

6 November 2023

At the conclusion of the Cultural and Creative Committee

**Resilient Communities and Economy  
Committee**

**Agenda**

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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 August 2023

**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.

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**Item 3.**

**Outdoor Alcohol Restrictions**

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## Item 4.

### Grants and Sponsorship – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and Innovation and Ideas 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. 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 following Programs in the annual Grants and Sponsorship Program:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund
- Innovation and Ideas Grant program

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

For the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund five eligible applications were received meeting the November Committee timeframes. This report recommends three grants to a value of \$108,600 in cash for payment in the 2023/24 financial year.

For the Innovation and Ideas Grant program, 89 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 20 grants to a total value of \$559,447 in cash for payment and \$17,307 in value-in-kind in the 2023/24 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.

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 recommendations 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 or value-in-kind for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment D to the subject report;
- (E) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (F) Council note additional funding of \$87,111 for the Innovation and Ideas grant program has been made available in the 2023/24 financial year as a result of an underspend in the Business Sector Support and Green Building grant programs and an approved Creative grant not being accepted by the grant applicant;
- (G) 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
- (H) 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
- Attachment C.** Recommended For Funding - Innovation and Ideas Grant Program
- Attachment D.** Not Recommended For Funding - Innovation and Ideas 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 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. On 25 July 2023, the City announced the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as being open for application on the City's website, with grant applications closing on 22 August 2023.
4. Information about these grant programs (such as application dates, guidelines, and eligibility criteria) was made available on the City's website. The City actively promoted the grant programs through the corporate website, content marketing, e-newsletters, paid and organic social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn) and AdWords. 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. 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.
6. Three eligible applications meeting the November Committee timeframes were received from sole traders through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and the following sole trader is recommended in this report:
  - (a) Jodie Ann Choolburra.
7. One oral application was received for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund meeting the November Committee timeframes and is recommended in this report:
  - (a) Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council as auspice for Dan Munro.
8. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the Innovation and Ideas Grant program is open to not-for-profit organisations and for-profit organisations.

9. A total of 41 eligible applications were received from for-profit organisations through the Innovation and Ideas Grant program and the following six for-profit organisations are recommended in this report:
  - (a) Blax Capital Pty Ltd;
  - (b) Cicada innovations Pty Ltd;
  - (c) Climate Salad Pty Ltd;
  - (d) Creative Plus Business Group Pty Ltd;
  - (e) Innovillage Pty Ltd; and
  - (f) Startup Muster Pty Ltd.

### **Grants assessment process**

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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The assessment meeting for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund was held on 10 October 2023. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, City Business and Safety, People and Culture and Cultural Space and Sector Development Teams.
14. The assessment criteria for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program are:
  - evidence of the need for the project and proposed outcomes;
  - capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the project;
  - demonstrated connection and benefit to the local area and community;

- evidence of diversity, inclusion and equity in the planning and delivery of the project; and
  - how the project delivers against the funding priorities.
15. The assessment meeting for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program was held on 19 September 2023 to ensure grant applicants were assessed against the relevant assessment criteria. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Strategy and Urban Analytics Team, with specialist input from the City Access and Transport, City Business and Safety, City Communications, City Design, City Green and Leisure, Cleansing and Waste, Creative City, Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, Social City and Sustainability Programs Teams.
  16. Once recommended applications are approved by Council, a contract is developed which includes conditions that must be adhered to and acquitted against.
  17. It is expected that all successful applicants will work cooperatively with relevant City staff throughout the project for which they have received funding.
  18. 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**

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

Total budget for 2023/24	\$500,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	(\$180,690)
Total cash available	\$319,310
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	5
Total cash value requested from applications	\$197,971
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$13,000
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	3
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2023/24	\$108,600
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2023/24	\$0
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2023/24	\$210,710

**Innovation and Ideas Grant program**

21. The application recommended for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program is outlined in Attachment C to this report.
22. The Innovation and Ideas Grant program budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2023/24	\$1,175,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	(\$702,664)
Plus: Total cash available from Business Sector Support, Creative Grants and Green Building Grants underspend	\$87,111
Total cash available	\$559,447
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	89
Total cash value requested from applications	\$3,871,598
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$31,341
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	20
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2023/24 (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2024/25 - \$148,018) (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2025/26 - \$100,000)	\$559,447
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2023/24 (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2024/25 - \$0) (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2025/26 - \$0)	\$17,307
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2023/24	\$0

