

Attachment C

First Quarter 2025/26 Supplementary Reports

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Grants and Sponsorships Policy – Quarter 1 2025/26

In a report adopted by Council on 15 September 2014, it was stated the following programs would be reported to Council as part of the quarterly financial reports:

- Quick response grants
- Street banner sponsorship
- Venue hire support grants and sponsorship

The remaining grants and sponsorships programs require Council approval in advance.

This report

In the 1st quarter of the 2025/26 financial year 16 grants have been approved across the Quick response, Street banner sponsorship and Venue hire support grants and sponsorship programs to a total value of \$36,766 in cash and a further \$32,472 in value in kind support.

A further 2 grants awarded under the Venue hire support grants and sponsorship programs were approved prior to 2025/26, but with a 2025/26 commitment of \$54,014 in value in kind support.

The tables below include details of:

- Quick response, Street banner and Venue hire support grants and sponsorships approved by the City in Q1 of financial year 2025/26

Venue hire support grants and sponsorships may include support approved by the City in previous financial years with 2025/26 commitments.

1. Cash grants

The table below provides detail on the 10 grants approved under the Quick response grant program during the quarter.

Table 1 – Q1 Quick response grants

Organisation	Project	Cash amount	Value in kind
Asylum Seekers Centre	Bain marie for asylum seekers centre kitchen	\$3,982	–
Australian South Sea Islanders (Port Jacksons) Ltd	First Nations bereavement	\$2,000	–
Deborah Louise Roach	Criptonite: creative development and open studio for Sydney Fringe premiere	\$4,934	–
Inner City Care (Darlinghurst) Ltd	Child safety	\$5,000	–
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Biyanga Day	\$5,000	–
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	MLALC transport Sorry Business	\$2,790	–
Paddington Out of School Care Inc	Paddington community gardens	\$3,115	–

Organisation	Project	Cash amount	Value in kind
Volunteer Marine Rescue NSW	HarbourSafe: enhancing marine rescue communications	\$1,445	–
William Feuerman	Sydney Comets under 14s gold basketball team going to nationals!	\$5,000	–
Young Men's Christian Association of Sydney	Junior basketball academy – Redfern	\$3,500	–
Total Q1	10	\$36,766	\$0
Total year to date	10	\$36,766	\$0

2. Value in kind grants

The tables below provide detail on the grants that were approved under Street banner sponsorship and Venue hire support grants and sponsorship programs during the quarter and those approved during a previous financial year but with 2025/26 commitments.

Table 2 – Q1 Street banner sponsorship

Organisation	Project	Value in kind
Barnardos Australia	Unbound Art Show	\$7,232
Total Q1	1	\$7,232
Total year to date	1	\$7,232

Table 3 – Q1 Venue hire support grants and sponsorship – landmark venues

Organisation	Project	Venue	Value in kind
Stolen Generations Council (NSW & ACT) Inc	Elders Ball 2025	Sydney Town Hall	\$6,917
Sydney University Graduate Choir Inc	Sydney Sings	Sydney Town Hall	\$37,616 ¹
Sydney Male Choir Inc	Annual fund raising concert	Sydney Town Hall	\$16,398 ¹

¹Grant approved in previous financial year but with 2025/26 commitment

Organisation	Project	Venue	Value in kind
The Benevolent Society	Women's health – menopause (myths & truths)	Sydney Town Hall	\$1,219
The Occasional Performing Sinfonia Inc	Celebration Sing Out!	Sydney Town Hall	\$8,464
Total Q1	5		\$70,614²
Total year to date	5		\$70,614²

Table 4 – Q1 Venue hire support grants and sponsorship – community venues

Organisation	Project	Venue	Value in kind
Chronology Arts Ltd	Nov 25 – Dec 26 Performances	Harold Park Community Hall	\$6,419
Schizophrenia Fellowship of New South Wales Ltd	CreativeSpace@PICS JOY! exhibition	Harold Park Community Hall	\$2,221
Total Q1	2		\$8,640
Total year to date	2		\$8,640

² Includes value in kind funding originally approved in previous financial year but with 2025/26 commitment

Reporting on Code of Conduct statistics

Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, all councils must adopt a code of conduct and procedures that are consistent with the Model Code of Conduct for Local Councils in New South Wales and Procedures for the Administration of the Model Code of Conduct issued by the Office of Local Government.

The City of Sydney's Code of Conduct has been in place since 2005 when the first Model Code came into effect. Council has reviewed and adopted subsequent Model Codes, most recently in October 2024.

