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At the conclusion of the Cultural and Creative Committee

Resilient Communities Committee

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Item 1.

Disclosures of Interest

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Item 2.

Grants and Sponsorship - Social 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 and assist in the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. To achieve the objectives of the Community Recovery Plan and Sustainable Sydney 2030, genuine partnership between government, business and the community is required.

The provision of grants and sponsorships is a mechanism to further the aims identified in the City's social, cultural, 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 achieve the goals of the Community Recovery Plan and Sustainable Sydney 2030.

The City advertised the following three grant programs in the annual Grants and Sponsorship Program for approval in 2021/22 and payment in 2022/23:

- Community Services Grant Program;
- Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program (Village and Community); and
- Matching Grant Program.

For the Community Services Grant Program, 60 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 17 grants to a total value of \$926,888 in cash and \$55,961 value-in-kind for the 2022/23 financial year, and commitments of \$261,746 in cash for the 2023/24 financial year and commitments of \$263,078 in cash for the 2024/25 financial year.

For the Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program, 27 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 18 grants to a total value of \$592,950 in cash and \$141,136 value-in-kind for the 2022/23 financial year, and commitments of \$111,000 in cash and \$11,018 value-in-kind for the 2023/24 financial year and commitments of \$96,000 in cash and \$11,018 revenue foregone/value-in-kind for 2024/25 financial year.

For the Matching Grant Program, 37 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 16 grants to a total value of \$99,815, in cash and \$11,700 value-in-kind for the 2022/23 financial year.

On 22 February 2021, Council adopted a revised Grants and Sponsorship Policy. All grants in this report were assessed in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy, the Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines, the priorities set out in the Community Recovery Plan and various other relevant City strategies and action plans.

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

Attachments

- Attachment A.** Recommended for Funding - Community Services Grant Program
- Attachment B.** Not Recommended for Funding - Community Services Grant Program
- Attachment C.** Recommended for Funding - Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program
- Attachment D.** Not Recommended for Funding - Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program
- Attachment E.** Recommended for Funding - Matching Grant Program
- Attachment F.** Not Recommended for Funding - Matching Grant Program

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 22 February 2022, the City announced the grants program for approval in 2021/22 and payment in 2022/23 as being open for application on the City's website, with grant applications closing on 11 April 2022.
3. The three social programs promoted were:
 - (a) Community Services Grant Program;
 - (b) Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program; and
 - (c) Matching Grant Program.
4. 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 program through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, What's On, and ArtsHub. Supply Nation, Multicultural NSW, Digest, Sydney University and Haymarket Chamber of Commerce also promoted the program through their networks. The City Business team worked closely with industry stakeholders to promote these grants and delivered a dedicated virtual briefing for business intermediaries such as local chambers of commerce, industry organisations and Liquor Accord associations to promote these programs through their channels and networks. Email campaigns were 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.
5. The Community Services Grant Program is open to not-for-profit organisations. For profit organisations are not eligible to apply under this Program.
6. Following adoption of the revised Grants and Sponsorship Policy on 22 February 2021, the Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program is open to appropriately incorporated for-profit organisations and not-for-profit organisations. Six applications were received this round from for-profit organisations and no for-profit organisations are recommended in this report.
7. The Matching Grants Program is open to appropriately incorporated for-profit and not-for-profit organisations. Seventeen applications were received this round from for-profit organisations and sole traders and the following three for-profit organisations and sole traders are recommended in this report:
 - (a) Shane Robert Beckham;
 - (b) Kathryn Pollock; and
 - (c) Rave Reviewz Pty Ltd.
8. There were a total of 124 grant applications received for social grants. Fifty-one are recommended for funding as detailed in this report.
9. It is expected that all successful applicants will work co-operatively with relevant City staff throughout the project they have received funding for.

10. All grants and sponsorships are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant. In the current environment this includes but is not limited to, requirements associated with the service of alcohol or food services, consent from the respective landowner(s), and State Planning Legislation and State Government health requirements. Approval must be sought from the City for any relevant development consents and temporary outdoor event activities.
11. Park hire requests are not listed in the table of 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. For-profit organisations are required to pay park hire fees.
12. 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 incomplete or insufficient information. The City's Grants and Sponsorship team provides feedback to unsuccessful applicants when requested.
13. The assessment process includes advice and recommendations from a suitably qualified assessment panel. The applications are scored against defined criteria for each grant program as well as the integrity of the proposed budget, project plan, partnerships, contributions and connection to the local community and industry sectors. Once recommended applications are approved by Council, a contract is developed, which includes conditions that must be adhered to, and acquitted against.
14. In assessing the grant applications, the assessment panels included in their considerations and recommendations:
 - (a) A City of All - Social Sustainability Policy;
 - (b) Community Recovery Plan 2020;
 - (c) Creative City Cultural Policy and Action Plan;
 - (d) Economic Development Strategy;
 - (e) Grants and Sponsorship Policy;
 - (f) Environmental Strategy and Action Plan;
 - (g) Sustainable Sydney 2030; and
 - (h) alignment with other core City strategic policies and action plans.
15. Assessors consider the cash and in-kind contribution from the applicant and other sources in reviewing applications. Applicants are asked to demonstrate a capacity to match the grant investment with other sources of funding or contribute their own cash resources to the project.
16. 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.

Community Services Grant Program

17. The assessment panel for the Community Services Grant Program consisted of City staff from the Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, Social City, Creative City, City Greening and Leisure, City Design and City Business and Safety teams.
18. The applications recommended for the Community Services Grant Program are outlined in Attachment A to this report. The applications not recommended are listed in Attachment B to this report.
19. Additional funds for the Community Services Grant Program were made available due to an underspend in the Grants and Sponsorship Economic programs - this includes the Business Support - Place and Industry and Business Support - Night Time Diversification grant programs.
20. The Community Services Grant Program budget is set out below:

Total draft budget for payment in 2022/23	\$1,686,653
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications (Future-year funding approved in previous years)	(\$808,750)
Total cash available for the Community Services Program from Grants and Sponsorship Economic Programs underspend	\$48,985
Total cash available	\$926,888
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	60
Total cash value requested from applications	\$2,213,683
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$55,961
Total number of applications recommended for cash support and/or value in-kind support	17
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2022/23 (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2023/24 - \$261,746) (Future-year funding recommended for for payment in 2024/25 - \$263,078)	\$926,888
Total amount of value-in-kind support recommended for 2022/23 (Future year funding recommended for 2023/24 - \$0) (Future year funding recommended for 2024/25 - \$0)	\$55,961
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2022/23	\$0

Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program

21. The Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program aims to support festivals and events that celebrate, develop and engage the City's communities. The City provides support for festivals and events under two categories: Artform or Village and Community.
22. Village and Community festivals and events celebrate the spirit of a community and build opportunities to share its cultural characteristics with a wider public. Events may nurture and amplify the unique characteristics of the city and village precincts, meet the City's broader place-making objectives and/or showcase a local community, including local business.
23. The assessment panel for Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) consisted of City staff from the City Business and Safety, Grants and Sponsorship, and Social City teams, with specialist input from the City Business and Safety, Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, Social City, Strategy and Communications, Corporate Partnerships, and Venue Management teams.
24. The applications recommended for the Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program are outlined in Attachment C. The applications that are not recommended are listed in Attachment D.
25. Additional funds for the Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program were made available due to an underspend in the Grants and Sponsorship Economic programs - this includes the Business Support - Place and Industry and Business Support - Night Time Diversification grant programs.
26. The Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program budget is set out below:

Total draft budget for payment in 2022/23	\$1,150,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications (Future-year funding approved in previous years)	(\$383,974)
Total cash available for the Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Grant Program from Grants and Sponsorship Economic Programs underspend	\$34,937
Total cash available	\$800,963
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	27
Total cash value requested from applications	\$1,323,508
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$176,147
Total number of applications recommended for cash support and/or value in-kind support	18

Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2022/23 (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2023/24 - \$111,000) (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2024/25 - \$96,000)	\$592,950
Total amount of value-in-kind support recommended for 2022/23 (Future-year funding recommended for 2023/24 - \$11,018) (Future-year funding recommended for 2024/25 - \$11,018)	\$141,136
Cash amount remaining for payment in in 2022/23	\$208,013

Matching Grant Program

27. 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.
28. 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.
29. The assessment panel for Matching Grants applications consisted of City staff from the City Business and Safety, City Greening and Leisure, Cultural Strategy, Creative City, Grants and Sponsorship, Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, Property Services and Social Policy and Program teams.
30. The applications recommended for the Matching Grant Program are outlined in Attachment E to this report. The applications not recommended are listed in Attachment F to this report.

Total draft budget for payment in 2022/23	\$340,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$0
Total cash available	\$340,000
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	37
Total cash value requested from applications	\$300,419
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$85,900
Total number of applications recommended for cash support and/or value in-kind support	16

Total amount of cash funding recommended	\$99,815
Total amount of value-in-kind support recommended	\$11,700
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2022/23	\$240,185

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030

31. Sustainable Sydney 2030 is a vision for the sustainable development of the City to 2030 and beyond. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the City, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This grant is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 2 provides a road map for the City to become A Leading Environmental Performer - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to the City's endeavours to work with our business and residential communities to reduce greenhouse emissions and potable water use and encourage diversion of waste from landfill across the local government area.
 - (b) Direction 6 - Vibrant Local Communities and Economies - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to fostering strong and sustainable local economies.
 - (c) Direction 7 - A Cultural and Creative City - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to a city where opportunities for individual creative expression and participation in all its forms are visible, valued, and accessible, and where business and creative opportunities for local artists, creative workers and cultural organisations are supported.

Organisational Impact

32. 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.

Social / Cultural / Community

33. 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.

Financial Implications

34. There are sufficient amounts allocated in the Grants and Sponsorship Social program budget, included in the City's draft operating budget for 2022/23 and future year forward estimates to fund the value of the recommended grants. A total of \$1,619,653 in cash and \$208,797 in revenue foregone/value-in-kind is recommended from the 2022/23 (draft) cash budget, as follows:
- (a) Community Services Grant Program – \$926,888 cash is provided against the draft budget of \$1,686,653 including additional funds of \$48,985 for the Community Services Grant program that were made available due to an underspend in the Grants and Sponsorship Economic programs;
 - (b) Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program – \$592,950 cash is provided against the draft budget of \$1,150,000 including additional funds of \$34,937 for the Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) program that were made available due to an underspend in the Grants and Sponsorship Economic programs; and
 - (c) Matching Grant Program – \$99,815 cash is provided against the draft budget of \$340,000.
35. Additionally, this report includes forward commitments of \$731,824 in cash and \$22,036 revenue foregone/value-in-kind.
36. All expenditure that exceeds the nominated budgets for the 2022/23 financial year outlined in the Operational Plan will be offset in full from the overall Grants and Sponsorship Program's budget. These savings have occurred as a result of an underspend in the Grants and Sponsorship Economic programs.

