

Attachment D

Second Quarter 2025/26 Supplementary Reports

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Grants and Sponsorships Policy – Quarter 2 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 second quarter of the 2025/26 financial year, the City provided 25 grants have been approved across the Quick response, Street banner sponsorship and Venue hire support grants and sponsorship programs with a 2025/26 commitment of \$23,500 in cash and \$159,665 in value in kind support.

Of these, 24 grants were approved within the second quarter of the 2025/26 financial year, with a further (one) grant awarded under the Venue hire support grants and sponsorship program that was approved prior to 2025/26, but with a 2025/26 commitment of \$1,153 in value in kind support.

The tables below include details of:

- Quick response, Street banner and Venue hire support grants and sponsorships provided by the City in Q2 of financial year 2025/26.

1. Cash grants

The table below provides detail on the 5 grants approved under the Quick response grant program during the quarter.

Table 1 – Q2 Quick response grants

Organisation	Project	Cash amount	Value in kind
Bianca Eid	Yoni: Free period care pilot	\$5,000	\$0
David Welsh	The Basketball Queensland First Nations championships	\$5,000	\$0
First Nations Response	Christmas food relief hampers	\$5,000	\$0
Romney Hamilton	Monster by Duncan Macmillan	\$5,000	\$0
Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corp	Elders Christmas party	\$3,500	\$0
Total Q2	5	\$23,500	\$0
Total Q1	10	\$36,766	\$0
Total year to date	15	\$60,266	\$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 – Q2 Street banner sponsorship

Organisation	Project	Value in kind
Opera Australia	Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour – The Phantom of the Opera	\$10,500
Total Q2	1	\$10,500
Total Q1	1	\$7,232
Total year to date	2	\$17,732

Table 3 – Q2 Venue hire support grants and sponsorship – landmark venues

Organisation	Project	Venue	Value in kind
Australian Tattoo Arts Ltd	Sydney Tattoo convention	Sydney Town Hall	\$94,553
So They Can	So They Can – Sydney Gala Dinner 2026	Sydney Town Hall	\$2,306
The Ethics Centre	Festival of Dangerous Ideas presents Salman Rushdie	Sydney Town Hall	\$16,364
Total Q2	3		\$113,222
Total Q1	5		\$70,614¹
Total year to date	5		\$183,836¹

¹ Includes value in kind funding originally approved in previous financial year but with 2025/26 commitment

Table 4 – Q2 Venue hire support grants and sponsorship – community venues

Organisation	Project	Venue	Value in kind
Alcoholics Anonymous	Redfern Alcoholics Anonymous meeting	Redfern Town Hall	\$2,236
Arc @ UNSW Ltd	Kudos Emerging awards	Joynton Avenue Creative Centre Event Room	\$3,145
Artisans in the Park Sydney Inc	Artisans in the Park market	Harold Park Community Hall	\$1,304
Climate Writers (auspiced by Multicultural Leadership Initiative)	Climate Writers sessions	Redfern Community Centre	\$2,915
Code For Sydney	Code for Sydney	Darling Square Library Idea Space	\$2,096
DirtyFeet Ltd	DirtyFeet inclusive dance program	Glebe Town Hall	\$2,896
Disability Rocks Inc	Disability Rocks Inc	Abraham Mott Hall	\$7,388
FADISS t/a Family Drug Support	Stepping Stones	Tote Building	\$460
Fellowship Service Office Inc t/a Narcotics Anonymous Australia	Narcotics Anonymous meeting	Benledi House	\$1,153 ²
Heartfulness Institute Ltd	Heartfulness meditation at Customs House meeting room	Customs House Library	\$1,188
MustSee Shows Inc	Performance – Beautiful – The Carole King musical	East Sydney Community and Arts Centre	\$1,249
Organic Buyers Group Hub	Organic Buyers Group Hub weekly divvy	Ron Williams Community Centre	\$1,610
Sanon Sydney	Sanon Sydney F2F hybrid meeting	Redfern Oval Community Room	\$1,046
Sydney u3a Inc	Sydney u3a Inc courses & classes	Glebe Town Hall	\$4,824

