



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 note that schools are required to complete their own research for their grant project budget and provide accurate costings as the below are estimated examples only.

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	Number required
(1) Complete set up of fridge conversion	\$800.00	1–6
(1) Dump or garden cart	\$135.00	1
(1) Fruit & veg collection buckets	\$5.00	10–20
(1) Garden gloves	\$5.00	30
(1) Tarp	\$60.00	1
(1) 75 L bin and lid to store carbon material	\$30.00	1
Total set-up cost (1): \$1,225–\$5,200		
(2) Degassed fridge	\$50.00	1–6
(2) Compost worms	\$110.00 (per kg)	3–18 kg
(2) Castings	\$25.00 (15 L bags)	3–18 bags
(2) Dump or garden cart	\$135.00	1
(2) Fruit & veg collection buckets	\$5.00	10–20
(2) Garden gloves	\$5.00	30
(2) Tarp	\$60.00	1
(2) Garden spade	\$30.00	2
(2) Steel bucket	\$30.00	1–6
(2) 75 L bin and lid to store carbon material	\$30.00	1
Total set-up cost (2): \$970–\$3,500		



Compost set up	Cost	Number required
Compost bin 220 L	\$60.00	2–6
Compost tumbler	\$250.00–\$650.00	2–4
Garden fork or compost mate tool	\$25.00–\$60.00	2
Wheelbarrow/dump or garden cart	\$70.00–\$135.00	2
Set of garden gloves	\$5.00	30 pairs
Organic waste collection buckets	\$5.00	10–20
Storage bins for compostable materials	\$65.00	2
Total set-up cost for compost infrastructure: \$1,100–\$3,000		

Bin system set up	Cost	Number required
Australian standard colours 120 L	\$75.00	4–20
Australian standard colours 240 L	\$82.00	4–20
Dump or garden cart	\$135.00	1
Hi-vis safety vest	\$5.00	5
Total set-up cost: \$700–\$3,500		

Garden set up/maintenance	Cost	Number required
Raised garden beds*	\$150.00	2–10
Set of garden gloves	\$5.00	30 pairs
Seeds/seedlings	\$50–\$150	
Hand tools	\$10.00	15 (set)
Garden fork	\$25.00–\$60.00	2–4
Garden spade	\$25.00–\$60.00	2–4
Wheelbarrow	\$70.00–\$135.00	2
Hi-vis safety vest	\$5.00	15
Shadehouse/greenhouse	\$2,000.00 (approx)	0/1
Total set-up cost: \$600–\$4,000		
*Total set-up cost for raised garden beds \$1,000–\$3,000		

Chicken coup set up	Cost	Number required
Coop + accessories	\$1,000–\$2,500	1