Relevant Legislation

37. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that a council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.
38. Section 356(3)(a) to (d) is satisfied for the purpose of providing grant funding to for profit organisations because:
- (a) the funding is part of the following programs:
 - (i) Community Services Grant Program;
 - (ii) Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program; and
 - (iii) Matching Grant Program;
 - (b) the details of these programs were included in Council's adopted operation plan for financial year 2021/22;
 - (c) the program's proposed budgets do not exceed five per cent of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates; and

- (d) these programs apply to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

- 39. Funding for the Community Services Grants, Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) and Matching Grants approved in 2021/22 for activity taking place from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting in July.

Public Consultation

- 40. During February and March 2022 three briefing sessions took place where stakeholders were notified about the grants and how to apply:
 - (a) An in-person business collaboration session called Revitalising Sydney was held at Mary's Underground on 22 February 2022. A total of 38 participants, including creative producers, artists, business chambers and local businesses attended this session.
 - (b) An online grant briefing session specifically for Business Chambers was held on 2 March 2022. A total of 17 attendees participated in the session.
 - (c) An online briefing session for general grants enquires was held on 3 March 2022 for potential grant applicants. A total of 173 attendees participated in the session.

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Attachment A

**Recommended for Funding
Community Services Grant Program**

Community Services Grant

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Access Sydney Community Transport Ltd	Village to Village (V2V) Shuttle Bus Service	Community transport service linking community members to essential services such as hospitals, health providers and shops.	\$200,000	Venue hire \$53,000	\$200,000	Use of City of Sydney depot for bus parking to the value of \$53,000	Applicant to work with the City to develop more customised services and routes
Asylum Seekers Centre	Creating Employment pathways for people seeking asylum	A program in Newtown assisting people seeking asylum to map their own path to employment including workshops and peer support.	\$50,000	Nil	\$50,000	Nil	Nil
Baptistcare NSW & ACT	Food Frames	A series of consultations and workshops for women who access the Women's Space Darlinghurst, Banksia Women, and HopeStreet Woolloomooloo centres, including the design of a magazine exploring the stories they share.	\$23,340	Nil	\$23,340	Nil	Nil
Council on the Ageing NSW Inc	Supporting Seniors to Stay Strong to Keep Moving	A program in Newtown to engage the local older people managing chronic health conditions, including depression.	\$7,000	Nil	\$7,000	Nil	Nil
Detour House Inc	Detour Brokerage Program	A brokerage program specifically for women who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the City of Sydney.	\$50,000	Nil	\$50,000	Nil	Nil
Nelly's Healing Centre Inc	Gullinyjas Project	A program developed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to address the cultural, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of disadvantaged women.	\$46,000	Nil	\$46,000	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Plateitforward Ltd as auspice for First Nations Response	Sydney's First Nations Response Pop-Ups	A project to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents an opportunity to access food in a culturally appropriate manner and meet specific needs of the community.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	Nil
Souths Cares PBI Ltd	Deadly Youth Mentoring Program	An early intervention program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who are at risk of entering the Youth Justice system.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$40,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Applicant to provide case studies with the acquittal report
Stay Kind Limited	Take Kare Safe Spaces	A program operating on Friday and Saturday nights to assist young people, including visitors and residents of the City, who are at risk of substance abuse, violence, theft, accidents, sexual assault and misadventure.	\$50,000	Nil	\$50,000	Nil	Nil
Stepping Out Housing Programme Inc	Childhood Sexual Abuse Recovery Workshops and Counselling	Four annual trauma recovery workshops and counselling for survivors of childhood sexual abuse in the local area.	\$47,328 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$47,328 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$47,328 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$47,328 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$47,328 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$47,328 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	Applicant to work with the City's Safe City team
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Surry Hills Community Hub and Outreach Project	A café-style community hub in Surry Hills to support and engage vulnerable community groups addressing social and digital inclusion, including access to training opportunities, and food security.	\$43,220 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$44,418 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$45,750 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$43,220 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$44,418 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$45,750 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	Applicant to work with the City's Indigenous Leadership and Engagement Team

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Sydney Community Forum Ltd	Redfern Waterloo Aboriginal Community Capacity Building-Housing Equity	A project in the Redfern and Waterloo housing precincts to build capacity of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to engage in campaigning for housing equality.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$50,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Applicant to work with the City's Indigenous Leadership and Engagement Team; provide a business plan and letters of support from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community partners
The Fact Tree Youth Service Inc	After Hours	A program in Waterloo engaging local young people in an environment meaningful to them with the intent of improving their resilience, confidence, mental health and sense of community.	\$120,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$120,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$120,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$120,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$120,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$120,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	Applicant to work with the City's Senior Social Programs Officer; applicant to submit acquittal report for current funding agreement for the After Dark program
The Run for Good Project Incorporated	Re-Love	A project to redistribute high-quality furniture to people in the City of Sydney who are relocated into safe housing.	\$50,000	Nil	\$50,000	Nil	Nil
The University of Sydney	Reconnecting after COVID	A project providing a social space for Camperdown social housing residents, tackling social isolation and food insecurity.	\$10,503	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,961	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,961	Nil
Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation as auspice for Matora Mob Committee	Matora Mob - Community & Culture	The creation of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural safe space to engage in cultural activities as well as provide education for the local community in Woolloomooloo.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$50,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Applicant to work with the City's Indigenous Leadership and Engagement Team

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Workventures Ltd	Healthy and Active Living through Digital Inclusion	A project to provide disadvantaged residents the means to access virtual health care services that can assist with physical activity as well as mental health across the City of Sydney area.	\$50,000	Nil	\$50,000	Nil	Nil

Attachment B

**Not Recommended for Funding
Community Services Grant Program**

Community Services Grant -

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Addison Road Centre for Arts, Culture, Community and Environment Ltd	Nourishing and Strengthening our City	A project in Redfern and Camperdown partnering with inner-city chefs to offer meals to the local area's front-line caregivers.	\$49,200	Nil
Addison Road Centre for Arts, Culture, Community and Environment Ltd	Bright Paths	A project in Camperdown that allows young people facing food insecurity access to good nutritious and culturally appropriate food.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$10,000 (Year 2 - 23/24)	Nil
B Miles Women's Foundation Incorporated	Enabling Connection for Women in Social and Community Housing	Provision of home internet access for women in the City of Sydney area experiencing financial hardship and who are living with mental health issues, to enable access to digital health services, entertainment and social inclusion.	\$18,996 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$18,996 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$18,996 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil
C3 Central City Incorporated	Living Hope Support Services	A free pop up clinic in Camperdown to provide food relief and mental health support.	\$50,000	Nil
Lokahi Foundation Ltd as Auspice for Carly Anne Quaratino	Drive to Thrive	Driving lessons for disadvantaged women in the south City of Sydney area including support for obtaining an Australian driver's licence.	\$25,625 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$22,125 (Year 2 - 23/24)	Nil
Centre for Disability Studies Limited	Social Networking Group	The development of a network of partnering venues in Camperdown where people with intellectual disabilities can meet and exchange stories to increase social participation.	\$25,000	Nil
Deadly Connections Community and Justice Services Limited	Aboriginal Housing and Access Support Worker	A position providing outreach services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experiencing homelessness, unstable housing or are at risk of homelessness in the City of Sydney area.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Democracy in Colour Limited	Solidarity Network: Moving from Bystanders to Anti-racist Allies	An online and in person training program in the City of Sydney area tackling the issue of racism and seeking to build anti-racism allies to create social change.	\$50,000	Nil
Dress for Success Sydney Inc	Success works - Employment and Resilience Workshops	A series of employment and resilience workshops in Darlington for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who have encountered the justice system.	\$39,700	Nil
NSW Government Schools	Glebe Sing & Grow	A series of music education workshops that equips vulnerable families with skills to enhance early childhood development and relationships.	\$5,000	Nil
Glebe Youth Service Inc	Glebe Food Cooperative (GFC)	A community-led project providing fresh fruit and vegetables and strengthening social connection for people living in social housing.	\$47,136 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$47,136 (Year 2 - 23/24)	Nil
Good Things Foundation Limited	Bridging the Digital Divide for People with Intellectual Disability	A program to help people with intellectual disabilities to safely use the internet and become digitally connected to others in their community.	\$50,000	Nil
Guide Dogs NSW/ACT	Access Training for Industry (ATI) for City of Sydney	A training program for frontline customer service staff to enhance access and inclusion of spaces, places and services in the local area for people with low vision or blindness.	\$30,318	Nil
Holdsworth Community Ltd	Outreach - Breaking Barriers for Seniors in Social Housing	An outreach project for elderly people living in low socio-economic housing, connecting them to social support services.	\$49,475	Nil
House to Grow Ltd	World Sydney Resilience Project (WSRP)	An online educational training initiative that promotes positive health and creates a strong and sustainable community, providing resilient grieving strategies for coping with loss and change.	\$24,800	Nil
Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd as auspice for Sam Alderton-Johnson	Spark Impact	A culturally focused sports program led by Redfern Grappling Club that provides financial assistance, sponsorship and mentoring for local young people in the communities of Redfern, Waterloo and surrounds.	\$30,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Jewish House as auspice for Jewish House One & All Hub	One & All Hub	A program of daily workshops in Rosebery including art, music, health, and movement to people with disability or experiencing mental health difficulties, improving skills and reducing social isolation.	\$20,000	Nil
Kids Giving Back	Cook4Good	A program that works with children and families to cook hot meals and prepare care packs for vulnerable people across the City of Sydney area.	\$24,000	Nil
Lillian Howell Project Incorporated	KYUP! Project	Prevention education programs in Erskineville empowering young women to take control of their safety with the goal of ending the cycle of violence.	\$5,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$5,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$5,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil
Little Dreamers Australia Co Ltd	The Young Carer Job Readiness Project	A practical program in Pymont offering vocational skill development and training opportunities, alongside workplace mentoring, internships and work experience for young carers aged 15 to 25.	\$50,000	Nil
Mentoring Men Ltd	Mentoring men – Supporting Socially Isolated Men	A volunteer mentoring program across the City of Sydney area to support the mental health and wellbeing of socially isolated men.	\$38,296 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$49,856 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$49,856 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil
Pocket City Farms	Creating Employment Pathways for Young People Facing Disadvantage	A pilot program in Camperdown to support young people facing disadvantage with hands-on training, workplace experience and access to meaningful employment pathways.	\$9,780	Nil
Positive Life NSW Incorporated	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Co-designed HIV Health Service Program	A best-practice model of HIV service delivery by NSW based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, ensuring access to culturally appropriate and accessible HIV prevention, testing, and treatment strategies in Surry Hills.	\$45,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$45,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$45,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Public Interest Advocacy Centre Ltd	Speak Out: StreetCare	A year-long media advocacy program to empower people with lived experience of homelessness to inform and influence positive social change.	\$28,568	Nil
Road Safety Education Limited	Road Safety Education for Young, High-Risk City of Sydney Drivers	A program for young people in schools in the City of Sydney area to understand the challenges and risks faced by road users and become safer drivers.	\$8,900	Nil
Roomies Arts Incorporated	Roomies Arts Supported Studio	A pilot program of creative arts activities that also connect and support people with disability or mental health concerns currently residing within Common Ground in Camperdown.	\$46,753	Nil
St John's Community Services Limited	New Skills Phase 2 Pilot	A ten-week pilot program that provides participants with skills, training and vocational opportunities for marginalised people.	\$21,360	Nil
St. Merkorious Charity Association Inc	Food Relief and Community Meals for City of Sydney Residents	Food and hygiene support to the homelessness community in the local area through food hampers, community meals and hygiene items.	\$50,000	Nil
Story Factory Inc	Creative Writing and Literacy Programs	Eight creative writing programs for children at Redfern's Jarjum College, to develop skills required to thrive at school and beyond.	\$33,788	Nil
Sydney Bi Plus Network	Sydney Bi+ Network Community Connections Initiative	A series of events aimed at increasing a sense of belonging, inclusion, and community for Bi+ people across the local area.	\$11,359 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$10,859 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$5,859 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Street banner pole hire up to \$2,602 for three years'
Sydney Queer Muslims Inc	Peer Led Social Support Group + Video Resource	A project to provide support sessions for the LGBTQIA+ Muslim community, producing a video resource to cover issues that were discussed during the sessions.	\$9,200	Nil
Homelessness NSW as auspice for Sydney Women's Homelessness Alliance	Scoping Project Officer	A project to gauge the most current and relevant issues facing women with complex needs and experiencing homelessness to guide future advocacy.	\$10,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
The Haymarket Foundation Ltd	Lived Experience of Homelessness: Advisory Panel	The establishment of an advisory panel with lived experience of homelessness, to assist with shaping services, with participants having access to ongoing training and work opportunities.	\$42,001 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$45,789 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$48,078 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil
The Station Ltd	Fix Staircase	Capital works project to purchase new vinyl floor boards for the staircase at the Station in Wynyard to make the space accessible and safe.	\$9,000	Nil
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	Wayside Women's Safe Space	A two-year pilot program that aims to provide marginalised and at risk women with a safe space where they can access support.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 23/24)	Nil
The University of Sydney	Refugee Language Program Anthology of Stories and Poems	A project to collect and publish an anthology of refugee stories based on excursions to major cultural locations in the City of Sydney, to develop language skills, reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing.	\$12,500	Nil
The Violet Initiative Limited	The Violet End of Life Excellence Program	A program to support people in the last stage of life, partnering with Residential Aged Care and Home Care providers in the City of Sydney.	\$40,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$40,000 (Year 2 - 23/24)	Nil
Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation	Tribal Warrior's Cultural Activities and Restorative Experiences (C.A.R.E)	A program providing inclusive events for First Nations people in the community, focusing on cultural camps and days for community, alongside sporting initiatives for youth.	\$50,000	Nil
True You LGBTIQ+ Plus Inc	True You LGBTIQ+ Community BBQ	A monthly barbeque to support the LGBTIQ+ community to reduce isolation, increase support, and help with mental health.	\$5,000	Nil
United Nations Association of Australia NSW Incorporated	Move and Connect	A nine-week program of weekly 90-minute fitness sessions and social networking activities targeting university students.	\$5,537	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Waverley Action for Youth Services	A WAYS Safe Summer (AWSS)	A peer education outreach project which aims to inform young people in the local area about sexual health, alcohol and other drug harm, and mental health support.	\$5,000	Nil
Will2Live Limited	Hiring opportunities and meaningful advancement (HOMA)	The establishment of a café and program centre in Redfern to provide meals, and a pathway to employment for those who are homeless.	\$50,000	Nil
Women's Community Shelters Limited	Abbie House Wellbeing Program	A 12-month program offering residents a fortnightly forum to connect with peers and learn new skills, enhancing wellbeing, reducing isolation and building capacity, in preparation for independent living.	\$20,000	Nil

