

Item 4.

Grants and Sponsorship - Round One 2018/19 - Social Grants - Community Services Grants, Festival and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) and Matching Grants

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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 requires genuine partnership between government, business and the community.

The provision of grants and sponsorships is a mechanism to further the aims identified in the City's social, 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 bring to life Sustainable Sydney 2030 and the City of Villages it envisions.

The City advertised the following three grant programs in Round One of the annual grants and sponsorship program for 2018/19:

- (a) Community Services Grant Program;
- (b) Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program (Village and Community); and
- (c) Matching Grant Program.

For the Community Services Grant Program, which pursues social outcomes, 33 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 16 grants to a total value of \$592,880 and \$68,671 revenue foregone/value-in-kind for the 2018/19 financial year, and commitments of \$773,212 in cash and \$110,000 revenue foregone/value-in-kind for future financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

This report also includes one out-of-round Community Services Grant recommendation of \$217,326 cash in 2018/19, \$224,508 cash in 2019/20 and \$231,936 cash in 2020/21, and value-in-kind up to \$53,000 per year for three years to Access Sydney Community Transport to continue to operate the Village to Village Shuttle Bus Services for a period of three years.

For the Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program (Village and Community) Program, which pursues social and economic outcomes, 20 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 11 grants to a total value of \$471,000 and \$167,128 in revenue foregone/value-in-kind for the 2018/19 financial year, and commitments of \$735,000 in cash and \$307,600 revenue foregone/value-in-kind for future financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21.

For the Matching Grant Program, which pursues social, economic, cultural and environmental outcomes, 39 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 19 grants to a total value of \$127,645 and \$8,441 revenue foregone/value-in-kind for the 2018/19 financial year.

On 11 December 2017, Council adopted a revised Grants and Sponsorship Policy. All grants in this report were assessed against criteria and guidelines set out in this revised Policy with reference to Sustainable Sydney 2030, the Grants and Sponsorship Policy, the Creative City Cultural Policy and Action Plan, the Economic Development Strategy, the Environmental Action 2016-2021 Strategy and Action Plan, the Inclusion (Disability) Action Plan, OPEN Sydney Strategy and Action Plan, and the Social Sustainability Policy.

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 grant and revenue foregone/value-in-kind recommendations for 2018/19 under the Community Services Grant Program listed as follows:

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Australian Nursing Home Foundation Limited	Australian Seniors Expo	A two-day exhibition at Sydney Town Hall showcasing aged care products, services and technologies to Chinese, Southeast Asian and English speaking communities.	Nil	Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$13,295	Applicant to work with Social Policy and Programs Development officer Applicant to resubmit project timeline
Autism Community Network	Autism Families Experiencing Sydney	A monthly group offering excursions to Sydney's sights for local families affected by autism, to encourage social connection and prevent feelings of isolation.	\$3,300	Nil	Nil

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Cass Care Limited	Caring for your mind: mental health first aid training in Chinese community	A program to engage 25 members of the Chinese community to increase awareness of mental illness and related management by undertaking a mental health first aid course.	\$4,000	Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$376	Applicant to work Social Policy and Programs team.
Centipede At Glebe School Incorporated	OSHC Care Program	An extra-curricular care service providing a safe space for children under 11 years of age in Glebe, with an educational focus on food, nutrition and healthy choices.	\$35,000	Nil	Applicant to work with Middle Childhood Services Coordinator
Holdsworth Community Ltd	Holdsworth Community Homeshare Pilot	A pilot initiative to create a sustainable home share program across the city, by matching older-people living in under-occupied property with students and young workers seeking accommodation.	\$50,000	Nil	Applicant to provide plan of management

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Mood Active Association Incorporated	Mood Active community mental health exercise programs	A well-being and exercise program to support City residents living with mental health issues, held across the local area's parks and fitness centres.	Year 1 - \$40,000 Year 2 - \$35,000 Year 3 - \$30,000	Nil	Applicant to work with Social Policy & Programs team
Oz Harvest Limited	OzHarvest Food Truck Sustainable Capacity Building	A project to coordinate and build capacity for sustainable revenue, so a social enterprise mobile kitchen can deliver educational workshops and deliver free nutritious meals to charities supporting people in need in the city.	Year 1 - \$30,000 Year 2 - \$25,000 Year 3 - \$20,000	Nil	Applicant to submit revised budget
Positive Life NSW Incorporated	Living with Anxiety and Depression (for People Living with HIV) – Pilot Program	A pilot program to assist people living with HIV, experiencing anxiety or depression, located in Surry Hills and open to residents in the local area.	\$20,000	Nil	Funding to go to research component