## Key Implications

### Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

23. 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 2 - A leading environmental performer - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to the City's endeavours in improving environmental performance of our residents and businesses by supporting new and innovative approaches to delivering sustainability outcomes and strengthening community resilience.
  - (b) Direction 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to community development and support active participation in civic life. They empower the community to address issues that matter to them and drive projects to create a more inclusive and resilient city.
  - (c) Direction 7 - Resilient and diverse communities - the recommended grant projects in this report contributes to improved wellbeing, well located, inclusive and affordable services that improve social connections and embrace a safe city.
  - (d) 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.
  - (e) Direction 9 - A transformed and innovative economy - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to helping stimulate business and promote economic activity. They encourage partnerships with other organisations on business development and assist groups of businesses to work together for the collective benefit.

### Organisational Impact

24. 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

25. 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

26. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2023/24 grants and sponsorship budget, included in the City's operating budget for 2023/24 to support the recommended grants. Details and total values are provided in the table above.
27. All expenditure that exceeds the nominated budgets for the 2023/24 financial year outlined in the City's operating budget will be offset in full from within the overall Grants and Sponsorship Program budget.
28. Additional funding for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program has been made available from an underspend in the 2023/24 Business Sector Support and Green Building grant programs and an approved Creative grant from the 2023 Summer Round grant program not being accepted by the grant applicant.

## Relevant Legislation

29. 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.
30. 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) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund; and
    - (ii) Innovation and Ideas Grant program
  - (b) the details of the program were included in the Council's operational plan for financial year 2023/24;
  - (c) the program's proposed budgets do not exceed five per cent of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for financial year 2023/24; and
  - (d) this program applies to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

## Critical Dates / Time Frames

31. The funding period for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund for financial year 2023/24 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 projects starting.
32. The funding period for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program for financial year 2023/24 is for activity taking place from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting in January 2024.

**Public Consultation**

33. During July 2023, briefing sessions took place where stakeholders were notified about the grants and how to apply.
- (a) An online briefing session for general grant enquires was held on 26 July 2023. A total of 122 attendees participated in the session.
  - (b) An in-person information session for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community was held at Redfern Community Centre on 27 July 2023. A total of 19 attendees participated in the session.
  - (c) An in-person information session was held at the Pitt Street Training Centre on 8 June 2023, for participants at the Connect Sydney workshop. This session was specifically held for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and people. Connect Sydney aims to build the capacity of community and not-for-profit organisations through the provision of free grant writing skills and governance training. A total of 29 attendees participated in the session.

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Director City Life

Alana Goodwin, Grants Coordinator

# **Attachment A**

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



## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 2023/24

### Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Jodie Ann Choolburra	Brolga Yugal Yulugi 2023	An annual showcase of First Nation storytelling told by First Nations young people at the Tom Mann Theatre, Surry Hills.	\$20,000	Nil	<b>\$16,500</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council as auspice for Dan Munro	Biyanga (Father) Project - Healing Journey for Our Men	A program to empower First Nations men with the knowledge and skills to strengthen family bonds, be confident and nurturing fathers, and build a sense of belonging in a culturally safe space.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$42,100</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation as auspice for Redfern All Blacks Rugby League Football Club Incorporated	Redfern All Blacks RLFC Cultural Health & Wellbeing	A health and well-being program that provides cultural support and guidance to young Aboriginal players.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to provide revised budget and project plan

## **Attachment B**

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

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 2023/24

### Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Cecil Arnold Heron	Cronjo Traditional Ground Maintenance and Handyman Services	A project to deliver Aboriginal Ground Maintenance and Horticulture services to the local community.	\$50,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$13,000
Kate Louise Constantine	Publishing Art and Culture Book of the Gadigal	A project to support the release of 'Gadigal Ngura - Exploring a Gadigal Artist's love affair with her Country', through printing support and a series of author discussion events.	\$27,971	Nil

