

Havering Early Years Expansion Grant 2025-2026

Policy and Funding Scheme for Under Twos and Two Year Olds Early Years Expansion Grant

1. Purpose of the Grant

The Early Years Expansion Grant aims to support local authorities in expanding the early years entitlements for under twos and two year olds, ensuring sufficient childcare places are available as per the Department for Education (DfE) guidelines.

Havering has been allocated a total of £416,868 for this purpose.

2. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this funding, providers must:

- Have a signed and valid Directory and Funding Agreement in place with the London Borough of Havering, effective from 1st April 2025 onwards.
- Must have an Ofsted overall judgement of Good or above
- Have submitted a valid funding claim for at least one child in the under twos or two year olds age cohorts for the Summer 2025 term.
- Commit in writing to delivering the relevant funded entitlement for the remaining two terms of the financial year: Autumn Term 2025 and Spring Term 2026.

3. Allocation of Funding

The total grant amount of £416,868 will be distributed equally among all eligible providers who meet the above criteria.

The total number of eligible providers will be determined after completion of the Summer 2025 Actual and Adjustment exercises. Each provider will receive a fixed, equal payment, calculated by dividing the total grant by the number of eligible providers.

4. Payment Process

Payments will be processed once the Summer Term 2025 Actual and Adjustment funding exercises are complete. This process will take place in the latter part of the Summer Term, with payments scheduled to be made before the end of August 2025, in line with DfE guidelines.

5. Conditions of Funding

By accepting the funding, providers agree to:

- Maintain delivery of the early years entitlements for under twos and/or two year olds for the duration of the Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026 terms.
- Cooperate with any local authority monitoring or data requests related to the use of this funding.
- Notify the local authority of any significant changes to their provision that could affect the delivery of the entitlement (e.g. negative or adverse change to Ofsted judgement outcome if a provider judgement drops from an outstanding or good to RI or inadequate they would not be able to take any more under 2s or 2YOs until it improves, closure, reduction in capacity, or staffing changes).

6. Monitoring and Compliance

The local authority reserves the right to recover funds in part or in full if:

- A provider is found to be non-compliant with any of the eligibility or delivery criteria.
 - The provider fails to deliver the agreed funded places for the specified age groups in the Autumn 2025 or Spring 2026 terms.
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Provider Declaration Form

This declaration form must be completed and submitted by all providers wishing to receive funding from the Havering Early Years Expansion Grant 2025–2026.

By signing this form, the provider confirms their eligibility and commitment to delivering the funded entitlement for the specified terms.

Provider Information

Provider Name:	
Ofsted Registration Number:	
Ofsted Judgement Grade:	
Date of Ofsted Inspection:	
Contact Name:	
Email Address:	
Telephone Number:	

Declaration

I confirm that our setting:

- Has a valid Directory and Funding Agreement with the London Borough of Havering effective from 1st April 2025.
- Has submitted a funding claim for children in the under twos or two year olds cohort for the Summer 2025 term.
- Will continue to deliver the funded entitlement for the Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026 terms.
- Understands that failure to comply with these commitments may result in repayment of funds.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1) When will the funding be paid?

Payments will be made before the end of August 2025, after completion of the Summer 2025 Actual and Adjustment funding exercises.

2) Can I still receive funding if I only deliver for one of the two terms?

No. Providers must commit to delivering the entitlement for both the Autumn 2025 and Spring 2026 terms to receive funding.

3) How is the funding amount determined per provider?

The total grant of £416,868 will be divided equally among all eligible providers who meet the criteria.

4) What happens if a provider becomes ineligible after receiving funds, e.g. change to Ofsted inspection judgement outcome?

The local authority reserves the right to reclaim funds in full or in part if the provider fails to comply with the delivery obligations.

5) What if I have questions or need support?

Please contact the Early Years Admissions and Organisation Team for further assistance.