

Relevant Information for Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Kirsten Woodward, A/Executive Director City Life

THROUGH: Kim Woodbury, A/Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 4 – Public Exhibition - Grants Policy and Guidelines

Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve for public exhibition the draft Grants Policy and Guidelines, as shown at Attachments A and B to the subject report, ***subject to the following amendments to the Grants Guidelines:***
- (i) insertion of the below clause into the 'General exclusions and ineligibility' section:
- ***appear to be associated with a previous Recipient or grants project that didn't comply with their contractual obligations or complete the grants project satisfactorily***

(ii) replace the table of eligible entities with the following:

	Quick response grants	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund	Economic grants	Social and community grants	Creative grants – projects and infrastructure	Creative grants – artist support	Environmental grants	Major grants	Affordable and diverse housing fund	Accommodation grants	Creative live and work spaces grants	Short-term empty properties grants	Street banner support	Venue hire support	Dixon Street improvement grant
Eligible Not-For-Profit Organisation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Incorporated Association	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Individual	✓														
Unincorporated Community Group auspiced by an Eligible Not-For-Profit Organisation	✓	✓		✓ ¹	✓							✓	✓		
Unincorporated Community Group Note an Individual or Eligible Not-For-Profit Organisation will need to enter into the contract on your behalf														*	
Individual auspiced by an Eligible Not-For-Profit Organisation		✓		✓ ²	✓ ³	✓									
Government Entity							✓		✓						
Government cultural institution					✓ ⁴		✓					✓			
Community Housing Provider								✓							
Co-operative		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Corporation		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Partnership	✓				✓		✓		✓		✓				✓
Sole Trader	✓	✓	✓		✓ ⁵	✓			✓	✓	✓				✓
Owners Corporation							✓								
Trustee of a Trust		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓
Business Advocacy Organisation			✓												

¹ Social and community projects and small scale food support projects only

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³ Creative projects only

⁴ Creative projects only

⁵ Creative projects only

* Community venues only

(B) Council approve that the Ethics Framework included in the Grants Policy and detailed in the subject report be adopted as the Ethics Framework across the Council and be posted on the City of Sydney website;

- (C) Council note that the Grants Policy and Guidelines, including any recommended changes, will be reported to Council for adoption following the exhibition period; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors prior to the exhibition of the draft Grants Policy and Guidelines.

Purpose

To provide an Alternative Recommendation that makes amendments to the draft Grants Guidelines proposed for public exhibition.

Background

Following publication of the draft Grants Policy and Guidelines, it was identified that due to an administrative error some changes had not been incorporated into the version published in the Committee papers and amendments were required to the draft Grants Guidelines proposed for exhibition.

General exclusions and ineligibility

Insertion of the below clause into the 'General exclusions and ineligibility' section is required.

- appear to be associated with a previous Recipient or grants project that didn't comply with their contractual obligations or complete the grants project satisfactorily

This clause reflects a similar clause in the current Grants Guidelines and was omitted in error.

Table of eligible entities

The table of eligible entities has been reviewed and updated to clarify the nature of entities eligible for grants and reflect the Glossary in the Guidelines to enable better readability and understanding of eligibility requirements.

Note that the draft Grants Policy and Guidelines will be reviewed prior to exhibition, with minor editorial amendments for clarity or correction of drafting errors made as required.

Memo from Kirsten Woodward, A/Executive Director City Life

Prepared by: Sam Wild, Manager Grants

Approved

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a horizontal line.

KIM WOODBURY

A/Chief Executive Officer