# **Attachment C**

**Recommended for Funding  
Innovation and Ideas Grant Program**

## Innovation and Ideas Grant Program - Winter Round 2023/24

### 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: 2024 Hybrid Forum Series	A series of access forums live-streamed from Sydney cultural institutions, showcasing best-practice digital access and inclusion.	\$49,860	Nil	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Asian Australian Artists Association Inc	SPACE 2	An incubator lab and gathering space for artists, creative technologists and cultural entrepreneurs to explore the intersection between art and technology.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$26,352 (Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Australian Fashion Council Ltd	Environmental and Social Impact Series	An industry led toolkit and webinar series to promote best practice environmental and social actions for the Australian fashion industry.	\$40,000	Nil	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Blax Capital Pty Ltd	Indigenous Gender Lens Fund	To launch the Indigenous Gender Lens Fund, supporting female-led Indigenous businesses.	\$45,900	Nil	<b>\$31,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Applicant to submit a revised budget and confirmation from fund partner.
Cicada innovations Pty Ltd	Tech24	An annual festival that supports the deep tech startups sector, including keynote speakers, panel discussions, presentations and networking.	\$30,000	Nil	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Climate Salad Pty Ltd	Australian Climate Tech Festival	A full-day event that celebrates climate tech innovations and ideas through keynote speakers, panel discussions, demonstrations and opportunities to connect with investors.	\$50,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$15,905	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$15,905	Nil
Climate-KIC Australia Ltd	Renewable Energy Buyers' Group Facilitation Pilot	To establish a scalable and repeatable model for renewable energy purchasing by groups of businesses within the local area.	\$50,000	Nil	\$40,000	Nil	Nil
Creative Plus Business Group Pty Ltd	Artselerate	An incubator program for creative practitioners and arts professionals designed to develop strategic planning, financial literacy and improved marketing skills.	\$25,400 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$25,400 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$25,400 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,402 each year for three years	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,402 (Year 1 only)	Nil
Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade	NSW International Student Volunteer Program	A program to welcome international students to Sydney, including the Sydney Airport International Student Welcome Desk.	\$15,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$15,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$15,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil	\$15,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$15,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$15,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil	Nil
Free Broadcast Inc	Resonance	A series of public programs, including workshops, walks and reading groups, exploring the values of race, culture and identity from the perspective of First Nations people and people of colour.	\$17,000	Nil	\$17,000	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Green Music Australia	Building Environmental Leadership and Responsible Practice in Sydney's Music Industry	A series of programs to help businesses improve their environmental performance, including the Green Action Program, the Music Product Stewardship Alliance, and a NSW Green Venue Guide.	\$36,000	Nil	\$20,000	Nil	Nil
Health Consumers NSW Inc	Collaborate & Connect	A series of workshops with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to understand their experiences and engagement with the healthcare system.	\$50,000	Nil	\$45,745	Nil	Nil
Innovillage Pty Ltd	Sydney Climate Action Week	A series of events around climate change, including forums, discussions and a showcase of technologies and innovations that are advancing climate action.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 25/26)	Nil	Nil
PACT Centre for Emerging Artists Inc	Designers-in-residence and Theatre Technician Training Program	A training program to provide production management and design mentorship from senior PACT associates to a group of emerging lighting designers and theatre technicians.	\$36,500	Nil	\$36,500	Nil	Nil
Refugee Council of Australia Inc	Addressing Sydney's Hidden Homelessness	A research and advocacy project to address the root causes of homelessness for people seeking asylum in the local area.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil	\$40,000 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$40,000 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$40,000 (Year 3 - 25/26)	Nil	Nil
St. Vincent's Hospital Sydney Ltd	Cooling Hub for People Experiencing Homelessness	To design and implement a cooling hub in the local area, to prevent heat-related illness in people experiencing homelessness.	\$49,177	Nil	\$49,177	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Startup Muster Pty Ltd	Startup Muster Sydney	A survey to collect data from local startup founders and startup support organisations.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$25,000</b> (Year 1 - 23/24) <b>\$25,000</b> (Year 2 - 24/25) <b>\$25,000</b> (Year 3 - 25/26)	Nil	Nil
The University of Sydney	Environmental Monitoring Through Citizen Science	A research project where citizens and scientists will monitor personal exposures to local environmental conditions and develop action plans to improve indoor environmental quality.	\$29,350	Nil	<b>\$29,350</b>	Nil	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Tidda Talk Train-the-Trainer Initiative	A training program to upskill Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander wellbeing facilitators to deliver the Tidda Talk program, co-developed and co-delivered with community partners.	\$49,323	Nil	<b>\$49,323</b>	Nil	Nil
WorkVentures Ltd	National Device Bank Feasibility Pilot	A pilot program to provide free electronic devices to people experiencing digital exclusion.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$48,018 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> (Year 1 - 23/24) <b>\$48,018</b> (Year 2 - 24/25)	Nil	Nil