Attachment C

**Recommended for Funding
Festivals and Events Sponsorship
(Village and Community) Program**

Festivals and Events (Village and Community) -

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Darlinghurst Business Partnership Incorporated	Happy Hours	A celebration of food and drink, arts, culture and design, encompassing local retailers, bars, restaurants and galleries in Surry Hills, Potts Point and Darlinghurst.	\$30,000	Nil	\$30,000	Nil	Nil
Endangered Productions	Celebrate Culture and Community	A series of free chamber opera performances at Customs House for the local community.	\$19,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$9,288	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$9,288	Nil
Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation	Yabun Festival	An annual festival celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in Australia held on January 26 in Victoria Park, Camperdown.	\$120,000	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$29,000	\$120,000	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$29,000	Applicant to work with the City's Indigenous Leadership and Engagement Team
Gamarada Indigenous Healing and Life Training Limited	Coloured Diggers ANZAC Day March	An ANZAC Day march acknowledging the contributions of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Maori defence service men and women.	\$30,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$30,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$30,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,628 (Year 1 - 22/23) Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,250 each year for three years	\$30,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$25,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,628 (Year 1 - 22/23) Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,250 each year for three years	Nil
Language Festival Association	Sydney Language Festival 2023	A cultural and educational event at the State Library celebrating Australia's language diversity.	\$4,750	Nil	\$4,750	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Mudgin-gal Aboriginal Corporation	Mudgin-gal Women's Festival	A festival for celebration and healing in Redfern to coincide with the United Nations 16 days of activism against gender-based violence, including workshops and performances.	\$30,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$30,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$30,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,068 each years for three years	\$30,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$25,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,068 each year for three years	Nil
PolArt Sydney 2022 Incorporated	PolArt Sydney 2022	A festival across the City of Sydney area celebrating Polish and Australian culture and history through dance, theatre, music, film, literature and visual arts.	\$30,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$16,473 Street banner pole hire to the value of \$32,819	\$12,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$16,473 Street banner pole hire to the value of \$32,819	Nil
Potts Point Partnership Incorporated	Shop Late	A retail night market supporting local retailers, entertainers and businesses in the Potts Point area.	\$28,900	Street banner pole hire to the value of \$4,545	Nil	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$4,545	Nil
Pymont- Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc	Pymont Festival 2023, 2024, 2025	A celebration of wine, food and art for local businesses and the community in Pymont including a two-day outdoor event in Pirrama Park.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$45,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$45,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$7,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$7,700 (Year 2 - 23/24) Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$7,700 (Year 3 - 24/25)	\$30,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$30,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$30,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$7,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$7,700 (Year 2 - 23/24) Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$7,700 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil
Refugee Council of Australia Inc	Refugee Week 2023	The annual celebration of the positive contributions of refugees, occurring in communities across Sydney and nationally.	\$15,000	Nil	\$15,000	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Surry Hills Sessions	A festival for the Surry Hills community to connect and celebrate the local lifestyle including live music, a vintage market and performance art.	\$15,000	Nil	\$11,000	Nil	Applicant to submit an updated and detailed budget
Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd	Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival	A festival celebrating LGBTQIA+ identity and creative expression including a variety of different events and the street parade in Oxford Street.	\$250,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$22,299	\$240,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$22,299	Applicant to provide child safety policy and child risk assessments Applicant to submit a detailed budget
Taiwan Film Festival Incorporated	Taiwan Film Festival	A film festival held in George Street showcasing Taiwanese content including a panel discussion and networking event.	\$10,000	Nil	\$5,000	Nil	Applicant to submit an updated and detailed budget
The Trustee for the BDM trust	The Big Design Market Sydney	A market at The Cutaway at Barangaroo showcasing innovative, sustainable, and ethical products produced by local and Australia-wide designers and artisans.	\$20,000	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$13,766	Nil	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$13,766	Nil
The Returned Services League of Australia, NSW Branch	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Commemoration Service, Sydney	An annual commemoration service at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park South during Reconciliation Week to recognise service in the Australian Defence Force by First Nations people.	\$6,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$6,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$6,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$6,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$6,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$6,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	Nil
Sydney University Settlement	Edward Street Fair	A festival in Chippendale to showcase the vibrant history, resilience, and strength of the local community, with a particular focus on the Aboriginal community and their connection to this area.	\$20,000	Nil	\$19,200	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Sydney University Settlement as auspice for Mr Warren Roberts	Eora Inner City NAIDOC Event	A community-led festival in Redfern for Aboriginal people and the community to engage in NAIDOC celebrations, showcasing Aboriginal arts, culture and local organisations, businesses and services.	\$30,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$30,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$30,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$30,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$25,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	Nil
Weave Youth and Community Services Inc	Weave Mad Pride	An annual youth-led event for Mental Health Month creating spaces to celebrate the creative achievements of young people and to break down the stigma associated with mental health experiences.	\$10,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$10,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$10,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$10,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Applicant to work with the City's Social Programs Team

Attachment D

**Not Recommended for Funding
Festivals and Events Sponsorship
(Village and Community) Program**

Festivals and Events (Village and Community)

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Artoure Contemporary Art Pty Ltd	In the Flesh	A series of visual art exhibitions held at unusual locations, allowing audiences to experience art in new accessible ways.	\$120,000	Street banner pole hire waiver to the value of \$12,975
Good Space Movement Pty Ltd	Good Space Festival	A program of art, music, ideas, culture, performance, sustainability and revitalisation transforming the Broadway rooftop.	\$30,000	Nil
Latin Performers Australia Inc as auspice for Casablanca Events Pty Ltd	Vida Sydney Latin Festival 2023	A festival celebrating Latin American culture, food and performance held at Darling Harbour.	\$19,000	Nil
Potts Point Partnership Inc	Glittering Mile: World Pride	A festival coinciding with Mardi Gras and World Pride in 2023, with the aim of activating businesses and showcasing the diverse offerings in the Potts Point area.	\$30,000	Nil
Queer Screen Ltd	Mardi Gras Film Festival 2023	A film festival as part of Sydney World Pride and the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras that will showcase LGBTIQ content and activate the George Street precinct.	\$30,000	Nil
Summers Initiatives Pty Ltd	Taste in the City	A family festival at the Entertainment Quarter, Moore Park, showcasing local hospitality businesses and celebrating food and wine.	\$20,000	Nil
Sydney Street Choir Foundation	Sydney Street Choir Corporate Challenge, 2023	An annual fundraising event held in Martin Place, showcasing performances by local choirs.	\$13,858	Nil
The Cedars of Lebanon Folkloric Group	Lebanon Carnival 2022	An annual festival celebrating Lebanese culture in Tumbalong Park.	\$15,000	Nil
The Trustee for Australian Sports Foundation Charitable Fund as auspice for Strong Women Documentary Pty Ltd	Strong Sisters: Come and Try - Multi Sports Festival	An event to encourage women to try new sports and become more active, including providing a series of sports stations at South Eveleigh.	\$15,000	Nil

