



Grant budgeting examples

Below are cost estimates incurred for schools setting up the infrastructure required to reduce waste to landfill. The list is by no means exhaustive but includes some of the most common practices schools engage with.

Grant funds requested by schools will vary based on the activities they consider appropriate for their students or school. Some schools may only wish to set up compost infrastructure while others may choose a combination of activities.

Categories have been separated below with approximate cost and number of items that may be required, depending on the size of the school and amount of waste.

Please do not replicate the costs below for your application.

Note:

- **Schools are required to complete their own research for their grant project budget and provide accurate costings as the below are estimated examples only.**
- **Delivery and freight costs for regional areas may apply.**
- **Consider item durability and sustainability when making your choice, selecting items with long-term benefits over short-term savings for cheaper, less sustainable options.**

Schools may choose to have a provider deliver and set up the entire worm farm infrastructure (1) or they may choose to set it up themselves (2).

Worm farm set up	Cost estimate	Number required
(1) Complete set up of fridge conversion (cost depends on service provider)	\$800	1-6
(1) Trolley or garden cart	\$145	1
(1) Fruit & veg collection buckets	\$5	10-20
(1) Garden gloves	\$5	30
(1) Tarp	\$60	1
(1) 75L bin and lid for storing carbon material	\$30	1
Total set-up estimate (1): \$1,305 – \$5,330		
(2) De-gassed fridge (cost depends on service provider, some councils provide these)	\$50	1-6
(2) Compost worms (cost depends on service provider)	\$120 (per kg)	3-18 kg
(2) Castings (cost depends on service provider)	\$25 (15L bags)	3-18 bags



(2) Trolley or garden cart	\$145	1
(2) Fruit & veg collection buckets with lid	\$12	10-20
(2) Garden gloves	\$5	30
(2) Tarp	\$60	1
(2) Garden spade	\$30	2
(2) Steel bucket	\$30	1-6
(2) 75L bin and lid for storing carbon material	\$30	1
Total set up estimate (2): \$1,080 – \$3,680		

Compost set up	Cost estimate	Number required
Compost bin 220L	\$65	2-6
Compost tumbler	\$250-\$650	2-4
Garden fork or compost mate tool	\$25-\$60	2
Wheelbarrow or garden cart	\$70-\$200	2
Set of garden gloves	\$5	30 pairs
Organic waste collection buckets	\$5	10-20
Storage bins for compostable materials	\$65	2
Total set up estimate for compost infrastructure: \$1,100 – \$3,000		

Bin system set up	Cost estimate	Number required
Australian standard colours 120L	\$75	4-20
Australian standard colours 240L	\$100	4-20
Trolley or garden cart	\$145	1
Hi-vis safety vest	\$7	15
Total set up estimate: \$750 – \$3,750		



Closed Loop Garden set up/maintenance	Cost estimate	Number required
Raised garden beds* (dependent on size and material)	\$150-?	2-6
Vegie mix organic soil (for initial set up, consider bulk purchase to reduce plastic bag waste)	\$160 (cubic metre)	1-3 (variable)
Set of garden gloves	\$5	30 pairs
Seeds/seedlings	\$50-\$150	
Hand tools	\$10	15 (set)
Garden fork	\$25-\$60	2-4
Garden spade	\$25-\$60	2-4
Wheelbarrow	\$70-\$200	2
Hi-vis safety vest	\$7	15
Shade/shade house	\$100-\$2,000 (approx.)	0/1
Total set up estimate: \$1,255 – \$4,535		
* Set up of beds may also require soil and gravel base drainage layers. Garden bed sizes are variable. Some schools set up wicking beds.		

Chicken coup set up	Cost estimate	Number required
Coop	\$250-\$1,300	1
Chickens	\$12-\$75	2-4
Chicken feeder	\$130	1-2
Chicken waterer	\$130	1-2
Feed storage metal lidded bin	\$65	1
Bedding	\$30	1
Set of garden gloves	\$5	10
Other, please list		
Total set up estimate: \$1,000 – \$2,500		