² Grant awarded in previous financial year but with a 2025/26 commitment

Organisation	Project	Venue	Value in kind
Team Sydney Inc	Mardi Gras martial arts championships 2025	Ultimo Community Centre	\$1,989
Tracy Le	Table tennis reunion and celebrate Warren Gray	Ultimo Community Centre	\$444
Total Q2	16³		\$35,943⁴
Total Q1	2		\$8,640
Total year to date	18³		\$44,583⁴

³ Includes a grant originally approved in previous financial year but with 2025/26 commitment

⁴ Includes value in kind funding originally approved in previous financial year but with 2025/26 commitment

Major Legal Issues – Quarter 2 2025/26

LFD Homes Pty Ltd v Council of the City of Sydney

The appeal by the applicant against the refusal of the development application for the demolition of two boarding houses at 58-60 and 62-64 Selwyn Street, Paddington, was upheld on 4 December 2025. The Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court held that the Commissioner made errors in the assessment of the financial viability of the boarding houses and the decision should be overturned with the City to pay costs. The appeal will return to the list in early 2026 to be relisted before Commissioner O'Neill to redetermine on a date to be determined.

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. An administrator has been appointed to the tenant and the insolvency proceedings are ongoing. The premises have been vacated and keys returned to the City. Orders were made by the Supreme Court on 13 November 2025 dismissing the proceedings commenced by the tenant and listing the City's cross-claim for directions on 12 June 2026. It is anticipated that the liquidation of the tenant will be finalised before that date.

Waterhouse and Greiner v Council of the City of Sydney and Transport for NSW

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 filed a strikeout application in relation to defects in the applicants' statement of claim which was heard on 5 December 2025 before Justice Perry. Judgment is reserved.

International Travel Expenditure – Quarter 2 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 (\$)
Cr Robert Kok Councillor	Nagoya, Japan	Nagoya Festival and Sister City 45th Anniversary	Oct 2025	Councillor	Airfares	\$4,214
					Accommodation	\$2,495
					Incidentals	\$269
Cr Lyndon Gannon Councillor	Nagoya, Japan	Nagoya Festival and Sister City 45th Anniversary	Oct 2025	Councillor	Airfares	\$4,228
					Accommodation	\$3,132
					Incidentals	\$406
Karen Sweeney Urban Forest Manager	Christchurch, New Zealand	International Society of Arboriculture Conference	Oct 2025	City Services	Airfares	\$761
					Accommodation	\$942
					Incidentals	\$377
					Conference registration	\$1,174
Bridget Smyth City Architect/ Executive Manager, City Design & Public Art	Amsterdam, Netherlands	World Cities Cultural Forum Summit	Oct 2025	Chief Operations Office	Airfares	\$3,162
					Accommodation ¹	\$0
					Incidentals	\$516

¹ Cost paid by organiser

Councillor / council officer	Destination	Purpose	Period of travel	Division	Expenditure description	Amount (\$)
Sasha Baroni Executive Manager, Creative City	Amsterdam, Netherlands	World Cities Cultural Forum Summit	Oct 2025	City Life	Airfares	\$2,563
					Accommodation ²	\$0
					Incidentals	\$107
Cr Jess Miller Deputy Lord Mayor	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	C40 World Mayors Summit	Oct-Nov 2025	Deputy Lord Mayor	Airfares ²	\$0
					Accommodation	\$655
					Incidentals	\$643
Julia Lipton Manager, Sustainability Programs	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	C40 World Mayors Summit	Nov 2025	City Life	Airfares ²	\$0
					Accommodation ²	\$0
					Incidentals	\$0
Monica Barone Chief Executive Officer	London, England	Resilient Cities Forum	Dec 2025	Chief Executive Office	Airfares ²	\$0
					Accommodation	\$1,533
					Incidentals	\$685
Melinda Dewsnap Chief Resilience Officer	London, England	Resilient Cities Forum	Dec 2025	Strategic Development and Engagement	Airfares ²	\$0
					Accommodation	\$1,533
					Incidentals	\$661
Total						\$30,056

² Cost paid by organiser