Attachment E

**Recommended for Funding
Matching Grant Program**

Matching Grant Program

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
107 Projects Incorporated as auspice for Eavan Rose Johnson Brennan	A School of Joy and Mischief	A series of five monthly workshops in upcycled craftivism, followed by an exhibition of the works at 107 Redfern street.	\$10,000	Nil	\$3,600	Nil	Nil
Australia and New Zealand Tongzhi Rainbow Alliance Inc	Tong Xing: Mandarin Speaking LGBTIQA+ Peer Support Program	A peer led community wellbeing project aimed at providing support to queer Chinese community members and their families.	\$10,000	Nil	\$10,000	Nil	Nil
C3 Central City Incorporated	Living Hope Food Program	The expansion of a food program in Camperdown to provide free food and other social services to local vulnerable community members.	\$10,000	Nil	\$6,000	Nil	Applicant to provide letters of support from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
Charlie's Community Garden	Community Garden Upgrade	A project delivered by local community members to revitalise the community garden in Darlington providing opportunities for connection as well as produce for the members.	\$4,755	Nil	\$4,755	Nil	Nil
First Nations Response	First Nations Response Gift Card Program	A project to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in Redfern, Woolloomooloo and Glebe with gift cards to purchase food in times of need and crisis relief.	\$10,000	Nil	\$10,000	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
ILGA Oceania Inc	2023 Sydney - ILGA Oceania Conference	An international human rights conference with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ+ organisations reviewing campaigns on decriminalisation, relationship equality and anti-discrimination.	\$10,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$10,000	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$10,000	Nil
Kathryn Pollock	Rough Trade: A Play	The production of a one-woman play to be presented in Newtown at Sydney Fringe 2022 that celebrates the resilience of economically disadvantaged members of the community.	\$10,000	Nil	\$5,000	Nil	Nil
Rave Reviewz Pty, Ltd.	Music on my Mind	A series of music events to raise mental health awareness for the music community, including fundraising and free and ticketed activities in Oxford Street.	\$10,000	Nil	\$10,000	Nil	Nil
Redfern Youth Connect (Australia) Limited	Redfern Youth Connect Drop-in Program for Local Youth	A project to ensure the sustainability of a youth program in Redfern, running six days a week in Redfern.	\$10,000	Nil	\$10,000	Nil	Nil
Palmer Street Community Garden	Palmer Street Community Garden Expansion	A project to expand on the current community garden with additional garden beds to allow year-round garden produce, providing further social opportunities for the local community.	\$2,300	Nil	\$2,300	Nil	Applicant to provide evidence of relevant Council approval for the extension of the garden
Shayne Robert Beckham	Uncle Terry Denzil Oral History Project	An interview to record the history of a well-known local elder in the Aboriginal community.	\$1,750	Nil	\$1,750	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	Creative Table Project	A series of artist-led sessions, aimed at connecting the community through creativity, and concluding with the exhibition of a collaborative work, to be held at the Surry Hills Library.	\$7,901	Nil	\$7,901	Nil	Nil
The Freedom Hub Ltd	The Freedom Fair	Three educational fairs in Waterloo profiling vendors who are working to end slavery in their supply chain.	\$9,984	Nil	\$9,984	Nil	Nil
The Living Room Theatre Incorporated	The Reckoning: An Artistic Explorative Series	The production of a new choreographic work exploring themes of disability, violence and gender including masterclasses, an exhibition and a live-streamed event at 107 Redfern Street.	\$8,525	Nil	\$8,525	Nil	Nil
Ultimo Community Centre Chinese Senior Group	UCCCSG 20th Anniversary Celebration & Exhibition 2022	A free and ticketed program celebrating the achievements of volunteers, tutors and helpers including the display of art, craft, workshops and performances.	\$7,450	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,700	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,700	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Weave Youth & Community Services Inc	After School Tutoring and Mentoring Program	A program linking children with skilled volunteers who are recruited from within the community to provide free weekly after-school tutoring and mentoring.	\$10,000	Nil	\$10,000	Nil	Applicant to provide letters of support from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community who they are collaborating with and engage with the City's Indigenous Leadership and Engagement team.

Attachment F

**Not Recommended for Funding
Matching Grant Program**

Matching Grant Program

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Acceptance Sydney for Gay and Lesbian Catholics Incorporated	Acceptance Sydney - 50 Year Celebration	A project to celebrate the 50th anniversary of one of the first LGBTIQ+ faith based organisations in the world through the development of a published resource and gala event.	\$10,000	Nil
Anthony Charles Freyberg	The Crumbling Mansion Show	A theatrical live performance celebrating words in the form of poetry and songs at a venue in Potts Point.	\$6,740	Nil
Atlantis Aurora Pty Ltd	A Step Forward to a Green Sydney	A project to create a vertical garden on one of the columns of the Darling Harbour underpass to mitigate environmental impacts associated with urbanisation.	\$9,997	Nil
Centipede and Glebe School Incorporated	Centipede Chefs	A project operating during the vacation care program consisting of six sessions teaching children how to grow, prepare and cook basic healthy meals for themselves and their families.	\$10,000	Nil
Chopt Logic Productions Pty Ltd	Anatomy of a Suicide	A production rework of an acclaimed play featuring three generations of mothers wrestling with mental illness to be presented at the Seymour Centre.	\$10,000	Nil
Felicity Ellen Bernadette Heffernan	Dementia Arts Workshop for Sydney HIV and Dementia Sufferers	A dementia art workshop in Surry Hills for people living dementia and HIV, to foster social interaction and a sense of belonging.	\$9,905	Nil
HG Events Pty Ltd	'Teenage Dream': Live Events and Podcasts Celebrating Teen Diary Readings	A community-based live diary reading event, comedy night and podcast series recorded in Redfern featuring LBGTIQ+ Artists	\$10,000	Nil
Hue Consulting Pty Ltd	Anti-Racism Community Building Workshop	A series of three free workshops aimed at empowering First Nations people and CALD community members to learn helpful job acquiring skills, community organising skills and to build resilience.	\$10,000	Nil
Just Gold Digital Agency Pty Ltd	Think Social	An event in Chippendale for social enterprises, government and corporates to discuss the benefits of social enterprise procurement in the mainstream business environment, ways to improve the sustainability of the social sector and to connect local changemakers.	\$10,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
K.W Cheng and H Wong Wing Kee	Asian-Australian Charity Food Pantry	A project to provide culturally appropriate food items for the community pantry at Uniting Harris Community Centre in Ultimo for elderly and disadvantaged Asian Australians.	\$6,000	Nil
Paddington Chamber of Commerce Inc.	Oxford St Windows	A twelve-month photographic exhibition to revitalise five empty window spaces along a quiet section of Oxford Street.	\$3,000	Nil
Rainbow Families Incorporated	Rainbows in the City	A project to establish a City based headquarters to support, guide and resource rainbow families living the local area and to educate the broader community.	\$7,240	Nil
Spineless Wonders Publishing Pty Ltd	Sonic City - More Sounds and Stories of Sydney	The expansion of a series of place based audio-stories in the local area in 10 additional locations, to strengthen connection to place with local residents, visitors and online audiences.	\$10,000	Nil
Starry Arts Pty Ltd	I Love Planet Earth 2	A series of art workshops focused on recycling and environmental sustainability for primary school children.	\$9,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$10,000
Stephen Anthony Brandon	Sydney Swings with Mojito Joe	A series of free jazz concerts at the Potts Point El Alamein Fountain with night time shows in Tumbalong Park.	\$9,940	Nil
Strata Plan 94717	Community Garden maintenance	A project to maintain the communal garden in 52 Pitt Street Redfern, with the addition of a bench to encourage social interaction among the apartment residents.	\$1,940	Nil
Sullivan Strumpf Fine Art Pty Ltd as auspice for Seth Birchall	Seth Birchall presents The Garden is Watered	The production of a solo show of visual artworks by a Sydney based contemporary artist.	\$4,000	Nil
Summer Camp Festival Pty Ltd	Summer Camp Festival Sydney	A creative grants program to support LGBTIQ+ local artists to create new work.	\$10,000	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$64,000
The Trustee for Belinda Mason Trust	Time: A gift not a given	A project to support the creative works of Sera Hodgson and an exhibition to showcase her gilding artwork in Redfern.	\$2,930	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$200
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	Wayside Chapel Community Nursery	A project to install a new irrigation system to support increased gardening activity and production that will promote learning, creativity and community connectedness in Potts Point.	\$7,062	Nil
To Get Pty Ltd	Shop Local and Online	A project to connect residents and visitors to local businesses and suppliers to buy locally, promoting sustainable purchasing habits.	\$10,000	Nil

Item 3.

Grants and Sponsorship - Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program

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 and assist in the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. To achieve the objectives of the Community Recovery Plan and Sustainable Sydney 2030, genuine partnership between government, business and the community is required.

The provision of grants and sponsorships is a mechanism to further the aims identified in the City's social, cultural, 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 achieve the goals of the Community Recovery Plan and Sustainable Sydney 2030.

The City advertised the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program in the annual Grants and Sponsorship Program for approval in 2021/22 and payment in 2022/23.

For the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program, 43 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 17 grants to a total value of \$507,604 in cash and \$32,315 value-in-kind for payment in the 2022/23 financial year, and commitments of \$95,452 in cash and \$2,211 value-in-kind for payment in the 2023/24 financial year.

On 22 February 2021, Council adopted a revised Grants and Sponsorship Policy. All grants in this report were assessed in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy, the Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines, the priorities set out in the Community Recovery Plan and various other relevant City strategies and action plans.

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 and value in kind recommendations for the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not successful in obtaining a cash grant or value in kind for the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grants amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (D) 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
- (E) 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.

Attachments

- Attachment A.** Recommended for Funding - Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program
- Attachment B.** Not Recommended for Funding - Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program

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 22 February 2022, the City announced the grants program for approval in 2021/22 and payment in 2022/23 as being open for application on the City's website, with grant applications closing on 11 April 2022.
3. Information about the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program (such as application dates, guidelines and eligibility criteria) was made available on the City's website. The City actively promoted the program through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, What's On, and ArtsHub. Supply Nation, Multicultural NSW, Digest, Sydney University and Haymarket Chamber of Commerce also promoted the program through their networks. The City Business team worked closely with industry stakeholders to promote these grants and delivered a dedicated virtual briefing for business intermediaries such as local chambers of commerce, industry organisations and Liquor Accord associations to promote these programs through their channels and networks. Email campaigns were 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. The Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship program is open to appropriately incorporated for-profit organisations and partnerships.
5. Seventeen applications were received in the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship program round from for-profit organisations and the following seven for-profit organisations are recommended in this report:
 - (a) Artspay Pty Ltd;
 - (b) Bistro Pty Ltd;
 - (c) Flare Access Pty Ltd;
 - (d) Inspiring Rare Birds Pty Ltd;
 - (e) Jarin Street Pty Ltd;
 - (f) Michelle Tabet Pty Ltd; and
 - (g) Vibelab Asia Pacific Pty Ltd.
6. There were a total of 43 grant applications received for the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program. Seventeen are recommended for funding as detailed in this report.
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.

8. All grants and sponsorships are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant. In the current environment this includes but is not limited to, requirements associated with the service of alcohol or food services, consent from the respective landowner(s), and State Planning Legislation and State Government health requirements. Approval must be sought from the City for any relevant development consents and temporary outdoor event activities.
9. Park hire requests are not listed in the table of 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. For-profit organisations are required to pay park hire fees.
10. 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 incomplete or insufficient information. The City's Grants and Sponsorship team provides feedback to unsuccessful applicants when requested.
11. The assessment process includes advice and recommendations from a suitably qualified assessment panel. The applications are scored against defined criteria for each grant program as well as the integrity of the proposed budget, project plan, partnerships, contributions and connection to the local community and industry sectors. Once recommended applications are approved by Council, a contract is developed, which includes conditions that must be adhered to, and acquitted against.
12. In assessing the grant applications, the assessment panels included in their considerations and recommendations:
 - (a) Community Recovery Plan 2020;
 - (b) Grants and Sponsorship Policy;
 - (c) Sustainable Sydney 2030; and
 - (d) alignment with other core City strategic policies and action plans.
13. Assessors consider the cash and in-kind contribution from the applicant and other sources in reviewing applications. Applicants are asked to demonstrate a capacity to match the grant investment with other sources of funding or contribute their own cash resources to the project.
14. 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.

Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program

15. The Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program supports showcasing local expertise and encourages dialogue on local and global issues.

16. Sponsorship includes support for research, strategic initiatives, programs or events that promote the sustainable development of cities; mentorship and networking events that bring people together to learn from each other; tools or guides to communicate best practice; and build skills and expertise within social, cultural, green and business industry sectors.
17. The assessment panel for the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program consisted of City staff from the Cultural Projects, Homelessness and Social Strategy teams with additional specialist input from the City Business and Safety, Cultural Strategy, Economic Strategy, Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, Security and Emergency Management, Social Programs, and Sustainability and Resilience Strategy teams.
18. The applications recommended for the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program are outlined in Attachment A to this report. The applications not recommended are listed in Attachment B to this report.
19. Additional funds for the Knowledge Exchange Program were made available due to an underspend in the Grants and Sponsorship Economic programs - this includes the Business Support - Place and Industry and Business Support - Night Time Diversification grant programs.
20. The Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship budget is set out below:

Total draft budget for payment in 2022/23	\$975,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications (Future-year funding approved in previous years)	(\$60,000)
Total cash available for Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship program from the Grants and Sponsorship Economic Programs underspend	\$155,285
Total cash available	\$1,070,285
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	43
Total cash value requested from applications	\$1,351,005
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$35,341
Total number of applications recommended for cash support and/or value in-kind support	17
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2022/23 (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2023/24 - \$95,452)	\$507,604

Total amount of value-in-kind support recommended for 2022/23 (Future-year funding recommended for 2023/24 - \$2,211)	\$32,315
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2022/23	\$562,681

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030

21. Sustainable Sydney 2030 is a vision for the sustainable development of the City to 2030 and beyond. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the City, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This grant is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 2 - A Leading Environmental Performer - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to the City's endeavours to work with our business and residential communities to reduce greenhouse emissions and potable water use and encourage diversion of waste from landfill across the local government area.
 - (b) Direction 6 - Vibrant Local Communities and Economies - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to fostering strong and sustainable local economies.
 - (c) Direction 7 - A Cultural and Creative City - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to a city where opportunities for individual creative expression and participation in all its forms are visible, valued, and accessible, and where business and creative opportunities for local artists, creative workers and cultural organisations are supported.

Organisational Impact

22. 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.

Social / Cultural / Community / Environmental and Economic

23. 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.

Financial Implications

24. There are sufficient amounts allocated in the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship program budget, included in the City's draft operating budget for 2022/23 and future year forward estimates to fund the value of the recommended grants. A total of \$507,604 in cash and \$32,315 in value-in-kind is recommended from the 2022/23 (draft) cash budget.
25. Additionally, this report includes forward commitments for 2023/24 of \$95,452 in cash and \$2,211 value-in-kind.
26. All expenditure that exceeds the nominated budgets for the 2022/23 financial year outlined in the Operational Plan will be offset in full from the overall Grants and Sponsorship Program's budget. These savings have occurred as a result of an underspend in the Grants and Sponsorship Economic programs.

Relevant Legislation

27. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that a council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.
28. Section 356(3)(a) to (d) is satisfied for the purpose of providing grant funding to for profit organisations because:
 - (a) the funding is part of the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program;
 - (b) the details of the program were included in Council's adopted operational plan for financial year 2021/22;
 - (c) the program's proposed budgets do not exceed five per cent of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates; and
 - (d) these programs apply to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

29. Funding for the Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship Program is approved in 2021/22 for activity taking place from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting in July.

Public Consultation

30. During February and March 2022 three briefing sessions took place where stakeholders were notified about the grants and how to apply:
- (a) An in-person business collaboration session called Revitalising Sydney was held at Mary's Underground on 22 February 2022. A total of 38 participants, including creative producers, artists, business chambers and local businesses attended this session.
 - (b) An online grant briefing session specifically for Business Chambers was held on 2 March 2022. A total of 17 attendees participated in the session.
 - (c) An online briefing session for general grants enquires was held on 3 March 2022 for potential grant applicants. A total of 173 attendees participated in the session.

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Director City Life

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Attachment A

**Recommended for Funding
Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship
Program**

Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Accessible Arts	Access Ideas and Insights: Hybrid Forum Series	The facilitation of four informative access forums live-streamed from iconic Sydney cultural institutions, showcasing best-practice digital access and inclusion.	\$39,840	Nil	\$39,840	Nil	Nil
Artspace Pty Ltd	KickstART the Arts Campaign	A project to build a community of businesses across the City of Sydney supporting artists and arts organisations by directing payment fees back into the arts.	\$40,000	Nil	\$20,000	Nil	Nil
Australian Fashion Council Ltd	FashTech Lab 2.0	A business development program engaging with Sydney-based fashion brands and technology partners to assist fashion businesses in reducing overheads, costs, textile waste and carbon emissions.	\$40,000	Nil	\$40,000	Nil	Nil
Australian Festivals Association Inc	Best Practice in Harm Reduction Training at Music Festival Events	A project to explore staff training in reducing harm occurring at festivals in the City of Sydney area to help support the festival sector improve safety outcomes at events.	\$21,752 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$17,652 (Year 2 - 23/24)	Nil	\$21,752 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$17,652 (Year 2 - 23/24)	Nil	Nil
Bistro Pty Ltd	Emerge Film Networking	A networking and panel event for emerging screen practitioners at 107 Projects in Redfern.	\$22,000	Nil	\$22,000	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Cohousing Australia	Unlocking the Doors: Legal and Financial Pathways to Resident-led Housing.	A research project to develop practical guidance material to help resident-led housing groups finance and develop cohousing in Sydney.	\$31,630	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$441	\$31,630	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$441	Nil
Co-Operative for Aborigines Limited	Seeds of Change: Tranby's Conference on Aboriginal-controlled Education	A conference held at Glebe, for Aboriginal-controlled community-based education institutions and celebration of 65 years of social action and empowerment.	\$37,700	Nil	\$22,000	Nil	Nil
Flare Access Pty Ltd	Amplify Access and Achieve Purposeful Profit	An online program for businesses to develop an accessible service and incorporating inclusive practices for people with disability.	\$39,382 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$39,998 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$39,998 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$39,382 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Applicant to provide letters of support from project partners
Green Music Australia	Green Action Program	A pilot program held at Ultimo and online to assist the music industry in Sydney to understand, monitor and improve its environmental impact.	\$35,000	Nil	\$35,000	Nil	Nil
Haymarket HQ Pty Ltd	Sydney Landing Pad	A program of virtual and in person bootcamps in Haymarket with service providers, mentors and the local start-up community to facilitate connections with international entrepreneurs.	\$40,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$40,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$40,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$40,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$40,000 (Year 2 - 23/24)	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Inspiring Rare Birds Pty Ltd	Innovation Spaces	A series of workshops for female founders and business owners to increase business promotion, participate in networking sessions and the opportunity for inclusion in a mentorship program, held in Glebe and online.	\$40,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$40,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$40,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$20,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil
Jarin Street Pty Ltd	Trading Blak – Retail Ready Program	A culturally safe self-determined mentoring program in Redfern supporting Aboriginal owned businesses to access mainstream retail, strengthen businesses and advocate for awareness.	\$40,000 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$40,000 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$40,000 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Nil	\$40,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil
Michelle Tabet Pty Ltd	Making Space for Culture Incubation Program 2022-2024	An annual incubation program to build knowledge, capabilities and connections between the cultural and property sectors to address Sydney's creative space shortage.	\$37,800 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$37,800 (Year 2 - 23/24) \$37,800 (Year 3 - 24/25)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,010 (Year 1 – 22/23) Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,211 (Year 2 – 23/24) Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,211 (Year 3 – 24/25)	\$37,800 (Year 1 - 22/23) \$37,800 (Year 2 - 23/24)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,010 (Year 1 - 22/23) Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,211 (Year 2 - 23/24)	Nil
Pact Centre for Emerging Artists Incorporated	Access Toolkit: Expanding Disability Access for Emerging Arts and Artists	A working group and workshop series in Erskineville designed to share best practice approaches and build access and inclusion resources, especially for the emerging arts sector.	\$36,500	Nil	\$36,500	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
SBE Australia Limited	10 Year Impact Event	A gala dinner event at Sydney Town Hall to celebrate the women's entrepreneurship sector including the presentation of a researched sector impact report, ecosystem awards and vision for the next ten years.	\$25,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$13,364	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$13,364	Nil
The Funding Network Australia Limited	Capacity Building Program for Non Profits	Capacity building programs for not for profit organisations including a pitch coaching workshop, virtual pitch delivery event and the development of digital promotional videos.	\$21,700	Nil	\$21,700	Nil	Applicant to provide letters of support from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community partners.
Vibelab Asia Pacific Pty Ltd	Global Cities After Dark 2023 - World Pride Edition	A conference at Sydney Town Hall that celebrates LGBTQIA+ pioneers and innovators in nightlife from Sydney and around the world including case studies, research outcomes and nighttime initiatives.	\$40,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$16,500	\$40,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$16,500	Nil