# **Attachment D**

**Not Recommended for Funding  
Innovation and Ideas Grant Program**

# Innovation and Ideas Grant Program - Winter Round 2023/24

## Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
ACF - Australian Care Foundation Ltd	Cultural Harmony Exchange	A series of cultural, language and storytelling events that celebrate the city's cultural diversity.	\$50,000	Nil
ACON Health Ltd	Australian Pride in Sport Festival	Support for local sports clubs and sport governing bodies to host sporting events and activations during Mardi Gras.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
AIVL – Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League Ltd	Online Information Hub	To develop a new online platform with information, videos and resources to support people with lived and living experiences of drug use.	\$50,000	Nil
Asset Management & Improvement Services Pty Ltd	Revive and Preserve	To clean and maintain street furniture within the local area.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
Australian School of Entrepreneurship Pty Ltd	Sydney Youth Sustainability Challenge	A series of workshops and events to empower young leaders to champion eco-friendly practices.	\$25,000	Nil
Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)	Inclusive and Accessible Quiet Rooms	To design, develop and implement purpose-built quiet rooms across the local area to benefit people on the autism spectrum and other hidden disabilities.	\$49,500 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$34,500 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$37,500 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
C.B Daun & T.C Daun	Soy Fish Plastic Alternative	To develop a prototype that replaces the plastic soy fish container with a sustainable plant-based alternative.	\$17,000	Nil
Cho Cho Tacos Pty Ltd	Cho Cho Taco Barbacoa	To build a Barbacoa cooking device that utilises the agave plant, reduces food waste and educates the public on Mexican traditional cooking methods.	\$50,000	Nil
Commonplace Pty Ltd	Housing People Not Cars	A research project to investigate the potential of converting private garages in low-rise residential flat buildings into new dwellings.	\$50,000	Nil
Cook and Bailey Holdings Pty Ltd	Echoes of Existence: A Living Legacy Series	To create personalised video biographies for palliative care and elderly clients, and to share with the wider community to start a dialogue on death, ageing and loneliness.	\$42,700	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Diversity Arts Australia	Shifting the Balance Leadership Program	A leadership and capacity building program to foster the growth, development, and career development of culturally and linguistically diverse leaders from the arts and cultural sectors.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25)	Nil
Dostine Ventures Pty Ltd	Stanley Street Pedestrianisation Study	A research project to explore the feasibility of the pedestrianisation of Stanley Street.	\$50,000	Nil
Dotyours Pty Ltd	RentIt	A peer to peer marketplace that connects neighbours and local businesses to share their items which helps reduce waste, foster community and create additional income.	\$42,300	Nil
Dress for Success Sydney Inc	Circular Success: Sustainability, Reuse and Collaboration	To develop a sustainability strategy, including a zero waste policy, circular economy partnerships and community workshops and events.	\$50,000	Nil
Drink Nimbus Pty Ltd	Zero Waste Hospitality	Research and development of plant based milk products to reduce waste and emissions in the hospitality and travel sectors.	\$41,528	Nil
E Kerivan & T.D Wing Evans	Chockers	A research and feasibility study for an online marketplace that allows residents to share their unused household items.	\$46,702	Nil
Edge Environment Pty Ltd	Reusable Food Container Behaviour Change and Impact study	A behaviour change and impact study to help drive customers to choose reusable food containers instead of single-use packaging.	\$49,440	Nil
End Street Sleeping Collaboration Ltd	By-Name List 3.0	User enhancements and integration to improve the user experience of the By-Name List, an online platform that helps caseworkers across organisations to work together.	\$50,000	Nil
Eudai Pty Ltd	The Remarkable Women Roadshow	A series of activations across city locations, to celebrate, connect and inspire working women.	\$50,000	Nil
FinTech Australia Ltd	Fintech for Net Zero	An event to promote green activities in the fintech sector, including networking, panel discussions and presentations.	\$12,500	Nil
First Colours Brand Pty Ltd	Sustainable Pop-up Series	To host a series of pop-up shops in the local area, providing a platform for local sustainable makers, fashion designers, and artists to showcase their creations.	\$40,000	Nil
Fishburners Ltd	Expedition AI	A series of workshops to upskill women and gender diverse individuals in artificial intelligence (AI), improving their inclusion and participation across emerging tech, startup and innovation sectors.	\$45,525	Nil
Flare Access Pty Ltd	Access Directory	To develop an online platform that provides both information about the accessibility of businesses for customers, and resources for businesses to improve their accessibility.	\$50,000	Nil
