

Relevant Information for Resilient Communities Committee

FILE: S098790 **DATE:** 11 August 2023

TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Kate Deacon, Director Strategic Development and Engagement

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant to Item 4 – Grants and Sponsorship - Ad Hoc Grant - Grant of Licence to Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Ltd

Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an ad-hoc grant to Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Limited to licence Suite 17.02B, Level 17, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney from 8 August 2023 to 7 November 2023 in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 on the following rental subsidy which incorporates all outgoings and utilities:

Licence Term	Market Rental Value (approximate)	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
8 August 2023 – 7 November 2023	\$25,781.25	100%	\$25,781.25	\$0

- (B) Council note that the Chief Executive Officer has entered into a three-month licence agreement for Suite 17.02B, Level 17, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney with Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Limited (YES23);

- (C) **Council approve an ad-hoc grant to Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Limited to licence Suite 19.02, Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney from 22 August 2023 to 7 November 2023 in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 on the following rental subsidy which incorporates all outgoings and utilities:**

<i>Licence Term</i>	<i>Market Rental Value (approximate)</i>	<i>Grant Subsidy (Rounded)</i>	<i>Grant Amount</i>	<i>Rent to be paid</i>
<i>22 August 2023 – 7 November 2023</i>	<i>\$39,429.60</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>\$39,429.60</i>	<i>\$0</i>

- (D) Council note that the City will be required to report and declare this financial assistance provided in accordance with the applicable legislation from time to time;
- (E) Council note that the funding for this grant will be sourced from the amount approved by Council on 15 May 2023 to support the Voice to Parliament; and
- (F) 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.

Additions shown in ***bold italics***.

Purpose

To provide an Alternative Recommendation that includes provision for additional office space at Town Hall House to be provided to Yes23 in order to accommodate additional volunteers.

Background

Council resolved to support a “Yes” vote in the Voice to Parliament referendum through a program of information, awareness, communications, events and community support.

Yes23 is a campaign led by Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Ltd, a registered charity which has requested the City of Sydney provide it with short term, rent free, office accommodation from which to run the campaign.

Following publication of the Grants and Sponsorship - Ad Hoc Grant - Grant of Licence to Australians for Indigenous Constitutional Recognition Ltd report to the 14 August 2023 Resilient Communities Committee, Yes23 contacted the City and requested further office space (in addition to Suite 17.02B) in order to accommodate additional volunteers.

The City has an additional 258.4m² of functional office space on Level 19 of Town Hall House which is currently vacant and is off market for leasing, pending a refurbishment of the suite late 2023. The suite “as is” is fit for the proposed use.

The value of this additional ad hoc grant in the 2023/24 financial year is estimated at \$39,429.60 in revenue foregone, compared to market value rent.

There will be no impact on the 2023/24 budget given the premises will be vacant for the remainder of 2023 due to a planned refurbishment and no rental income had been accounted for in the first six months of the 2023/24 financial year.

It is expected that the total \$65,210.85 in revenue foregone for Yes23 office space will be accommodated within the Voice campaign budget already approved by Council on 15 May 2023.

Memo from Kate Deacon, Director Strategic Development and Engagement

Attachments

Nil.

Approved

P. M. Barone

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Chief Executive Officer