Attachment B

**Not Recommended for Funding
Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship
Program**

Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Alphacrucis College Limited	Founders Helping Founders	A series of activities including monthly walks and masterclasses to connect the business community.	\$38,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$561
Areti Goddess Events Pty Ltd	Tula's Tools for Personal & Professional Success	A series of online courses and resources, combined with live workshops, seminars and talks across the City of Sydney area to foster female leadership in business.	\$40,000	Nil
Association of Proposal Management Professionals Australia New Zealand Chapter	APMP ANZ Bid & Proposal Conference 2022	A conference to be held at Sofitel Darling Harbour to upskill local small and mid-size enterprises by providing networking opportunities, best practice exchange and advice from industry experts.	\$40,000	Nil
Australian Theatre For Young People	FUSE (Youth Performing Arts Knowledge Exchange)	A three day event at Walsh Bay to bring together youth arts organisations from across Australia to connect, examine and promote diverse youth arts and cultural activities.	\$22,397	Nil
Business News Australia Pty Ltd	Sydney Young Entrepreneur Awards 2022	An awards program and gala event to celebrate young business talent to be held at the Ivy Ballroom on George Street.	\$20,000	Nil
Carbon Market Institute Limited	9th Australasian Emissions Reduction Summit	A two day event at the ICC Sydney to bring together industry professionals for climate action knowledge sharing, commercial interaction and capacity building.	\$30,500	Nil
Centre For Inclusive Design	Community Conversations	An inclusively designed networking and capacity building event in the Barnet Room at Customs House for a diverse range of organisations and individuals.	\$29,258	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,955
Corruption Prevention Network Incorporated	CPN Forum - Rebuilding Trust	A series of seminars and discussion panels as well as a one off forum at Dockside, Darling Harbour to discuss corruption prevention and ideas related to business ethics.	\$30,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Cubic Films Pty Ltd	Dematerialize	A podcast series and YouTube recording of conversational events to highlight issues of sustainability and the circular economy.	\$38,000	Nil
Gir Symposium	GIR Symposium 2022	An academic conference, career and networking event at the University of Sydney that centres on empowering future leaders to explore challenges.	\$7,000	Nil
Inner City Legal Centre	Trans Rights Matter: Legal Community Education and Capacity Building	An outreach, education, and capacity building program to deliver legal education about the rights of trans and gender diverse people in the community across the City of Sydney area.	\$40,000	Nil
Institute of Australian Tour Guides Inc	Be Part of Tomorrow's Tourism	A workshop and panel discussion engaging tour guides and inbound tourism operators to develop skills and exchange information, focussing on the City of Sydney area.	\$5,000	Nil
Just Gold Digital Agency Pty Ltd	#FindYourHashtag	A series of workshops in Chippendale that provide social impact and digital marketing skills to social enterprises and not for profit organisations in the City of Sydney.	\$40,000	Nil
Myriacorn Pty Ltd	WeTheFounders	The development of a social Decentralised Autonomous Organisation (DAO), community owned and operated by start-ups and scale-ups, to collect survey data from the Sydney start-up ecosystem.	\$25,866	Nil
Pocket City Farms	Regenerating Urban Connections through Food, Agriculture and Community.	A series of food security, climate regeneration and sustainability education and awareness-building events as part of Urban Agriculture Month in Camperdown.	\$40,000	Nil
Purpose Conference Pty Ltd	City of Sydney 'Entrepreneurs-in-Residence' Business at Purpose 2022	The facilitation of sponsored places at a residency program at Carriageworks for local businesses and business owners including a tailored program of capacity-building, mentorship and resources.	\$40,000	Nil
Remix Summits Pty Ltd	Business of Culture Incubator/Online Course on Creative Entrepreneurship	A program to support Sydney based creative entrepreneurs to develop sustainable new ventures, including workshops and a pitch day at Harold Park Community Hall.	\$40,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$510

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Resolution Institute	Resolution Institute International Conference 2022	A conference at the Sofitel Wentworth to address developments and emerging trends across a wide range of sectors in dispute resolution.	\$30,000	Nil
Searthen Pty Ltd	Searthen R&D Collaboration Platform and Marketplace	The development of an online collaboration platform bringing together academia, industry, government and funders to facilitate innovation in research and development in the City of Sydney.	\$40,000	Nil
Shelter NSW Incorporated	Student Housing in the SoC: Pass or Fail?	A public forum held at Castlereagh street to discuss student housing in the City of Sydney area including a survey and a summary report form.	\$24,000	Nil
Sweltering Cities Ltd	Digital Innovation and Community Resilience: Mapping Bus Shelters and Heat	A project engaging residents to map local bus shelters, including training to build digital skills and storytelling and a public launch event.	\$10,680	Nil
Textbook Ventures	12-month startup program	A program of events in Zetland for students to learn entrepreneurship skills including pitching, networking, understanding different types of entrepreneurial endeavours and best practice.	\$5,000	Nil
Uearth Technologies Pty Ltd	Resilient, adaptive communities	Two workshops held in Bligh Street that focus on public safety and community recovery to help organisations and businesses review their recovery planning strategy and key improvement opportunities.	\$38,000	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Digital Fashion Environmental and Economic Benefits Calculator	The development of a web-based tool to encourage and track fashion industry adoption of digital technologies and drive environmental change.	\$40,000	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Crowdfunding for Creatives - Alternative Paths to Artistic Sustainability	A series of practical workshops at the University of Technology for independent artists to develop a crowdfunding campaign and associated suite of products to support their specific artistry and audiences.	\$9,000	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Zero-acreage Farming: Growing Food Resilience in High-density Cities	The development of a toolkit to introduce zero-acreage farming as an innovative land-use management approach and a sustainable solution to address food resilience.	\$40,000	Nil

Item 4.

Grants and Sponsorship - Accommodation Grant Program – Annual Performance Review and Lease Renewals 2022

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Summary

The Accommodation Grant Program (the Program) supports community, cultural, economic and sustainability focused 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. Demand for properties remains strong, with more than 627 organisations currently on a notification list for future properties.

For the 2021 calendar year annual review, there were 74 leases held by 67 organisations located across 53 City properties managed under the Program. These tenancies were approved by Council as Accommodation Grants. Recipients of Accommodation Grants enter leases or licences with the City for a fixed term of appropriate length, usually five years, subject to an annual performance review. There are a number of organisations that hold multiple leases through this grant program.

Each year, the City coordinates the annual performance review with the Accommodation Grant recipients (lease holders) to review their performance against the criteria in their lease or licence agreements. A rating system is used to evaluate the information received and assess the performance of the organisations against the criteria set, in return for subsidised accommodation. This report outlines the outcomes of the annual performance review for the 2021 calendar year.

For the 2021 assessment period, 74 lease holders were in the Accommodation Grants program and 73 were requested to complete an annual performance review. One lease holder was not required to complete a review as they have not been in the program for a full 12 months and will submit a review next year.

Of the 73 lease holders requested to complete an annual performance review, one lease holder has not been assessed as they will remain in holdover until the City is able to fulfil its Crown land management requirements over the associated land, and another four lease holders have or will be vacating the program by 30 June 2022.

This report is recommending Council note the continuation of the 68 lease holders who were reviewed, have met their performance criteria and will be continuing in the program.

This report includes a recommendation to approve a new subsidy for the Australian Design Centre at 101-111 and 113-115 William Street Darlinghurst for their previously approved five year lease.

This report also notes properties that have been vacated.

All figures in this report and its attachments are exclusive of GST.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note the continuation of the current Accommodation Grant leases and licences for the 68 lease holders that have satisfactorily completed their annual performance review for the 2021 calendar year and are continuing in the Program;
- (B) Council note the Museum of Chinese in Australia Ltd at 744 George Street was not required to complete an annual performance review and are continuing in the Program;
- (C) Council note the City has not provided an annual rating for The Roman Catholic Church for The Archdiocese of Sydney (Catholic Care) for the property at 1b Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo as the lease is currently on monthly holdover;
- (D) Council approve the new subsidy and grant level for the Australian Design Centre at 101-111 and 113-115 William Street, Darlinghurst for their previously approved five year lease for the period 1 July 2022 to 22 March 2026 on the following rental subsidy:

	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Pro rata Year 2 01/07/22 – 22/03/23 (265 days)	\$215,668	100%	\$215,668	\$0
Year 3 23/03/23 – 22/03/24	\$305,964	95%	\$290,666	\$15,298
Year 4 23/03/24 – 22/03/25	\$315,142	93%	\$293,082	\$22,060
Year 5 23/03/25 – 22/03/26	\$324,597	90%	\$292,137	\$32,460

- (E) 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; and

- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer the agreement with the Australian Design Centre at 101-111 and 113-115 William Street, Darlinghurst on terms consistent with this resolution and in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

Attachments

Attachment A. Annual Performance Review Ratings

Background

1. For the 2021 calendar year annual review, there were 74 leases held by 67 organisations located across 53 City properties managed under the Program. Of these, 73 lease holders were requested to complete an annual performance review.
2. The Museum of Chinese in Australia Ltd was not required to complete a review as they have not been in the program for a full 12 months and will submit a review next year.
3. Four lease holders have or will be vacating the Program by 30 June 2022 and as a result the outcome of their performance reviews have not been included in this report.
4. As at 30 June 2022, the Accommodation Grant Program will make available 70 spaces for 63 organisations in 50 buildings. The total cost of the Program in revenue forgone for the 2022/23 financial year is estimated at \$7.5 million.
5. The terms and conditions of the agreement between each lease holder and the City are detailed in a lease or licence, which also sets out specific key performance criteria and performance measures. Lease holders are reviewed every 12 months against these criteria and measures. Based on these reviews, the following options exist: continuation; improvement; termination; or a variation to the terms of the existing lease or licence.

Outcomes of 2021 Annual Performance Review

6. The annual performance review of Accommodation Grant recipients was undertaken between January 2022 and March 2022 and is based on the 2021 calendar year.
7. Lease holders submitted their annual performance reviews online. City staff members evaluated the submissions provided and the lease holders' overall performance in 2021 against the criteria contained in the respective lease or license. Final evaluations were agreed upon during assessment meetings using the following ratings:
 - A - meeting or exceeding performance criteria;
 - A/B - meeting the majority of performance criteria;
 - B - not meeting performance criteria, on notice (one year to improve performance); or
 - C - not meeting expectations after one year, leases to be terminated.
8. The 68 lease holders who participated in the annual review process have been rated 'A' or 'A/B' against their performance criteria and will be continuing in the Program (see Attachment A).
9. The City has not provided an annual rating for The Roman Catholic Church for The Archdiocese of Sydney (Catholic Care) for the property at 1b Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo. This lease is on holdover until Crown land management requirements over the associated land are resolved. Once this has been resolved the City will review the use of the property and determine ongoing use.

10. It is noted that City staff will work closely with six lease holders who were rated A/B over the next 12 months; Gay & Lesbian Rights Lobby, Geoff Holmes trading as Glebe Music Project, Kil.n.it Experimental Ceramics Studio (both tenancies), The Bower Re-use & Repair Centre Co and Tribal Warrior Association Incorporated. Several areas for improvement have been identified with these lease holders, such as proactive and regular communication, establishing expectations around reporting and updating performance criteria.

Properties vacated

11. The tenancy at 12a Dadley Street, Alexandria was vacated by Australian Unity in May 2022. After a rental subsidy review in 2021 which took into consideration the organisation's financial position, the organisation opted not to enter into a new lease. Office space will be provided at an alternate organisation's premises. This will not impact outreach Aboriginal Homecare services provided in the local community.
12. The tenancy at Suite 1, Benledi House, 186 Glebe Point Road, Glebe will be vacated by Babana Aboriginal Men's Group Incorporated effective 30 June 2022. During the lockdown period, Babana Aboriginal Men's Group Incorporated adapted their services to continue to support their network and the community. Following lockdown, Babana Aboriginal Men's Group Incorporated have continued operating with flexible workplace arrangements which has reduced their need for the property at Benledi House, Glebe. Moving forward they will utilise office space with Tribal Warrior, a local service in Redfern, to provide complimentary and collaborative services and programs.
13. Tenancy one, 247 Oxford Street, Paddington became vacant in May 2022. The City will review the use of this property to determine ongoing use.
14. The tenancy at Abraham Mott Activity Centre, 2 Watson Road, Millers Point was vacated by Sydney School of Arts and Humanities in June 2021 as the organisation had moved most of their workshops online and no longer require use of this property. The space is currently being used in conjunction with the full time Covid-19 testing clinic established in December 2021 and expected to continue to at least 30 June 2022.