GFTH Pty Ltd	Teach Me Good	To build an online platform that connects sustainability educators with building managers, businesses and governments undertaking sustainability programs.	\$50,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Glebe Youth Service Inc	Name Your Arts	A new performing arts program for young people in Glebe, developing creative skills as well as improving resilience, leadership and health outcomes.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
Global Trade Professionals Alliance Ltd	Small Business Ecosystem Platform	A cloud-based technology solution designed to empower small businesses to streamline their operations, enhance productivity, and improve their chances of success.	\$50,000	Nil
Greenr Global Pty Ltd	Greener App	A pilot project with Hollywood Quarter and YCK Laneways to promote the Greener App in Sydney hospitality precincts to help venues and patrons decarbonise.	\$48,000	Nil
Habitat for Humanity Australia	Subsidised Housing and Affordable Rental Program (SHARP)	A pilot program that will provide secure subsidised rental accommodation for low to moderate income families in the City of Sydney.	\$49,263	Nil
Hanrose International Pty Ltd	Reimagining Retail: Where Values and Community Thrive	To showcase unique and ethically curated brands and diverse products.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25)	Nil
Heaton Communications Pty Ltd	LiFT - Collaborative Futures	A two-day retreat that brings together local businesses to build community, generate investment and share resources and knowledge.	\$50,000	Nil
HerFuture HerDecade Ltd	Gender Justice Tool	To develop resources and tools to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of gender justice programs, policies, and interventions.	\$49,500	Nil
iNOWAYTiON Pty Ltd	Safe and Reliable Active Transport in Redfern	A research project with the Redfern community about cycling and walking as preferred modes of transport, including recommendations to boost participation and safety.	\$48,500	Nil
InvestmentAdvantaged Software Pty Ltd	Electrify Strata City of Sydney	A mapping project of strata buildings in the local area, mapping the progress of electricity monitoring devices, as well as solar, battery, EV charging and heat pump installs.	\$20,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$10,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$10,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of: \$8,959 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$150 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$150 (Year 3 – 25/26)
Kinetic Digital Pty Ltd	Pico Coding Club	A series of interactive workshops for children aged 9-14 to learn the basics of computer science.	\$20,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
M.S Gandhi & S.H Landis	RIPE Development Program	A creative development with writers and actors to develop three plays exploring themes and characters relevant to the LGBTQIA+ community.	\$50,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,515
Mike and Co Pty Ltd	Save My Tomorrow	A marketing campaign to promote the use of edible coffee cups.	\$50,000	Nil
Navi Technologies Pty Ltd	Splashup Sydney	To further develop technology that enables online and local businesses to cross-promote their products and services within a network of complementary brands post-checkout.	\$50,000	Nil
Night Time Industries Association Inc	NEON Nights	A series of guided precinct tours and briefings for investors, corporate partners, property owners and media to showcase the vision, strategy, and commercial opportunities for each precinct.	\$50,000	Nil
Ocean Impact Organisation Ltd	Ocean Impact Innovation Series	A series of events that bring together businesses, investors, thought leaders, academia and government to support and showcase ocean impact businesses.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
OFFICE AU Ltd	Retain, Repair, Reinvest	A community-led feasibility study and refurbishment design proposal for Waterloo North Public Housing Estate.	\$50,000	Nil
Our Race Community Ltd	Ethical Story Telling Certification Pilot	A pilot project involving three community-led organisations to test the process of organisations becoming certified in ethical storytelling.	\$50,000	Nil
P.D Andersson & J.H Cuji Franco	Dressium App	To develop an online platform for people to swap, buy or sell their clothes.	\$50,000	Nil
Pelo Powr Pty Ltd	Commuter Bus Campaign	A weekly commuter bus of cyclists from Bondi to the City, promoting safe and active commuting.	\$50,000	Nil
Performing Lines Ltd	Producers' Platform	A skills development program for emerging independent producers, with a focus on employment opportunities and talent retention within the local area.	\$29,800	Nil
Pop Up on Demand Pty Ltd	Perkable Perks Pass	An online platform that allows tourists, event attendees and sports fans to get offers and perks from local businesses in the local area.	\$44,000	Nil
Purity ... Design Pty Ltd	ONNA Sustainable Payments	Pilot testing, development and pitching for further investment into an MVP that promotes sustainable payments.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Real Time Fashion Pty Ltd	Daniel Avakian & Real Time Fashion - Virtual Retail	A virtual and physical store using the latest 3D and virtual technologies to give customers a unique experience, fast to market apparel and a robust and scalable supply chain.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25)	Nil