Under Part 11 of the City of Sydney's Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct, the City of Sydney is required to report on a range of complaints statistics to Council and the Office of Local Government within three months of the end of September each year.

The statistics below report on data from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.

Number of complaints

1.	The total number of code of conduct complaints made about councillors and the Chief Executive Officer under the code of conduct in the year to September (the reporting period).	2
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Number of complaints referred to a conduct reviewer

2.	The number of code of conduct complaints referred to a conduct reviewer during the reporting period.	0
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Number of complaints finalised

3.	The number of code of conduct complaints finalised by a conduct reviewer at the preliminary assessment stage during the reporting period and the outcome of those complaints.	0
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Investigation statistics

4.	The number of code of conduct complaints investigated by a conduct reviewer during the reporting period	0
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Outcome of investigations

5.	Without identifying particular matters, the outcome of investigations completed under these procedures during the reporting period.	N/A
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Matters reviewed by the Office of Local Government

7.	The number of matters reviewed by the Office during the reporting period and, without identifying particular matters, the outcome of the reviews.	0
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Total cost of dealing with code of conduct complaints

8.	The total cost of dealing with code of conduct complaints made about councillors and the Chief Executive Officer during the reporting period, including staff costs.	\$5,215 estimated (staff costs only)
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Major Legal Issues – Quarter 1 2025/26

Discount Compound Pharmacy Pty Limited v Council of the City of Sydney

This is a dispute between the City and a tenant in relation to the lease for the basement, ground floor and Level 1, 295-301 Pitt Street, Sydney. The tenant is significantly in arrears. The parties previously attended mediation but no settlement was reached. The tenant lodged an application with NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal (NCAT). The City filed a cross claim and was successful in having the proceedings transferred to the Supreme Court for determination given the amounts involved. The City terminated the lease on and from 21 September 2023, but there is currently a stay in place which allowed the tenant to trade from the premises. An administrator has recently been appointed to the tenant and the insolvency proceedings are ongoing. The premises have now been vacated and keys returned to the City. The matter is next listed in the Supreme Court on 14 November 2025.

Byrne Civil Engineering Constructions Pty Limited v Council of the City of Sydney

This claim was issued in the District Court by Byrne Civil against the City for an unpaid payment claim made in November 2021 in relation to a project at Joynton Avenue and Zetland Avenue, East Zetland for the construction of stormwater drainage.

The matter proceeded to final hearing on 7 July 2025. Following the conclusion of cross-examination of the lay witnesses on 9 July 2025, the parties reached an in-principle settlement agreement. The parties have now entered into a deed of settlement, and consent orders dismissing the proceedings have been made.

Waterhouse and Greiner v City of Sydney Council and TfNSW – Federal Court proceedings – Oxford St Cycleway

The conciliation in the Australian Human Rights Commission on this matter was terminated in February 2025. The complainants have lodged a disability discrimination claim in the Federal Court in relation to the island bus stops being constructed as part of the Oxford Street cycleway. The City has filed a strikeout application in relation to defects in the applicants' statement of claim. The strike out application will be listed for hearing on a date after 7 November 2025.

Administrative Review Tribunal – review of FOI decision to access Telstra Universal Service Obligation Performance Agreement

This is an application to the Administrative Review Tribunal (formerly the Administrative Appeals Tribunal) by the City for review of an FOI decision by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications in relation to the Telstra Universal Service Obligation Performance Agreement (TUSOPA).

In March 2021, the City sought a copy of TUSOPA from the Department under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) which the Department declined. TUSOPA includes details of Telstra's obligations to provide payphones and is often used as a basis for installing/relocating payphones on City land. The City has applied to the Tribunal for review of the Department's FOI decision. Telstra (who has opposed the release of TUSOPA) has joined the proceedings.

The parties participated in a conciliation conference on 26 June 2025 but were unable to reach an agreement. Following that conference, the City agreed terms on which Telstra and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications would provide the City with a copy of the TUSOPA that meets the City's freedom of information request. This documentation has been provided and the proceedings have been discontinued.

International Travel Expenditure – Quarter 1 2025/26

The following provides details of overseas travel by councillors, council staff or other persons representing the City of Sydney and overseas travel expenditure by the City.

Councillor / council officer	Destination	Purpose	Period of travel	Division	Expenditure description	Amount (\$)
nil						\$0
Total						\$0