

ITEM 2. GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP - ROUND THREE 2017/18 - MATCHING GRANTS**FILE NO: S117676****SUMMARY**

The City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Program supports initiatives and projects that build the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of the city. To achieve the objectives of Sustainable Sydney 2030 requires genuine partnership between government, business and the community.

The provision of grants and sponsorships is a mechanism to further the aims identified in the City's social, economic and environmental policies. Applications are assessed against these policies and against broad City objectives and plans. In this way, the City and the community act collaboratively to bring to life *Sustainable Sydney 2030* and the City of Villages it envisions.

For the Matching Grant Program, which pursues social, economic, cultural and environmental outcomes, 37 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 20 grants to a total value of \$119,607 and \$1,970 revenue foregone/value-in-kind for the 2017/18 financial year.

On 26 June 2017, Council adopted a revised Grants and Sponsorship Policy and all grants in this report were assessed against criteria and guidelines set in this revised Policy. Council again adopted a revised Grants and Sponsorship Policy on 11 December 2017 which is being implemented for applications received in 2018.

All applications were considered with reference to Sustainable Sydney 2030, the Grants and Sponsorship Policy, the Creative City Cultural Policy and Action Plan, the Economic Development Strategy, the Environmental Action 2016-2021 Strategy and Action Plan, the Inclusion (Disability) Action Plan, OPEN Sydney Strategy and Action Plan, and the Social Sustainability Policy.

All grant recipients will be required to sign a contract, meet specific performance outcomes and acquit their grant.

All figures in this report exclude GST.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash grant and revenue forgone / value-in-kind recommendations for 2017/18 under the Matching Grant Program listed as follows:

| Applicant | Project Name | Project Description | \$ Amount Recommended | Value-in-kind Recommended | Conditions |
|--|---|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Asylum Seekers Centre Incorporated | Asylum Seekers Centre's Vocational Training Assistance Program | A program to support people seeking asylum in Sydney to access industry recognised credential certified courses and address financial barriers to vocational training, improve health and wellbeing, and increase access to education and employment | \$5,000 | Nil | Funding to go towards local students, residents and workers |
| Carriageworks Limited | Carriageworks Supported Invigilator Program | A tailored, resourced program to increase the opportunities for members with disabilities to participate in the cultural and creative arts sector at Carriageworks. | \$10,000 | Nil | Applicant to work with the City's Social Policy Officer. |
| Diversity Arts Australia | Diversity Encounters on Screen | The commissioning of two culturally diverse Sydney filmmakers to explore cultural diversity, access and inclusion within the local arts sector to be screened locally and online. | \$10,000 | Nil | Applicant to confirm at least one artist lives, works or studies in the City of Sydney local area. |
| Early Education (earlyed) Incorporated | Disability school holiday activities in the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney | School holiday activities co-hosted by the Royal Botanical Gardens to provide children with disabilities and their families with inclusive activities and build the capacity and skills of Royal Botanical Gardens staff and families. | \$5,000 | Nil | Applicant to work with the City's Social Policy Officer. |
| Head On Foundation LTD | When A Man Snaps | An outdoor, interactive community photography artpiece using the images, witticisms and captions of Stuart Spence. | \$7,000 | Nil | Nil |

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| International Performing Writers Association | Story-Fest 2018 | A 3-day spoken-word writers' festival in The Rocks, focusing on performance writing, Story-Fest workshops, panels, a youth day and live performances culminating in the National Poetry Slam at the Sydney Opera House. | \$10,000 | Nil | Applicant to work with the City of Sydney's City Spaces team |
| Lachlan Rodney Dale trading as Art As Catharsis | Art As Catharsis monthly showcase | A series of live music events to develop a community of fans and artists through hosting 11 shows at 107 Projects with each night featuring two Sydney-based bands playing experimental music. | \$9,900 | Nil | Applicant to work with the City's Strategy Advisor Live Music and Performance. Applicant to resubmit the project timeline. |
| Makerspace & company Foundation Limited | Joynton Avenue Tree Recycling Project | A project to sustainably dispose of six trees scheduled for removal from Joynton Avenue as part of Green Square flood mitigation and tree re-planting works, by using the materials for a program of classes in furniture making and design for local residents of Green Square. | \$1,800 | Nil | Applicant to submit an engagement plan to work with Green Square residents Applicant to work with the City's Community Development Coordinator - Urban Renewal |
| Nigel Cameron trading as Totem Skateboarding | Skate with us | A series of monthly, 2 hour 'learn to skate' workshops at a Waterloo skate park, free to the community over one year to educate the new Skatepark users and create safer facilities in the City. | \$8,000 | Nil | Applicant to submit a project timeline Applicant to work with the City's City Spaces team |

