

6 November 2023

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

## **Environment Committee**

**Agenda**

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes**
- 2. Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**
- 3. Grants and Sponsorship - Environmental Grants**

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**Item 1.**  
**Confirmation of Minutes**

There are no Minutes for confirmation for this meeting of the Environment Committee.

**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.

### Grants and Sponsorship - Environmental 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 the 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 Green Building Grant in the annual Grants and Sponsorship Program.

For the Green Building Grant program, 30 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 23 grants to a total value of \$241,101 in cash for payment 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 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 Green Building Grant 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 Green Building Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (D) Council note \$40,759 in savings from the Green Building Grant program within the 2023/24 financial year will be made available for the Innovation and Ideas grant program currently being considered by Council;
- (E) 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
- (F) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

## Attachments

**Attachment A.** Recommended For Funding - Green Building Grant Program

**Attachment B.** Not Recommended For Funding - Green Building 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 25 July 2023, the City announced the Green Building Grant program as being open for application on the City's website, with grant applications closing on 22 August 2023.
3. 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.
4. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines the Green Building Grant program is open to not-for-profit organisations, for-profit organisations and owners' corporations. The application must be for works on a residential strata or accommodation (hotel, hostel and serviced apartment) building.
5. A total of five eligible applications were received from for-profit organisations through the Green Building Grant program and four for-profit organisations are recommended in this report.
  - (a) Mont Clair Home Units Pty Ltd;
  - (b) Pro-Invest Hotel Operating Potts Point Pty Ltd;
  - (c) Pro-Invest Hotel Operating Sydney CBD 2 Pty Ltd; and
  - (d) The Trustee for Mulpha Hotel Sydney Trust.

## 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 Green Building 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.
9. The assessment meeting for the Green Building Grant program was held on 18 September 2023. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Sustainability Programs and Sustainability and Resilience Teams.
  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.

**Green Building Grant Program**

13. The applications recommended for the Green Building Grant program are outlined in Attachment A to this report.
14. The Green Building Grant program budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2023/24	\$400,000
Total cash committed to previously approved applications	(\$118,140)
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	30
Total cash value requested from applications	\$297,638
Total number of applications recommended for cash support	23
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2023/24	\$241,101
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2023/24	\$40,759
Total cash underspend to be made available for the Innovation and Ideas grant program, with recommended overspend currently being considered by Council (refer Financial Implications section).	\$40,759

## 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 2 - A leading environmental performer - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to 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.

### 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.

### Environmental

17. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program provides the City with a platform to support environmental initiatives from the communities and business, within the local area.

### Financial Implications

18. 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.
19. The remaining \$40,759 in savings from the Green Building Grant program as a result of this report will be made available for the Innovations and Ideas grant program currently being considered by Council.

### Relevant Legislation

20. 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.
21. 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 program:
    - (i) Green Building grant;
  - (b) the details of the programs have been 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) these programs apply to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

### **Critical Dates / Time Frames**

22. The funding period for the Green Building Grant program for financial year 2023/24 is for activity taking place from 1 January 2024 to 30 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**

23. 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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# **Attachment A**