REMIX Summits Pty Ltd	REMIX Summit Sydney	A multi day event that explores the future of the creative industries and the intersection between culture, technology and entrepreneurship.	\$29,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$29,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$29,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
Shelter NSW Inc	Home After Prison	A research project to assess and understand the housing experiences of people exiting the criminal justice system.	\$28,750	Nil
Shelter NSW Inc	Student Accommodation or Social Housing	A critical review of the student accommodation industry, its funding models, and the value proposition to the community in comparison with an equivalent contribution to social and affordable housing.	\$25,000	Nil
Solutions2You Pty Ltd	Socially Profitable	A series of events to support women-led businesses to improve their financial viability and social impact.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,560 each year for three years
STEM Sisters VIC Inc	Expansion into the City of Sydney	To launch a series of programs that support women of colour in the science, technology, engineering, and math sectors.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
Sydney Arts Management Advisory Group Inc	Collaboration and Professional Development	A professional development program for creatives and arts workers developed in collaboration with major arts advocacy organisations.	\$20,000	Nil
Sydney Community Group Inc	Unity in Diversity	An awards night that recognises individuals and organisations who have demonstrated excellence in promoting diversity and inclusivity.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
Taronga Conservation Society Australia	HATCH: Environment Changemaker Community	A series of programs to upskill and connect early stage startups addressing sustainability and conservation challenges.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
The Accompany Group Pty Ltd	Round and Round	An online platform that connects communities to rehome, reuse and repair items in order to reduce waste.	\$49,476	Nil
The University of Sydney	Intergenerational Homesharing	A research project that investigates the features and experiences of Homesharing through a local, national and international comparison.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$20,000 (Year 2 – 24/25)	Nil
The Youth Impact Foundation Ltd	Engaging Decision Makers in Youth-Led Accountability	To connect young people experiencing marginalisation with Sydney-based decision-makers, increasing accountability to young people for the role they play in their lives.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
Tidal Ventures Investment Management Pty Ltd	The Tidal Founder Program	A series of workshops to help early stage startups to get their product and pitch ready for seed-stage investment.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
UCA - Wayside Chapel	Pathways to Health Care	To provide community based medical health care, financial support for medication, allied health, and specialist services for non-residents who otherwise would not have access.	\$47,633 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$49,305 (Year 2 – 24/25)	Nil
University of New South Wales	Role of Smart Cycling Infrastructure	A research project to explore the potential of new technologies to encourage and promote cycling within the City by enhancing cycling infrastructure and integrating smart elements.	\$50,000	Nil
University of New South Wales	Smart Journal App for Psychotherapy Support	To develop an AI-powered mobile app to enhance psychotherapy for clinical psychologists.	\$43,000	Nil
University of New South Wales	ParkMark	To develop a solution that assists drivers to locate, reserve and navigate designated parking spaces in multi-storey buildings.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil
University of New South Wales	Cost of Metal Recovery from Waste Photovoltaic Panels	To develop an advanced economic model for cost-benefit analysis of metal recovery from solar cells based on a continuous stirred-tank reactor (CSTR) system.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$50,000 (Year 2 – 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 3 – 25/26)	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
University of New South Wales	Magnetic Screen Design for Efficient PV Fragment Separation	To design and develop a magnetic banana vibration screen for separating photovoltaic panel fragments, to optimize recycling processes and promote sustainable waste management.	\$50,000 (Year 1 – 23/24) \$49,410 (Year 2 – 24/25)	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Air Quality Equity	A research project to map air quality and its correlation with emission sources.	\$43,436	Nil
Vennu Pty Ltd	Vennu	An online platform that lists venues and spaces within the local area and makes them available for booking.	\$48,535	Nil
WorkVentures Ltd	Creating a Case for a Circular Economy	To create a series of case studies promoting electronics repair and advocate for a circular economy.	\$22,000	Nil
Y Waste Why Waste Pty Ltd	Y waste App 2.0	To re-launch the YWaste app, a platform that connects local restaurants and food outlets with excess food with customers.	\$20,000	Nil



