

**Grants awarded under the Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years programme 2024/25 – March 2025**

**10 grants totalling £308,389,00**

Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount (£)	Project Description
<b>England</b>			
Aldershot garrison Pre-school settings	AGPS Early Years Specialised Training	£23,960	Aldershot Garrison Pre-School Settings plan to offer a series of specialised training sessions for all staff to enhance children's learning and play experiences, and support overall development of the children and staff.
Cheshire West and Chester Council	T.R.U.S.T.	£50,000	The project will give early years providers a clear understanding of the unique strengths and challenges that affect the emotional wellbeing and learning of the young service children and families they support. It will also equip them with techniques to promote and maintain emotional wellbeing for children in everyday practice and during times of crisis.
RAFAKidz Boscombe Down	RAFAKidz Boscombe Down	£14,076	RAFAKidz Boscombe Down will foster, support and develop the physical, emotional and wellbeing needs of service children via the provision of high-quality outdoor resources and the creation of a quiet and calm area to support children with special educational needs.
RAFAKidz Brize Norton Pre-School	RAFAKidz Brize Norton Pre-School	£17,355	RAFAKidz Brize Norton Pre-School will foster, support and develop the learning and wellbeing needs of service children via the provision of high-quality outdoor resources and staff training to embed STEM provision and support children with special educational needs.

RAFAKidz Honington	RAFAKidz Honington	£ 13,334	RAFAKidz Honington will foster, support and develop the physical, emotional and wellbeing needs of service children by transforming its outdoor learning provision and increasing the number of outdoor resources to inspire their creativity and imaginations; enhance social skills and develop muscular and gross motor skills.
Sandhurst Station Nursery	Small spaces In special places.	£20,000	Small Spaces in Special Places Sensory Yurt, aims to be a unique outdoor learning environment with play-based, child-led ethos that will offer children regular opportunities to succeed and develop as people, through practical learning and hands on activities in a natural setting.
Thorney Island Nursery	Thorney's Cosy Courtyard	£50,000	The project aims to make an unused courtyard space into an exciting, safe, all-weather area for the children. There will be opportunities to use physical equipment, such as bikes and trikes, learn how to grow flowers and vegetables, as well as a quiet area for reading and communicating with others.
<b>Scotland</b>			
Moray Council	DEPLOYMENT: CREATIVE PLAY KIT TRAINING	£49,954	Starcatchers will collaborate with ELC settings in Lossiemouth and Elgin to create play kits designed to support military families through the emotional cycle of deployment. Staff will receive training to implement the kits effectively, ensuring smooth rollout. Military families will be able to borrow the kits and use them at home to support their children's emotional wellbeing.
Drumfork Nursery and Family Centre	Improving Environments to Support Learning	£42,500	This project will enhance the indoor and outdoor learning environments throughout the nursery with playrooms and gardens transformed to create dedicated areas to nurture and support development of communication and language skills, emotional intelligence, physical/motor skills, literacy, numeracy, and expressive arts/design, ensuring 0-5 year old service-children become capable and successful learners.

Forces Children Scotland	First-Steps: Early Years Forces Children	£27,210	Forces Children Scotland and Early Years Scotland will pilot a specialised training and support package through digital and face-to-face engagement, equipping participants with the skills to meet the unique educational needs of children from military families.
<b>Total £308,389.00</b>			