**Recommended for Funding  
Green Building Grant**

## Green Building Grant Winter Round 2023/24

### Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	Additional Conditions
Deposited Plan 1262184	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan - 57 Ashmore St, Erskineville	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan for a 7 level, 330 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$15,000	<b>\$15,000</b>	Nil
Mont Clair Home Units Pty Ltd	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan - 347 Liverpool St, Darlinghurst	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan for a 7 level, 61 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$13,310	<b>\$13,310</b>	Nil
Oceana Apartments Ltd	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan - 108 Elizabeth Bay Rd, Elizabeth Bay	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan for a 21 level, 59 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$15,000	<b>\$15,000</b>	Nil
Owners Corporation Strata Plan 14373	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 2 and Updated Energy Action Plan with Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessments - 4 Ward Ave, Elizabeth Bay	A year 2 NABERS Assessment and updated action plan with feasibility assessments to upgrade centralised gas hot water system for a 6 level, 53 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$10,170	<b>\$10,170</b>	Nil
Pro-Invest Hotel Operating Potts Point Pty Ltd	Green Star Performance certification - 203 Victoria St, Potts Point (Hotel Indigo Sydney)	Green Star Performance certification for a 105 room hotel to improve environmental performance.	\$10,000	<b>\$10,000</b>	Nil
Pro-Invest Hotel Operating Sydney CBD 2 Pty Ltd	Green Star Performance certification - 339 Pitt Street, Sydney (Kimpton Margot Sydney)	Green Star Performance certification for a 172 room hotel to improve environmental performance.	\$10,000	<b>\$10,000</b>	Nil
Proprietors' Strata Plan 13672	Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessment - 103 Victoria St, Potts Point	Feasibility assessments in electric vehicle charging and decarbonisation for a 15 level, 155 unit apartment building to drive existing residential buildings to be resource efficient and achieve net zero emissions.	\$6,500	<b>\$5,909</b>	Nil
Strata Plan 102354	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan - 6 Loftus St, Sydney	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan for a 6 level, 30 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$8,050	<b>\$8,050</b>	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	Additional Conditions
Strata Plan 102355	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan - 18 Loftus St, Sydney	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan for a 11 level, 36 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$8,050	<b>\$8,050</b>	Nil
Strata Plan 102356	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan - 15 Young St, Sydney	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan for a 9 level, 38 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$13,150	<b>\$13,150</b>	Nil
Strata Plan 45205	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan - 38-52 College St, Darlinghurst	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan for a 17 level, 182 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$13,000	<b>\$13,000</b>	Nil
Strata Plan 47754	Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessment - 122 Saunders St Pyrmont	Feasibility assessments in solar, battery storage and electric vehicle charging for an 18 level, 111 unit apartment building to drive existing residential buildings to be resource efficient and achieve net zero emissions.	\$5,300	<b>\$4,818</b>	Nil
Strata Plan 50705	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 2 and Updated Energy Action Plan - 22 Sir John Young Cres, Woolloomooloo	A year 2 NABERS Assessment and updated action plan for a 15 level, 109 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$5,000	<b>\$5,000</b>	Nil
Strata Plan 60346	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan with Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessments - 466-470 Wilson St Darlington	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan with feasibility assessments in solar and electric vehicle charging for a 5 level, 14 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$11,574	<b>\$11,574</b>	Nil
Strata Plan 79633	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan with Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessments - 21-25 Coulson St, Erskineville	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan with feasibility assessments in solar and electric vehicle charging for an 8 level, 46 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$15,000	<b>\$15,000</b>	Nil
Strata Plan 80937	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan with Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessments - 2 Bowman St, Pyrmont	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan with feasibility assessments in solar and electric vehicle charging for a 14 level, 46 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$15,000	<b>\$15,000</b>	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	Additional Conditions
Strata Plan 96564	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan - 830 Elizabeth St, Waterloo	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan for a 7 level, 76 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$12,510	<b>\$12,510</b>	Nil
Strata Plan No 20795	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan with Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessments - 278 Sussex St, Sydney	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan with feasibility assessments in solar, electric vehicle charging and domestic hot water electrification for a 15 level, 78 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$11,850	<b>\$11,850</b>	Nil
The Owners Corp Sp70479	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan - 19 Elizabeth Bay Rd, Elizabeth Bay	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan for a 16 level, 78 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$15,000	<b>\$15,000</b>	Nil
The Owners Sp94145	Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessment - 67-77 Epsom Rd, Rosebery	Feasibility assessments for a 13 level, 266 unit apartment building to drive existing residential buildings to be resource efficient and achieve net zero emissions.	\$4,000	<b>\$2,727</b>	Nil
The Owners' Strata Plan 13576	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan with Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessments - 42 Macleay St, Elizabeth Bay	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan with feasibility assessments in solar, electric vehicle charging and domestic hot water electrification for a 11 level, 28 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$14,049	<b>\$14,049</b>	Nil
The Owners-- Strata Plan 86807	NABERS Energy & Water rating Year 1 and Energy Action Plan with renewables and electrification feasibility assessments - 8 Sam Sing St, Waterloo	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan with feasibility assessments in solar, timers and sensors for a 21 level, 110 unit apartment building to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$7,500	<b>\$6,809</b>	Nil
The Trustee for Mulpha Hotel Sydney Trust	NABERS Energy & Water rating and Action Plan Year 1 - 117 Macquarie St, Sydney (InterContinental Sydney)	A year 1 NABERS Assessment and action plan for a 509 room hotel to assess performance and find opportunities to reduce energy consumption.	\$5,125	<b>\$5,125</b>	Nil

## **Attachment B**

**Not Recommended for Funding  
Green Building Grant**

# Green Building Grant Winter Round 2023/24

## Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested
Community Plan 270238	Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessment - 250 Wyndham St, Alexandria	Feasibility assessments in the existing mains switchboard and electric vehicle charging for a 5 level, 292 unit apartment building to drive existing residential buildings to be resource efficient and achieve net zero emissions.	\$15,000
Pontiac Land (Australia) Pty. Ltd.	EarthCheck certification - 24 Loftus St, Sydney (Capella Sydney)	EarthCheck certification for a 192 room hotel to improve environmental performance.	\$6,000
Strata Plan 51517	Cold Water Pressure Pump Installation - 780 Bourke St, Redfern (SP51517)	The installation of a Cold Water Pressure Pump for a 9 level, 170 unit apartment building to reduce energy consumption.	\$5,000
Strata Plan 54721	Solar PV Installation - 780 Bourke St, Redfern (SP54721)	The installation of a Solar Photovoltaic system for a 18 level, 144 unit apartment building to reduce energy consumption.	\$5,000
Strata Plan 60182	Solar PV Installation - 780 Bourke St, Redfern (SP60182)	The installation of a Solar Photovoltaic system for a 8 level, 175 unit apartment building to reduce energy consumption.	\$5,000
Strata Plan 66266	Solar Design and Tender - 274 Botany Rd, Alexandria	The design and tender of a solar system for a 7 level, 51 unit apartment building to drive existing residential buildings to be resource efficient and achieve net zero emissions.	\$2,500
The Owners Strata Plan No 61091	Renewables and Electrification Feasibility Assessment - 2-10 Quarry Master Dr, Pyrmont	Feasibility assessments in the existing mains switchboard and electric vehicle charging for a 9 level, 66 unit apartment building to drive existing residential buildings to be resource efficient and achieve net zero emissions.	\$15,000