

5 December 2022

At the conclusion of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and
Tenders Committee

Resilient Communities Committee

Agenda

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes**
- 2. Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**
- 3. Grants and Sponsorship – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund**

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Item 1.
Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the following meetings of the Resilient Communities Committee are submitted for confirmation:

Meeting of 14 November 2022

Item 2.**Statement of Ethical Obligations**

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Lord Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath or Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Sydney and the City of Sydney Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act, to the best of their ability and judgement.

Disclosures of Interest

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice and the City of Sydney Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to disclose and manage both pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting.

In both cases, the nature of the interest must be disclosed.

This includes receipt of reportable political donations over the previous four years.

Item 3.

Grants and Sponsorship – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

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. To achieve the objectives of Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision, 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 Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision.

The City advertised the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund in the annual Grants and Sponsorship Program.

This funding program supports a strong and sustainable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled sector to deliver projects that meet the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the local area. Funding supports increase self-determination and equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through projects that connect people with community, Country and culture.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund is open all year for applications until the annual budget is exhausted.

Nine eligible applications meeting the December Committee timeframes for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund were received. This report recommends four grants to a value of \$129,109 in cash and \$6,394 in value in kind for payment in the 2022/23 financial year.

On 22 August 2022, Council adopted a Grants and Sponsorship Policy. All grants in this report were assessed in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy, the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the priorities set out in Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision and various other relevant City strategies and action plans.

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 recommendation for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grant 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 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

Attachment B. Not Recommended For Funding - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

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 30 August 2022, the City announced the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund as being open for application on the City's website, with grant applications open all year round, until budget is exhausted.
3. Information about this grant program (such as application dates, guidelines, and eligibility criteria) was made available on the City's website. The City actively promoted the grant program when it first opened through the corporate website, e-newsletters, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, AdWords, ArtsHub, Google display ads and Koori Radio. 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. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program is dedicated to local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, groups and organisations and is open to not-for-profit organisations, for-profit organisations, sole traders and individuals or unincorporated community groups auspiced by a not-for-profit or for-profit organisation.
5. Three eligible applications were received from for-profit organisations or sole traders through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and the following for-profit organisation is recommended in this report:
 - (a) J & R Corporation Pty Ltd.

Grants assessment process

6. 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.
7. The assessment process includes advice and recommendations from a suitably qualified assessment panel. The applications are scored against defined assessment 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.
8. The assessment criteria for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund are:
 - evidence of the need for the project and proposed outcomes and relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;
 - capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the project;
 - demonstrated connection to and benefit for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; and
 - how the project will deliver against the funding priorities.

9. The assessment meeting for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund was held on 3 November 2022. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, City Business and Safety, Cultural Space and Sector Development Teams, Venue Management, City Spaces, Social Policy and Programs, Cultural Programs and Services and People and Culture.
10. Once recommended applications are approved by Council, a contract is developed which includes conditions that must be adhered to and acquitted against.
11. It is expected that all successful applicants will work cooperatively with relevant City staff throughout the project for which they have received funding.
12. All grants and sponsorships are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

13. The applications recommended for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program are outlined in Attachment A to this report.
14. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2022/23	\$500,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	(\$25,000)
Total cash available	\$475,000
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	9
Total cash value requested from applications	\$439,909
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$15,185
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	4
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2022/23	\$129,109
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2022/23	\$6,394
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2022/23	\$345,891

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

15. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. 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 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - the recommended grant projects in this report will contribute to strengthening partnerships and relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and prioritise their cultural, social, environmental, spiritual and economic aspirations.
 - (b) Direction 8 - A thriving cultural and creative life - the recommended grant projects in this report will contribute to supporting artistic and creative endeavours in our city, helping foster initiative, experimentation and enterprise by creative workers and providing new opportunities for audiences to engage in the city's cultural life.

Organisational Impact

16. 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.

Cultural / Economic / Social / Environmental

17. 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 business, within the local area.

Financial Implications

18. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2022/23 grants and sponsorship budget, included in the City's operating budget for 2022/23 to support the recommended grant. Details and total values are provided in the table above.

Relevant Legislation

19. 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.

20. 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund;
 - (b) the details of the program were included in the Council's adopted operational plan for financial year 2022/23;
 - (c) the program's proposed budget does not exceed five per cent of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for financial year 2022/23; and
 - (d) this program applies to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

21. The funding period for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund for financial year 2022/23 is for activities taking place 12 months from the project start date. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for the commencement of projects.

Public Consultation

22. During September 2022, a briefing session took place where stakeholders were notified about the grants and how to apply.
23. An online briefing session for general grants enquiries was held on 6 September 2022. A total of 53 attendees participated in the session
24. Q&A sessions were held for those grant applicants wanting more assistance with their grant applications for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund. A total of 13 attendees participated in these sessions
25. Q&A sessions are ongoing for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program.

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Director City Life

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Attachment A

**Recommended for Funding
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Collaboration Fund**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 2022/23

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation	BlaQ's LGBTQIA+SB Wellbeing Retreat	BlaQ is wanting to host a Wellbeing Retreat for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQIA+SB (Sistergirl and Brotherboy) community to improve our Mob's holistic social and emotional wellbeing through celebrating kinship, culture and connection to country.	\$50,000	Nil	\$20,000	Nil	City funds to support the attendees from our LGA and applicant to provide a revised budget.
Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation	Secrets of Dawn	The development of an exhibition at Carriageworks exposing the tactics used by the Aborigines Protection Board (1909-1939) to progress the agenda of assimilation of First Nations people through the Dawn Magazine.	\$49,109	Nil	\$49,109	Nil	Nil
J & R Corporation Pty Ltd	Community Maliyan (Eagle) Resilience Project	A wellbeing project aimed at improving the quality of life of Aboriginal people from Redfern, Glebe and Woollahooloo communities by addressing fitness, mental health, suicide prevention, domestic violence, trauma and leadership.	\$50,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$6,394	\$10,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$6,394	Funding to go towards workshops and resources
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council resource	Develop a resource to address any Aboriginal community development matters or needs for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and mainstream communities.	\$50,000	Nil	\$50,000	Nil	Applicant to work with the City to identify future funding sources.

Attachment B

**Not Recommended for Funding
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Collaboration Fund**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 2022/23

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Bilbie Pty Ltd	Warrane XR	Reconstruct the arrival of the First Fleet in augmented and virtual reality from the perspective of the Gadigal people in Martin Place on 26th January.	\$49,400	Nil
Indigenous Employment Partners Ltd.	Indigenous Employment Partners Collaboration Event	An employment fair with jobseekers, workplaces looking to hire Indigenous candidates and other organisations that provide Indigenous services related to achieving sustainable employment outcomes.	\$50,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$161
Larissa Jane Cook	V J Cleaning Academy	Providing employment, training and education in cleaning operations for young people in Redfern through establishing the V J Cleaning Academy.	\$50,000	Nil
Vasey Corporation Pty Ltd as Auspice for Gunawirra	Preserving Dreamtime Stories	Working with Local elders who share their Dreamtime stories, this project will train young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to develop these stories using digital animation, preserving them for future generations.	\$41,400	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$3,660
Yaali Collective Pty Ltd	Building an Indigenous Mentor Alumni	To train and prepare Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff within the City of Sydney area through a VET accredited certificate to become mentors for other existing or new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and workforces.	\$50,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$4,970