Australian Design Centre

15. Australian Design Centre (ADC) is currently in Year 2 of a five year lease for 101-111 and 113-115 William Street, Darlinghurst - expiring 22 March 2026. The lease was approved to be issued by Council in December 2019. However in March 2021, due to the impacts of Covid-19, Council approved to increase the Accommodation Grants Program lease subsidy of several cultural and community organisations. Australian Design Centre was one of these organisations whose subsidy was increased at this point. At that time Australian Design Centre was impacted by reduced government funding; reduced opportunity for self-generated income; and a greater demand for the organisation's services and support.

16. Despite this subsidy increase, in early 2022, Australian Design Centre reported continued and significant flow on effects from Covid-19. They have been impacted by cancellation of events; the requirement to continue to invest in digital experiences; much lower audience numbers and loss of funding. Australian Design Centre has therefore requested additional rental subsidy to support its efforts to rebuild the organisation and operations. Increased subsidy to the organisation will allow it to recover momentum and rebuild with new opportunities for creative practitioners. It plans to undertake a minor refurbishment of its gallery spaces to increase exhibition opportunities; developing First Nations programs and develop additional programs and audiences.
17. The City recognises the deep impacts of two years of disruption from the pandemic, and that issues continue to be felt across the cultural sector. To support its recovery efforts the subsidy previously approved for the Australian Design Centre has been reviewed and a higher grant level is recommended.
18. The below table shows the proposed subsidy recommendation and notes the total impact on City revenue is \$174,069 across 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.

ADC Proposed Subsidy Recommendation	Pro rata Year 2 01/07/22 – 22/03/23 (265 days)	Year 3 23/03/23 – 22/03/24	Year 4 23/03/24 – 22/03/25	Year 5 23/03/25 – 22/03/26
Market Value Rent	215,668	305,964	315,142	324,597
Subsidy %	100%	95%	93%	90%
Subsidy amount	215,668	290,666	293,082	292,137
Rent payable	0	15,298	22,060	32,460
ADC Current Subsidy				
Market Value Rent	215,668	305,964	315,142	324,597
Subsidy %	79%	79%	79%	79%
Subsidy amount	170,378	241,712	248,962	256,432
Rent payable	45,290	64,252	66,180	68,165
Difference between current subsidy and recommended new subsidy	45,290	48,954	44,120	35,705

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030

19. Sustainable Sydney 2030 is a vision for the sustainable development of the City to 2030 and beyond. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the City, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This report is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 6 - Vibrant Local Communities and Economies - the provision of accommodation to a varied group of community and cultural organisations contributes to the diverse range of services and support the City provides for our community. The diversity of these groups contributes to the vibrancy of the City's villages and the communities within them.
 - (b) Direction 7 - A Cultural and Creative City - approximately one third of the Accommodation Grant lease holders are cultural or arts organisations. These organisations support cultural development through the support of artists, and the delivery of culturally stimulating activities that engage our communities.

Social / Cultural / Community

20. The community and cultural organisations that are part of the Accommodation Grants Program make an invaluable contribution to our communities through the development and management of services, activities and programs.

Financial Implications

21. Based on the current list of Accommodation Grant recipients the total value of the Accommodation Grant Program in the 2022/23 financial year is estimated at \$7.5 million in revenue foregone, compared to market value rent.

Relevant Legislation

22. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that a council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.
23. Section 356(3)(a) to (d) is satisfied for the purpose of providing grant funding to for profit organisations because:
- (a) the funding is part of the Accommodation Grant Program;
 - (b) the details of these programs were included in Council's adopted operational plan for financial year 2021/22;
 - (c) the program's proposed budget does not exceed five per cent of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates; and
 - (d) this program applies to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

24. Expiry dates for the leases recommended in this report are from 1 July 2022 to 22 March 2026.

EMMA RIGNEY

Director City Life

Phoebe Arthur, Grants Coordinator

Attachment A

Annual Performance Review Ratings
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Accommodation Grant recipients with agreements in place as at 30 June 2022

ORGANISATION	PROPERTY ADDRESS	RATING 2021
Grant recipients rated A (meeting performance criteria)		
107 Projects Inc	107 Redfern Street, Redfern	A
107 Projects Inc	Level 1, 107 Redfern Street, Redfern	A
107 Projects Inc	Joynton Avenue Creative Centre, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland	A
Asian Australian Artists Association	Corporation Building, 181-187 Hay Street Haymarket	A
Australian Design Centre	113-115 William Street, Darlinghurst	A
Australian Guild of Screen Composers	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
Australian Screen Editors Inc	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
Beehive Industries Co-op	137 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst	A
Big Fag Press Inc	Jubilee - Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	A
Brand X	East Sydney Community and Arts Centre, 225-245 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst	A
Counterpoint Community Services Inc	Alexandria Town Hall, 73 Garden Street, Alexandria	A
Creativity Incorporated	Rosebery Community Centre, 78 Harcourt Parade, Rosebery	A
Darlinghurst Theatre Company	Eternity Playhouse, 249 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst	A
First Draft Inc	Depot - Riley Street, 13-17 Riley Street, Woolloomooloo	A
Glebe District Hockey Club Inc	Jubilee - Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	A
Glebe Junior Australian Football Club	Jubilee - Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	A
Goodstart Early Learning Ltd	The Crescent Early Learning Centre, 7 Chapman Rd, Annandale	A
Goodstart Early Learning Ltd	East Sydney Early Learning Centre, 277 Bourke St, Darlinghurst	A
Goodstart Early Learning Ltd	Huntley Street Early Learning Centre, 4 Huntley St, Alexandria	A
Goodstart Early Learning Ltd	Waranara Child Care Centre, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland	A
In the Pipeline (arts) Ltd trading as Independent Music Theatre	Reginald Murphy Activity Centre, 19 Greenknowe Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
Inner City Legal Centre Limited	Kings Cross Neighbourhood Service Centre & Library, 50-52 Darlinghurst Road, Kings Cross	A
Inner Sydney Regional Council for Social Development	Waterloo Library, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo	A
Jessie Street National Women's Library	Ultimo Community Centre - Harris Street, 40 William Henry Street, Ultimo	A

ORGANISATION	PROPERTY ADDRESS	RATING 2021
Junction Neighbourhood Centre	Suites 1-3, Glebe Community Centre - St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Junction Neighbourhood Centre	Suite 4, Glebe Community Centre - St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Kings Cross Community and Information Centre	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
KU Children's Services - Ultimo	Ultimo Child Care Centre, 247-257 Bulwara Road, Ultimo	A
KU Children's Services - James Cahill PreSchool	James Cahill Pre-School, 1-7 Ragan Street, Waterloo	A
KU Children's Services - John J Carroll Pre School	John J Carroll Pre-School, 2-14 Phelps Street, Surry Hills	A
KU Children's Services - Lance Preschool	Lance Pre-School and Child Care Centre, 37 High Street, Millers Point	A
KU Children's Services - Maybanke Preschool	Maybanke Pre-School, 99 Harris Street, Pyrmont	A
KU Children's Services - Philip Park Children's Centre	Phillip Park Community & Children's Centre, 2-10 Yurong Parkway, Sydney	A
KU Children's Services - Rushcutters Bay Lease	Rushcutters Bay Childcare Centre, Waratah Street, Rushcutters Bay Park	A
KU Sunbeam Kindergarten	Sunbeam Kindergarten, 8 Lyne Street, Alexandria	A
Mandala Community Counselling Services Inc	Ultimo Community Centre - Harris Street, 40 William Henry Street, Ultimo	A
Milk Crate Theatre	Alexandria Town Hall, 74 Garden Street, Alexandria	A
Older Woman's Network NSW	Jane Evans Day Centre, 8-10 Victoria Street, Newtown	A
PACT Centre for Emerging Artists	107-125 Railway Parade, Erskineville	A
Physical Disability Council	Glebe Community Centre - St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Pride History Group	Glebe Community Centre - Benledi House, 186-194 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Pyrmont Ultimo Glebe Men's Shed	Jubilee - Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	A
Radio Eastern Sydney Co-op	Paddington Town Hall, 247 Oxford Street, Paddington	A
Radio for the Print-handicapped of NSW	Glebe Community Centre - St Helens Community Centre, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
Readymade Works Incorp	Ultimo Child Care Centre, 247-257 Bulwara Road, Ultimo	A
Redfern Legal Centre	Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt Street, Redfern	A
Screen Culture Association Inc	Glebe Community Centre - Benledi House, 186-194 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A
SDN Children's Services - Lois Barker Child Care	Lois Barker Child Care Centre, 232 (102 Wellington) Pitt Street, Waterloo	A

ORGANISATION	PROPERTY ADDRESS	RATING 2021
SDN Children's Services - Pyrmont Early Childhood Education Centre	Pyrmont Community Centre, 79a Street, Pyrmont	A
SDN Children's Services - Surry Hills Early Childhood Education Centre	Surry Hills Child Care Centre, 443 Riley Street, Surry Hills	A
SESI: Kings Cross Early Child Health Centre (Sydney Children's Hospital Network)	Reginald Murphy Activity Centre, 19 Greenknowe Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre	Surry Hills Community & Child Care Centre & Library, 405 Crown Street, Surry Hills	A
Sydney Local Health District known as Glebe Early Childhood Centre	Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe	A
The Bower Re-use & Repair Centre Co	107 Redfern Street, Redfern	A
The University of Sydney (Neighbourhood Research Hub)	Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe	A
The Women's Library Inc	Newtown Library & Women's Centre & Brown St Community Hall, 8-10 Brown Street, Newtown	A
Tom Bass Sculpture Studio School	Erskineville Art's Centre, 1a Clara Street, Erskineville	A
UTS Childcare Inc	McKee Street Child Care Centre, 2-10 and 1-15 Mary Ann and McKee Streets, Ultimo	A
Weave Youth & Community Services Inc	Waterloo Library, 770 Elizabeth Street, Waterloo	A
Weave Youth & Community Services Inc	Waterloo Oval, Elizabeth & Allen Streets, Waterloo	A
Women In film and Television Inc	Rex Centre, 50-58 Macleay Street, Elizabeth Bay	A
Wrap with Love	Huntley St Industrial Complex, 4/4 Huntley Street, Alexandria	A
Grant Recipients rated A/B (meeting majority of performance criteria)		
Gay & Lesbian Rights Lobby	Glebe Community Centre - Benledi House, 186-194 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A/B
Geoff Holmes trading as Glebe Music Project	Jubilee - Viaducts, 6 Chapman Road, Annandale	A/B
Kil.n.it Experimental Ceramics Studio	Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe	A/B
Kil.n.it Experimental Ceramics Studio	Nurses Quarters, 184 Glebe Point Road, Glebe	A/B
The Bower Re-use & Repair Centre Co	Banga Community Shed, 3 Joynton Avenue, Zetland	A/B
Tribal Warrior Association Inc	107 Redfern St, Redfern	A/B

Annual assessment not required for 2021		
Museum of Chinese in Australia Ltd	744 George Street, Sydney	Not required to complete annual review
Annual assessment for 2021 completed but not assessed		
The Roman Catholic Church for The Archdiocese of Sydney	1b Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo	Annual review not assessed

Item 5.

