Funding available to support your hub to return to school

During COVID, many hubs were forced to operate offsite or online. As we move into 2021, hubs are gradually returning to school-based operation, and Community Hubs Australia (CHA) has a small amount of funding (one-off) to support this return.

The purpose of this funding it to increase the ability for hubs to be able to run place-based activities in 2021. This activity is subject to local regulations.

Application criteria

The following criteria apply:
- The funding must go directly towards supporting your hub to return to place-based program activities.
- Each hub school can submit one funding application only, up to the value of $5,000.
- The actual funding amount Community Hubs Australia provides will depend on the number and quality of applications received from across the network. Please take this into consideration when preparing your application, noting that CHA expects most requests to be under $2,000.
- Your application must fit within <u>one</u> of the following categories:
    - **Building works**: this category includes alterations or small-scale building works. Examples include:
        o additional hubs signage around the school
        o extra hub storage space
        o a new gate, door or fence to improve safe access
        o an air conditioning unit to improve airflow
    - **Equipment**: this category includes new or additional equipment specifically for the hub (reducing reliance on sharing school equipment). Examples include:
        o chairs to enable social distancing inside and outside of the hub
        o outdoor mats to run programs on
        o sectional tables to allow for smaller group work
        o more toys while other toys are cleaned
        o PA system to enable outdoor classes (or to house them in other school buildings like sports halls)
        o kitchen equipment or appliances
    - **Technology**: this category covers hardware, software and systems to support classes or attendance tracking. Examples include:
        o computer equipment for the hub including devices, printers
        o devices like tablets for hub families to use as part of their learning
        o electronic sign-in system

- Applications open 4 March 2021.
- Before applying, the Principal and Hub Leader need to agree on both the hub need and funding category.
- To apply, your school must upload a document outlining how the funding will be used to support your hub to return to place-based activity. The document must also be co-signed by the Principal and Hub Leader.
- Your application must be submitted via SmartyGrants using this link, no later than COB 30 April 2021. Once the application is approved, your school must invoice Community Hubs Australia by no later than 30 June 2021.
- Building works, equipment or technology purchases must take place by 31 December 2021.
- In all cases, warranties, insurance, and any planning are the responsibility of the school.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding your application, please speak with your support coordinator.

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