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Spanish Community Care Association	Our Community Cookbook	A multi-cultural and cross - generational project to produce a cook book, using recipes and ideas from the residents across the city to encourage community integration and collaboration.	\$10,000	Nil	Applicant to partner with the City of Sydney for book launch
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	The Kitchen Table Project	A program to reduce drug and alcohol misuse amongst young people, held in local community centres in Woolloomooloo, Surry Hills, Redfern and Waterloo.	\$10,000	Nil	Nil
University Of Sydney	Sydney Peace Prize	A series of fundraising initiatives and public events across the city, to celebrate and commemorate the annual, international Sydney Peace Prize.	Year 1 - \$50,000 Year 2 - \$50,000 Year 3 - \$50,000	Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$55,000 each year for three years	Nil

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Sydney Story Factory Inc	Word Up: Creative Literacy with the Children of Woolloomooloo	A skills development program to run long-term, creative writing and literacy workshops, to support 40 local, marginalised children, held at Plunkett Street Public School, Woolloomooloo.	\$25,174	Nil	Nil
The Fact Tree Youth Service Inc	After Hours	A weekly, supervised, safe space for economically and socially disadvantaged young people, aged 11-18 years, on Friday and Saturday evenings in Waterloo.	Year 1 - \$110,000 Year 2 - \$115,000 Year 3 - \$120,000	Nil	Nil
Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation Limited	Take Kare Safe Space (TKSS) Town Hall	A program to offer a safe space every Friday and Saturday night from 10pm to 4am, for young people who are at risk, held at Sydney Town Hall Square.	Year 1 - \$117,406 Year 2 - \$114,106 Year 3 - \$114,106	Nil	Nil

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Weave Youth & Community Services Inc	Creating Futures Justice Program	A program to support the transition of Aboriginal people aged 18-30 from the justice system to the community, by building neighbourhood and family connections as a base for achieving education and employment.	Year 1 - \$50,000 Year 2 - \$50,000 Year 3 - \$50,000	Nil	Nil
Youth Off The Streets Limited	Youth Off The Streets (YOTS) Weekend CBD Streetwalk Phase 2	A project run by youth workers, to identify young people at risk of homelessness and assist them to make positive decisions, by having a presence across key areas of the city on Friday and Saturday nights, from December to February.	\$38,000	Nil	Nil

- (B) Council approve the cash grant of \$217,326 in 2018/19, \$224,508 in cash in 2019/20, and \$231,936 in cash in 2020/21 to Access Sydney Community Transport to continue to operate the Village to Village Shuttle Bus Service under the Ad Hoc Community Services Grant Program;
- (C) Council approve revenue foregone/value-in-kind (VIK) in 2018/19 of up to \$53,000 per year for three years (excluding GST) to Access Sydney Community Transport for the use of parking space and depot facilities for up to 13 Vehicles to Access Sydney Community Transport to continue to operate the Village to Village Shuttle Bus Service under the Ad Hoc Community Services Grant Program;
- (D) Council approve the cash grant and revenue foregone/value-in-kind recommendations for 2018/19 under the Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program (Village and Community) Program listed as follows:

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Bicycle New South Wales Incorporated	Spring Cycle	An annual community cycling event providing 10,000 riders with a unique opportunity to cycle through Sydney and across the Harbour Bridge, showcasing cycling as a sustainable method of travel, held in October.	Year 1 - \$60,000 Year 2 - \$65,000 Year 3 - \$70,000	Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$600 each year for three years Street Banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$18,800 each year for three years	Applicant to provide marketing and engagement plan Applicant to submit a revised budget Applicant to work with Walking and Cycling Team
Darlinghurst Business Partnership Incorporated	Oxtravaganza 2019	An annual series of free, collaborative events run by local businesses and communities, with proceeds being donated to Twenty10 - a social support and counselling service for LGBTIQA+ youth, held across Oxford Street and the surrounding area.	\$20,000	Nil	Nil

