

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Emma Rigney, Director City Life

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 8.8 – Accommodation Grant Program – Annual Performance Review and Lease Renewals 2021

For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Purpose

To provide clarification and information regarding accommodation grant recipients using Council resources for campaign matters.

Background

At the meeting of the Healthy Communities Sub-Committee on 21 June 2021, further information was sought regarding accommodation grant recipients using Council resources for campaign matters.

The Accommodation Grant Program (the Program) supports community, cultural, economic and sustainability focussed organisations by providing accommodation in City owned buildings within the property portfolio at nil or below market rent.

Accommodation Grant recipients are organisations that provide services that meet the needs identified in Sustainable Sydney 2030 and the City's strategic plans and policies.

The Grants and Sponsorship Policy and Guidelines list several criteria that organisations must meet to be eligible for the Program. In both the Policy and Guidelines, it clearly states that an organisation is not eligible for the Program if their activities could be perceived as benefiting a political party or party political campaign.

In the Policy, under 'General exclusions and ineligibility' on page 44, it states that the City of Sydney does not provide grants and sponsorships for activities that could be perceived as benefiting a political party or party political campaign.

In the Guidelines, under 'General exclusions and ineligibility' on page 9, it states that "Grants and sponsorships do not cover activities that could be perceived as benefiting a political party or party political campaign".

Memo from Emma Rigney, Director City Life

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Approved

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Chief Executive Officer