

Relevant Information for Council

FILE: S116524 **DATE:** 24 June 2021

TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Emma Rigney, Director City Life

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 8.6 – Grants and Sponsorship - Round One 2021/22 - Social Grants

Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and revenue foregone/value-in-kind recommendations for the Community Services Grant Program as per Attachment A to the subject report ***subject to the following amendments:***
- (i) ***University of Sydney, Sydney Peace Prize is awarded \$50,000 in cash each year for three years;***

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
University of Sydney	Sydney Peace Prize	The annual Sydney Peace prize ceremony and lecture in the Sydney Town Hall.	Year 1 - \$50,000 Year 2 - \$50,000 Year 3 - \$50,000	Venue hire and street banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$55,000 each year for 3 years	Year 1 - \$50,000 Year 2 - \$50,000 Year 3 - \$50,000	Venue hire and street banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$55,000 each year for 3 years	

- (ii) ***the Fact Tree After Dark project is awarded \$120,000 for one year, noting that this funding will be transferred from the Matching Grants program and will reduce the available funding for the Matching Grants program in Round Two 2021/22 by the same amount;***

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The Fact Tree Youth Service Inc	After Hours	A project that engages local young people in an environment meaningful to them with the intent of improving their resilience, confidence, mental health and sense of community.	Year 1 - \$120,000 Year 2 - \$120,000 Year - \$120,000	Nil	Year 1 - \$120,000	Nil	Work with City staff to explore options to ensure ongoing financial sustainability of the program with up to \$5000 of grant funding to be allocated to an external review and evaluation of the After Dark program.

- (B) Council note the applicants who were not successful in obtaining a cash grant or revenue foregone/value-in-kind for the Community Services Grant Program as per Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and revenue foregone/value-in-kind recommendations for the Festival and Events (Village and Community) Sponsorship Program as per Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not successful in obtaining a cash grant or revenue foregone/value-in-kind for the Festival and Events (Village and Community) Sponsorship Program as per Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the cash and revenue foregone/value-in-kind recommendations for the Matching Grant Program as per Attachment E to the subject report;
- (F) Council note the applicants who were not successful in obtaining a cash grant or revenue foregone/value-in-kind for the Matching Grant Program as per Attachment F to the subject report;
- (G) Council note that all grants amounts are exclusive of GST, and;

- (H) 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; and (I) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

Background

At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, Healthy Communities Sub-Committee on 21 June 2021, further information was sought relevant to the subject report on the reasons for not funding The Fact Tree Youth Service After Dark Program, and relating to the correction of an administrative error whereby the subject report recommended that the Sydney Peace Prize receive value in kind only.

University of Sydney, Sydney Peace Prize

To correct the administrative error relating to the Sydney Peace Prize it is recommended that Council approve the alternative recommendation proposed in this memo that the University of Sydney is awarded \$50,000 in cash each year for three years, in addition to the venue hire and street banner hire fee waiver recommended to the value of \$55,000 each year for three years as per Attachment A to the subject report.

The Fact Tree After Dark program

The Grants and Sponsorship Community Services grants program is highly competitive and, in Round One received a higher than usual number of applications. Program assessors considered all applications against program criteria.

The City has been providing support to the Fact Tree After Dark program since its inception in 2014. Over the past seven years the service has received a total of \$675,000 in funding from the City. City staff have had discussions with The Fact Tree to encourage them to source alternative funding and move towards a sustainable funding model to reduce reliance on City funding.

In consideration of the ongoing importance of the After Dark program to the Waterloo community, it is proposed that \$120,000 is awarded to the Fact Tree for one year to ensure the continuation of the After Dark program. This funding will be transferred from the Matching Grants program, reducing the funding available in Round two of the 2021/22 program by the same amount to \$107,780. City staff will continue to work with the Fact Tree to assist them in sourcing additional funding to support the ongoing financial sustainability of the After Dark program.

Memo from Emma Rigney, Director City Life

Prepared by: Kirsten Woodward, Manager Social Programs and Services,

Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. M. Barone", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Chief Executive Officer