Grants and Sponsorship - Ad Hoc Festivals and Events Sponsorship - Rabbitohs Grand Final Live Site and Fan Days

File No: X084995

Summary

Souths Cares PBI Ltd ("Souths Cares") is an independent not-for-profit public benevolent institution affiliated with the South Sydney District Rugby League Football Club - The Rabbitohs. It was established to support the local community and address social needs across the South Sydney region. Its charter is to support disadvantaged, marginalised and Indigenous youth and their families with a specific focus on education, training, health and employment.

The local community support and popularity of the Rabbitohs is strong, and the club has a long-standing relationship with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Redfern. The Rabbitohs' emblem and the red and green colours on the club's jersey are symbolic to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and widely recognised throughout Australia. In 2008, the club was given recognition as a National Trust Community Icon for their historical, sporting, social and cultural significance.

Since 2012, the Rabbitohs have made it as far as the NRL preliminary finals seven times, won the premiership in 2014 and were runners-up in 2021. They remain a strong and competitive club with good prospects for future seasons.

In 2019, with the potential for the Rabbitohs to make the finals, Souths Cares recognised the importance of providing fans an opportunity to be involved in the NRL Grand Final, and requested support from the City for a series of activities to showcase the Grand Final itself if the Rabbitohs were successful in qualifying and to celebrate their success with the local community if they were crowned champions. This included a Grand Final Day Live Site, and Trophy Presentation at Redfern Oval, and Champions Parade through Redfern.

In response to the Souths Cares request, Council approved a cash sponsorship and venue hire fee waiver for three years (2019, 2020, and 2021) subject to the Rabbitohs qualifying for the Grand Final in the relevant year.

This report seeks Council's approval to extend support to the Rabbitohs for a further three year period on the same terms, with the addition of waiving of fees for banner pole hire, banner manufacture, installation/dismantlement and associated banner fees.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve cash sponsorship of \$60,000 (excluding GST) per year for three years and community venue hire value in kind of \$1,000 per year for three years to Souths Cares PBI Ltd for Grand Final qualification and celebratory activities in 2022, 2023 and 2024, subject to the Rabbitohs qualifying for the Grand Final in the relevant year;
- (B) in line with the City's adopted Revenue Policy, allowing for the waiving of fees in accordance with a decision by Council to grant financial assistance, that Council approve the design and manufacture of 60 Rabbitohs themed banners to the value of \$6,000, and waive street banner hire fee to the value of \$8,000 per annum to Souths Cares PBI Ltd, for the installation and dismantling of street banners subject to the Rabbitohs qualifying for the Grand Final in the relevant year;
- (C) Council note that the 2022/23 funds, if required, will be drawn from the General Contingency Fund, and should funds be required for future financial years, they will be drawn from the General Contingency Fund in the relevant year; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, enter into and administer a grant agreement with Souths Cares PBI Ltd to give effect to this resolution.

Attachments

Nil.

Background

1. The South Sydney District Rugby League Football Club (the Club) was formed at a meeting on 17 January 1908 at Redfern Town Hall.
2. The local community support and popularity of the Rabbitohs is strong, and the Club has a long-standing relationship with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Redfern. The Rabbitohs' emblem and the red and green colours on the club's jersey are symbolic to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and widely recognised throughout Australia.
3. Souths Cares PBI Limited (Souths Cares) continues to support the local community with programs such as a Deadly Youth Mentoring Program, Indigenous oral health program, and other projects supporting local students and young people in health, wellbeing, and employment skills training. The Club also provides important sports opportunities for young people from the local area and surrounds, with the Pathways team and Women's team developing junior and women players to compete in rugby league across Sydney.
4. On 12 November 2000, an estimated 80,000 people marched from Redfern to Sydney Town Hall to protest against the Club's expulsion from the NRL. Re-admission to the NRL was granted in 2002, and in 2008, the Club was given recognition as a National Trust Community Icon for their historical, sporting, social and cultural significance.
5. In 2014, South Sydney Football Club organised a Grand Final live site at Redfern Oval, however, the live site was for Rabbitohs Members only and cost \$10 to enter. This meant that members of the public who supported the Rabbitohs but who were not club members could not enter, and as such, members of the community went to surrounding pubs to watch the match.
6. In 2019, Souths Cares recognised the importance of providing fans an opportunity to be involved in the NRL Grand Final, and requested support from the City for a series of activities to showcase the Grand Final if the Rabbitohs were successful in qualifying and to celebrate their success with the local community if they were crowned champions.
7. Since the City agreed to provide Souths Cares support in 2019, the Rabbitohs have reached the NRL Grand Final once in 2021. Due to Covid restrictions, a live site was not able to proceed and the Rabbitohs were unsuccessful in winning the grand final. Therefore no funds were expended under the previous grant..

8. The following three events have been proposed in the event that the Rabbitohs are successful in making the NRL Grand Final in 2022, 2023 and 2024:

Live site (pending qualification for the Grand Final)	Redfern Oval	Day of the Grant Final (Sunday) 1:15pm to 10:00pm
Trophy presentation day (pending winning the Grand Final)	Redfern Oval	Day after the Grand Final (Monday) 11:30am to 2:20pm
Parade (pending winning the Grand Final)	Redfern local area	Tuesday or Wednesday in the week immediately proceeding the Grand Final Time to be advised

9. Souths Cares previously estimated the cost for all activities at \$97,925. A high proportion of these costs are associated with the Live Site activities on Grand Final Day and the infrastructure provided for this would then also be used in situ for the Trophy Presentation pending the outcome of the Final. In the event that the Rabbitohs do make the grand final, Souths Cares would work closely with an event management company to organise and conduct the proposed activities.
10. Souths Cares plan to provide free entry to the live site and other events, giving fans and the local community an accessible opportunity to enjoy the game in the local area. The live site will include a large screen for viewing the game, on site food and beverage offerings including a licensed area and activities such as a drill and skill clinic. Live site attendance is expected to be 4,000 people, with half estimated to come from outside the local area. As the grand final is usually played on the October Long Weekend with the Monday being a public holiday and the following days when the parade is planned being school holidays, young people from the community will have the opportunity to attend.
11. In the event that the Rabbitohs reach the preliminary finals (usually a week before the grand final) and are successful therefore securing a place in the grand final, the City will install 60 Rabbitohs-themed banners in Redfern Street and South Dowling Street. These will be installed the first available working day after the preliminary final and will stay up for the duration of the week leading up to the grand final. In the event that the Rabbitohs win the grand final the banners will remain in-situ for an additional week. If they are unsuccessful, the banners will be removed the first available working day after the grand final.
12. A further three-year in principle sponsorship, contingent each year on the Rabbitohs making the Grand Final in any specific year, would allow the City and Souths Cares to better plan and budget for potential Grand Final events in 2022, 2023 and 2024.

13. The Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program aims to support festivals and events that celebrate, develop and engage the City's communities. The City provides support for festivals and events under two categories: Artform or Village and Community.
14. Village and Community festivals and events celebrate the spirit of a community and build opportunities to share its cultural characteristics with a wider public. Events may nurture and amplify the unique characteristics of the city and village precincts, meet the City's broader place-making objectives and/or showcase a local community, including local business.

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030

15. Sustainable Sydney 2030 is a vision for the sustainable development of the City to 2030 and beyond. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the City, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This report is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
 - (a) Direction 6 - Vibrant Local Communities and Economies - Supporting the Rabbitohs reflects the deep-held passions of large portions of the local community and will attract not only locals, but also persons from outside who are drawn to the atmosphere of the events.
 - (b) Direction 7 - A Cultural and Creative City - Supporting the Rabbitohs reflects the cultural significance that Rugby League and sport in general plays in our community.

Organisational Impact

16. Coordination of the events will involve key staff across the City of Sydney including the Outdoor Events Team, Traffic Management Team, Cleansing & Waste, City Greening & Leisure, as well as the Grants Team who will be required to provide assessment and oversight of the program.

Risks

17. Not supporting the event financially would mean that Souths Cares would be unlikely to be able to deliver the event, or would have to outlay significant costs which would likely result in financial hardship. If the City did not support the event, or chose not to install banners, there is likely to be significant negative community feedback as was the case in 2021 in response to what the community felt was a lack of an appropriate level of banner theming and decoration.

Social / Cultural / Community

18. The benefits to the community are the opportunity to participate in the atmosphere of the grant final amongst the community and without financial constraints, and in the event that the Rabbitohs win, it also provides the community opportunity to celebrate the victory. There is a social and cultural benefit to the community, bringing all demographics together under the banner of sport, reflecting the deep social and cultural connection that the community, especially to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, has with the club.

19. Other community benefits are that the event would receive significant publicity, showcasing the Redfern area and community and positively contributing further to its reputation and village attractiveness.

Environmental

20. There are no significant environmental impacts. The events would be required to comply with the City's Event Guidelines which includes that the organiser comply with sustainable event practices and address issues of waste management produced by their event through a detailed waste management plan.

Economic

21. Businesses engaged by Souths Cares to facilitate the three events would likely include an event management company, audio-visual providers, event infrastructure providers, food vendors and food and beverage suppliers, security and traffic management services, marketing and promotional services, and temporary event staff. Given Souths Cares existing community relationships and sponsors, many of these businesses would likely come from the local area.
22. Additionally, due to the influx of people on event days, local businesses are likely to benefit from incremental patronage both before / after the events.

Financial Implications

23. A total of \$60,000 in cash, \$1,000 in community venue hire value-in-kind and \$8,000 banner pole hire value-in-kind, and \$6,000 banner manufacture costs is recommended for allocation from the 2022/23 General Contingency Budget.
24. Commitments of \$60,000 cash and \$9,000 value-in-kind will, if required, be drawn from the General Contingency for the 2023/24, and 2024/25 financial years.
25. Elaborating on the costs for banners, the \$8,000 annual cost covers two week pole hire for up to 60 banners (value of \$2,880 which is revenue foregone and no hard cost to the City). The remaining \$7,120 are hard costs for installation / dismantlement, washing and storage and only be incurred in the event that the Rabbitohs make the grand final and the banners are installed. The \$6,000 cost for banner manufacturing would be incurred once every three years to replace the banners (or on an as-needs basis).

Relevant Legislation

26. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that a council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.
27. As Souths Cares PBI Ltd is a not-for-profit, public notification prior to making this grant is not required.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

28. The 2022 NRL Grand Final is currently scheduled to be held on the evening of Sunday 2 October 2022. If successful in qualifying the proposed Rabbitohs Grand Final event dates are:

- Banner installation - Monday 26 September 2022;
- Live site - Sunday 2 October 2022;
- Trophy presentation day - Monday 3 October 2022;
- Parade in Redfern - Tuesday 4 or Wednesday 5 October 2022; and
- Banner dismantlement - Monday 10 October 2022.

The above dates may be subject to change.

29. Dates for future years of the grant will be established based on the dates of competition as determined by the NRL.

Public Consultation

30. Consultation has been undertaken with Souths Cares.

EMMA RIGNEY

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Peter Rugg, Manager Venue Management