## Item 5.

### Grants and Sponsorship - Accommodation Grant Program - Beehive Industries and Scarred Trees Ministries

File No: S117676

#### 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 of our diverse communities as identified in Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050: Continuing the Vision and the City's strategic plans and policies.

Currently, there are 73 leases held by 66 organisations located across 51 City properties managed under the Program. These tenancies are approved by Council as Accommodation Grants. Recipients of the Accommodation Grants enter into leases or licenses with the City for a fixed term, usually five years, and are subject to an annual performance review.

Beehive Industries is a registered charity with an Accommodation Grant for the property at 137 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst. The City currently provides Beehive Industries with an 83 per cent rental subsidy under its lease, with the current five-year lease due to end on 30 June 2026.

Beehive Industries have advised that they have experienced a significant decline in income due to the reduced usage of their services. To address these financial challenges, Beehive Industries are seeking an increased rental subsidy of 100 per cent for the property at 137 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst, for the period 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2026.

In addition, Larissa Minnecon, representing Scarred Tree Ministries, holds a licence to occupy Office 1 (including adjoining reception area), Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe until 30 June 2024. The organisation has requested the use of Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2 in Glebe Town Hall for the purpose of conducting confidential meetings with clients, as they did through the previous University of Sydney Accommodation Grant for the spaces. These meeting rooms are not currently in use due to the departure of University of Sydney.

This report includes a recommendation to approve:

- a new rental subsidy of 100 per cent for Beehive Industries for 137 Palmer Street Darlinghurst for the remainder of their current five-year lease, which is due to end 30 June 2026.
- an ad-hoc grant to Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Tree Ministries to licence Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2, Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe from 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2024 in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993.

All figures in this report are exclusive of GST.

## Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve an increased rental subsidy for Beehive Industries for 137 Palmer Street Darlinghurst for its current lease for the period of 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2026 on the following rental subsidy:

	Market Rental Value	Grant Subsidy	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 3 (pro rata) 01/12/2023 - 30/06/2024 (213 days)	\$198,112.18	\$198,112.18	100%	\$0.00
Year 4 01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025	\$349,672.64	\$349,672.64	100%	\$0.00
Year 5 01/07/2025 - 30/06/2026	\$360,162.82	\$360,162.82	100%	\$0.00

- (B) Council approve an ad-hoc grant to Larissa Minecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries to licence Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2, Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe from 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2024 in accordance with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 on the following rental subsidy which incorporates outgoings and utilities:

Year	Market Rental Value (approximate)	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 (pro rata) 01/12/2023 - 30/06/2024 (213 days)	\$9,915.88	100%	\$9,915.88	\$0.00

- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer any amendments to the lease to Beehive Industries required to incorporate the terms of this approval;

- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive officer to negotiate, execute and administer the licence agreement to Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries for Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2, Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe on the terms consistent with this report and in accordance with 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 recipients will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

**Attachments**

Nil.

## Background

1. There are currently 73 leases held by 66 organisations located across 51 City properties managed under the Accommodation grant program. These tenancies are approved by Council and recipients of the Accommodation Grants enter into leases or licenses with the City for a fixed term, usually five years, and are subject to an annual performance review.

## Beehive Industries

2. Beehive Industries is a registered charity which aims to break the cycle of social isolation experienced by older people and people with disability by encouraging physical health and wellbeing, fostering community, providing a sense of purpose and building self-confidence.
3. Beehive Industries also provides business services that offer isolated older people, long-term unemployed people, and people with disability an opportunity to gain improved mental health and wellbeing through undertaking meaningful and fulfilling work. Business services offered by Beehive include commercial printing and mail house, online fulfilment and distribution and sample packing and distribution.
4. Beehive Industries currently have an Accommodation Grant for the property at 137 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst,. In March 2021, Council approved a lease renewal for Beehive Industries with an 83 per cent rental subsidy for a five-year lease until 30 June 2026. Beehive Industries are currently in year three of this lease.
5. Beehive Industries also hold a commercial lease with the City for the Corner Shop at 137-155 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst, for which they currently pay \$19,000 per annum. They currently use this space for storage.
6. Beehive Industries have advised they have experienced a significant decline in income due to the reduced usage of their services. As a result, they are implementing a range of strategies to improve their financial sustainability. This includes a request sent to the City on 13 October 2023 to surrender their commercial lease for the Corner Shop at 137-155 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst, effective 13 November, 2023.
7. Additionally, Beehive Industries have requested an increased rental subsidy of 100 per cent for the lease at 137 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst, for the period 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2024. This will provide them with an opportunity to implement further strategies to reduce their financial outgoings and source alternative revenue streams through federal and state grants.
8. Beehive Industries' request for an increased rental subsidy was assessed by a suitably qualified panel on the 14 September 2023. The assessment panel included City staff from the City Spaces Team and the Property Team.
9. The assessment panel assessed the organisation's financials and ascertained the need for an increase in subsidy to meet their need for rental support.