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| The Owners Corporation Strata Plan 75809 trading as MCentral | M Central Community Roof Garden Revitalisation Project | A project to revitalise the community roof garden at M Central by providing additional amenities and increase social activity by developing rooftop into a community-driven place and to see it used and enjoyed more by residents and guests of M Central. | \$2,500 | Nil | Funding to go towards communal vegetable garden component. |
| Parkinsons NSW Inc as auspice for Dance for Parkinson's Australia-Sydney | Stretching Boundaries, Creative Connections | A project to develop the Dance With Parkinson's classes at Glebe Town Hall to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hip Hop artists and build positive communities and pathways for inclusivity across diverse communities. | Nil | Community Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$640 | Nil |
| The Performance Space Ltd | Liveworks Access Program | A program to recruit an Access Coordinator to support the development and delivery of access services in the 2018 Liveworks Festival by providing specific training for staff and expanding the range of accessible services on offer at The Performance Space. | \$6,000 | Nil | Nil |
| South Eastern Community Connect Inc | Dads and Bubs Bonding Program | A parenting program to build on a father's existing connection with their new child by assisting them to develop their child care skills via the support of a child health care nurse. | \$4,745 | Nil | No recurrent funding |

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| Strata Answers Pty Ltd | Green Sq Strata Network Development | A community development project to provide opportunities for Strata residents in Green Square to share experiences and find solutions to challenges living in Strata presents including governance and security by developing effective communication channels and improving the cultural inclusion and competence of the local community. | \$5,850 | Nil | Applicant to work with the City's Community Development Coordinator - Urban Renewal |
| Sydney Queer Muslims Inc | Cultural Diversity Sensitivity Workshops for LGBTQ Mental Health Care Providers | The development and implementation of training workshops for counselling and therapy professionals to promote religio-culturally competent care of Muslim LGBTQ clients. | \$4,000 | Nil | Applicant to work with the City's Social Policy and Programs Team |
| Taste Cultural Food Tours Incorporated | A Taste of Sydney | The development and implementation of a food tour in inner Sydney for international tourists in partnership with Destination NSW to build on the social enterprise's tours that tell the story of the local area's changing culinary offerings and develop the ongoing financial sustainability of Taste Tours. | \$10,000 | Nil | No recurrent funding Applicant to work with the City of Sydney's City Business team |
| The Glebe Society Inc | Kitchen Starter Packs. | A project to assist families to recover and rebuild following domestic violence by providing new electrical and other kitchen items for family groups at the Elsie Refuge in Glebe who are transitioning to independent accommodation. | \$1,100 | Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,330 | Applicant to submit a revised timeline. |

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| The Twenty-ten Association Incorporated trading as Twenty10 inc GLCS | Twenty 10 X Chippen Street Fete | A market and outdoor event showcasing the work of young LGBTIQ+ people created through a Twenty10's workshop program, where emerging LGBTIQ+ artists work with young people providing the opportunity for the local community and residents to engage with workshop participants. | \$7,500 | Nil | Nil |
| Uniting (nsw.act) trading as Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre | Art from the Heart: A new beginning | An annual Art project for the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre's clients, with an exhibition of works held in a public gallery space within the local community. | \$5,000 | Nil | No recurrent funding through this program |
| Women's Housing Company Ltd | The Woolloomooloo Older Women's Hub | A series of resilience building classes and events at a new Women's Housing Company development for single women aged 55 and over to design a range of activities aimed at local, older women living in social housing and Women's Housing Company tenants across Sydney in collaboration with residents. | \$6,212 | Nil | Applicant to work with the City's of Sydney's City Spaces team |

- (B) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST and all Value-in-Kind offered is subject to availability; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Recommended Matching Grant Program 2017/18 Round 3

Attachment B: Not Recommended Matching Grant Program 2017/18 Round 3

BACKGROUND

1. The City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Program supports residents, businesses and not-for-profit organisations to undertake initiatives and projects that build the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of the city.
2. On 23 October 2017, the City announced Round Three of the annual grants program for 2017/18 as being open for applications on the City's website, with grant applications closing on 20 November 2017. This included the Matching Grants program.
3. Information about these grant programs (such as application dates, guidelines, eligibility criteria and sample applications) was made available on the City's website. The City actively promoted the programs through Facebook, Twitter, What's On and Avant Cards. Email campaigns were also utilised to target interested parties who have applied previously for grants at the City or who have expressed an interest in the City's programs.
4. Following adoption of the revised Grants and Sponsorship Policy on 26 June 2017, the Matching Grants Program is also open to appropriately incorporated for-profit organisations and partnerships. Three applications were received this round from for-profit organisations; the following for-profit organisation is recommended in this report:
 - (a) Strata Answers Pty Ltd.
5. All applicants are required to evidence a cash or in-kind contribution equivalent to the funding requested from the City to be eligible for funding in these programs.
6. Park hire requests are not listed in the table for recommendations, as not-for-profit organisations are eligible for free park hire. However, these organisations must pay the \$100 application fee and other related fees and charges, such as electricity and water. Individuals or unincorporated community groups are required to be auspiced by a not-for-profit organisation to be eligible for free park hire. All park hire is subject to availability.
7. It is expected that all successful applicants will work co-operatively with relevant City staff throughout the project for which they have received funding. Contact details for the relevant City staff are provided to all successful grant recipients.
8. All grants and sponsorships are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant.
9. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program is highly competitive. Applications that are not recommended have either not scored as highly against the assessment criteria as the recommended applications or have submitted incomplete or insufficient information. The City's Grants and Sponsorship team provides feedback and support to unsuccessful applicants.
10. The assessment process includes advice and recommendations from the key stakeholders on the assessment panel, depending upon the nature of each submission. The integrity of the proposed budget, project plan, contributions and partnerships are assessed, scored and ranked against defined criteria. Once recommended, applications are approved by Council, and a contract is prepared, which includes conditions that must be adhered to, and acquitted against.

