantaged children in early childhood education with a further \$2.5 million through the Community Grants program

“One off grants of up to \$7,000 can be used for initiatives such as regular breakfasts, specialised staff or transport initiatives to increase access.

“We believe it is important for services to create welcoming environments and build meaningful relationships with children in order to break down any barriers that may stop families enrolling.”

The Community Grants program will open in February 2018 for not-for-profit, community-based preschools and mobile preschools.

Applications for the Start Strong Pathways program will open at the end of November.

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