10. The below table shows the current and recommended subsidy across 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26.

	<b>Year 3 (pro rata) 01/12/2023 - 30/06/2024 (213 days)</b>	<b>Year 4 01/07/2024 - 30/06/2025</b>	<b>Year 5 01/07/2025 - 30/06/2026</b>
Market Rental Value	\$198,112.18	\$349,672.64	\$360,162.82
<b>Beehive Industries – Current subsidy</b>			
Grant subsidy	83%	83%	83%
Grant amount	\$164,433.11	\$291,427.01	\$300,169.82
Rent to be paid	\$33,679.07	\$58,245.63	\$59,993.00
<b>Beehive Industries - Recommended Subsidy (effective 01/11/2023)</b>			
Grant Subsidy	100%	100%	100%
Grants Amount	\$198,112.18	\$349,672.64	\$360,162.82
Rent to be paid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Difference between current subsidy and recommended subsidy	\$33,679.07	\$58,245.63	\$59,993.00

**Larissa Minnecon, representing Scarred Trees Ministries - New Licence**

11. Scarred Trees Ministries provides important services for communities in Glebe including the provision of a culturally safe drop-in space for community, counselling, community and justice support, youth programs, NAIDOC event planning and other community activities for local Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander communities.
12. In 2016, Sydney University applied for a lease through the Program for all spaces located on the Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St Johns Road, Glebe. This included Office 1 (including adjoining reception area), Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2. Scarred Trees Ministries have been operating programs from these spaces within Glebe Town Hall for five years, under an arrangement with Sydney University. The City's lease with Sydney University ended on 30 June 2023.
13. Scarred Trees Ministries are an unincorporated non-profit community group providing free and essential services to local priority communities. At the June 2023 Council meeting, Council approved an ad-hoc grant to Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Tree Ministries to enable their continued use of space within Glebe Town Hall. During this time, City staff worked with Scarred Trees Ministries, its associated church at St John's Glebe and other suitable local organisations to finalise an auspicing arrangement to make the licence possible.
14. Scarred Trees Ministries' current licence permits the use of Office 1 (including adjoining reception area). This licence has been in place since 1 July 2023 and is due to expire on 30 June 2024.
15. Scarred Trees Ministries have advised they require continued use of Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2 in Glebe Town Hall for the purpose of conducting confidential meetings with community. It is therefore recommended that Council provide an ad-hoc grant to Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries to enable their continued use of Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2. City staff will continue to work with Scarred Tree Ministries, its associated church at St John's Glebe and other suitable local organisations to find an appropriate auspicing arrangement for the licences as soon as possible.
16. The standard performance criteria for the Accommodation Grant Program for this licence will apply, including the annual review requirements, so that the City can ensure ongoing collaboration with Scarred Trees Ministries and support for local communities from this space.

17. The below table shows the current and recommended subsidy which incorporates outgoings and utilities from 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2024:

Year	Market Rental Value (approximate)	Grant Subsidy (Rounded)	Grant Amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1 (pro rata) 01/12/2023-30/06/2024 (213 days)	\$9,915.88	100%	\$9,915.88	\$0

## Key Implications

### Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

18. 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 program is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - the provision of accommodation to community groups 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 9 - A transformed and innovative economy - the recommended rental subsidy plays a crucial role in sustaining valuable support and social services offered to the community.

### Social / Cultural / Community

19. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program provides the City with a platform to support cultural and social initiatives from the communities and business within the local area.
20. The organisations within 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 2023/24 financial year is estimated at \$9.65 million in revenue foregone, compared to market value rent.
22. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2023/24 grants and sponsorship budget included in the City's operating budget for 2023/24 to support the revenue foregone in the Accommodation Grant program.

**Relevant Legislation**

23. 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.

**Critical Dates / Time Frames**

24. The recommended new rental subsidy for Beehive Industries for 137 Palmer Street Darlinghurst is for the period 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2026.
25. The ad-hoc grant for Larissa Minnecon representing Scarred Trees Ministries for Meeting Room 1 and Meeting Room 2, Ground Floor, Glebe Town Hall, 160 St John's Road, Glebe is for the period 1 December 2023 to 30 June 2024.

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