11. In assessing the grant applications, the assessment panels included in their considerations and recommendations:
 - (a) Sustainable Sydney 2030;
 - (b) Grants and Sponsorship Policy;
 - (c) Creative City Cultural Policy and Action Plan;
 - (d) Economic Development Strategy;
 - (e) Environmental Action 2016-2021 Strategy and Action Plan;
 - (f) Inclusion (Disability) Action Plan;
 - (g) OPEN Sydney Strategy and Action Plan; and
 - (h) Social Sustainability Policy.
12. City staff consider the contribution from the applicant and other sources in reviewing applications. Applicants are asked to demonstrate a capacity to source other types of funding or contribute their own resources (cash or in-kind).
13. Applicants are requested to list their project's community partners, confirmed funding sources and the contribution the organisation is making to the project (cash or in-kind) to demonstrate their contribution.

Matching Grant Program (up to \$10,000 for up to 12 months funding)

14. The Matching Grant Program provides matched funding of up to \$10,000 for any projects that improve, enhance, or celebrate the City's Villages. Council approved the development of this program to support identified grassroots community projects by matching with City resources what is contributed in cash or in-kind by the community.
15. To be eligible for funding, applications to the Matching Grant Program must demonstrate a matched cash contribution or value-in-kind contribution to the project at least equal to the amount requested from the City.
16. The assessment panel for this Matching Grant allocation was comprised of the City's Social Programs Officer, Studio Team Leader, Grants Officer, Project Assistant, International Engagement Manager, Urban Ecology Coordinator, Sustainability Engagement Coordinator, Area Manager – North, Acting Homelessness Manager, Social Programs Officer-LGBTQI, City Spaces Manager, Senior Social Programs Officer, Strategy Officer, Strategy Advisor, Cultural Project Coordinator, Social Policy Officer, Social Policy Manager, Child and Family Services Manager, Youth Team Leader and Community Development Coordinator. The assessment meeting was chaired by the Acting Manager Grants.
17. The applications recommended for the Matching Grant Program are outlined in Attachment A to this report. The applications that are not recommended are listed in Attachment B to this report.

Overview of 2017/18 Matching Grant Program

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| Total budget for 2017/18 | \$410,000 |
| Total already approved in the program | \$269,750 |
| Total number of eligible applications this allocation | 37 |
| Total value requested from applications | \$293,867 |
| Total value-in-kind support requested from applications | \$1,970 |
| Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value-in-kind support | 20 |
| Total amount of funding recommended | \$119,607 |
| Total amount of value-in-kind support recommended | \$1,970 |
| Amount remaining for subsequent allocation through the grants and sponsorship program | \$25,643 |

KEY IMPLICATIONS**Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030 Vision**

18. This report complies with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy adopted by Council on 26 June 2017. The provision of grants and sponsorships is a mechanism for the City to further the aims identified in its social, economic, environmental and cultural policies. The City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Program is a key element in the delivery of Sustainable Sydney 2030. All applications are considered against the 10 strategic directions and how they can directly deliver, or encourage the further development of the aims and objectives identified in Sustainable Sydney 2030.

Organisational Impact

19. The grants and sponsorships contract management process will involve key staff across the City of Sydney. Identified staff set contract conditions and performance measures for each approved project and review project acquittals, which include both narrative and financial reports.

Cultural / Economic / Environment / Social

20. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program provides the City with a platform to support cultural, economic, environmental and social initiatives from the communities, and community organisations, within the local area.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

21. A total of \$119,607 in cash and \$1,970 in revenue foregone/value-in-kind from the approved 2017/18 budget is provided as follows:

- (a) Matching Grant Program – \$119,607 in the remaining budget of \$140,250; and
- (b) Revenue foregone/value-in-kind – \$1,907 is provided in the venue hire budgets.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

- 22. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993. Section 356(3)(a) to (d) is satisfied for the purpose of providing grant funding to for-profit organisations.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

- 23. The funding period for Round Three Matching Grants of the grants and sponsorship annual program for 2017/18 is for activity taking place from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2019. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting in May 2018.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 24. For all programs open to application in Round Three of the annual grants and sponsorship program for 2017/18, one Q&A session was held in Town Hall House on Tuesday 7 December 2017 to assist potential applicants with their applications.
- 25. Fifteen meetings were held as part of the Q&A session where prospective applications sought advice from City staff about their project proposals and the application process.
- 26. Sixty per cent of these attendees advised they had not applied for a City of Sydney grant previously.

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