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Newtown Neighbourhood Centre Co-op Ltd	Newtown Festival	A yearly festival held in November featuring local music, arts, market stalls, workshops and community cohesion activities, generating funds for NCC to provide services for those most vulnerable in the local community, held in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park, Newtown.	Year 1 - \$35,000 Year 2 - \$35,000 Year 3 - \$35,000	Street Banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$5,000 per year for three years	Applicant to provide a program plan for satellite events
Newtown Precinct Business Association Incorporated	Newtown Good Food Fair	A public, outdoor festival celebrating and creating awareness of food and beverages from local suppliers and business owners, held on King Street, Newtown in early November 2018.	Year 1 - \$20,000 Year 2 - \$20,000 Year 3 - \$20,000	Nil	Nil
Department Of Premier And Cabinet	Australia Day in Sydney 2019, 2020, 2021	A large-scale day event celebrating Australia's culture and values, featuring a variety of family-friendly activities and performances throughout the City.	Year 1 - \$230,000 Year 2 - \$240,000 Year 3 - \$250,000	Venue Hire and Street Banner fee waiver to the value of \$130,000 per year for three years	Applicant to provide a resubmitted budget Applicant to submit a business plan

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Potts Point Partnership Incorporated	Project Live and Local	A live music activation celebrating and highlighting music from the Kings Cross area, to stimulate awareness and footfall within various venues in and around Kings Cross, Potts Point and Woolloomooloo.	\$30,000	Nil	Applicant to provide budget with detailed quotes Applicant to submit project management details and skills and capacity
Shopfront Arts Co.op.ltd	Playwave Parties - Enriching our Foyers with Young People	A six-month series of foyer events performed by young artists to highlight emerging youth talent, taking place at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney Theatre Company, Australian Museum, Sydney Festival, Oxford Art Factory, Carriageworks and VIVID.	\$23,000	Nil	Funding to go towards marketing, artists cost and evaluation
Smash	SMASH 2019! Sydney Manga and Anime Show	A Manga and Anime festival, joining a diverse range of people to celebrate Japanese culture, held at the International Convention Centre.	Nil	Street Banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$13,328	Nil

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The Department Pty Ltd	The Spokes People Festival	A festival working in partnership with the Sydney Rides Festival to promote cycling within the City through two large-scale community cycling events held in October 2018.	\$28,000	Nil	Applicant to provide project evaluation plan Applicant to work with Walking and Cycling Team
The Surry Hills Creative Precinct Incorporated	Carousel Creative Markets	A public market showcasing a wide range of small, innovative businesses, services and local talent, held in Harmony Park, Surry Hills.	\$10,000	Nil	Nil
Walsh Bay Precinct Partnership Inc	Walsh Bay Arts Table	A dinner to increase awareness of the Walsh Bay area and surrounding businesses with proceeds donated to one of the local arts companies.	\$15,000	Nil	Applicant to work with City Business

- (E) Council note that the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet has been recommended for its project Australia Day in Sydney 2019, 2020, 2021 in the amount of \$230,000 (2018/19), \$240,000 (2019/20) and \$250,000 (2020/21), plus \$130,000 value-in kind each year for three years. This funding will support the community activities in the lead up and on the day of 26 January each year, including the Citizenship Ceremony involving the Lord Mayor;
- (F) Council approve the cash grant and revenue foregone/value-in-kind recommendations for 2018/19 under the Matching Grant Program listed as follows:

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
107 Projects Incorporated as auspice for Tim Brunero	Speakers' Corner 2.0	A series of four live-streamed debates, featuring a range of local speakers and topics to engage the community with current issues, starting in September 2018 at The Domain on Art Gallery Road.	\$10,000	Nil	Nil
Actors Anonymous Incorporated	Deadhouse: Tales of Sydney Morgue	A skills development program to encourage local writers to develop new, immersive, theatrical works based on historical crime events that link with The Rocks area, to be performed at The Discovery Museum.	\$5,000	Nil	Nil
Bikesydney Advocacy Incorporated as auspice for Bikefilms in collaboration with BIKESydney and CycleVision	Cycling Safety Social media video campaign	The production of a series of videos using helmet cameras to promote safe cycling practices for cyclists, as well as improving skills of other road users who interact with cyclists.	\$9,650	Nil	Applicant to work with the City's Cycling Manager

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Brand X Productions Incorporated as auspice for Vashti Hughes	SSSHHH!!!	An outdoor, public, night-time, theatrical performance for all ages, performed by local artists at the corner of Rosyln Street and Ward Avenue, Woolloomooloo.	\$10,000	Nil	Applicant to submit a revised budget
Centre For Disability Studies Limited	Social Networking Group @ the Marly	A series of social events, for people with and without disabilities to network and bring about a sense of inclusion at the Marlborough Hotel in Newtown, and the development of resources for local businesses about running events that actively include people with disabilities.	\$10,000	Nil	Applicant to work with the City's Social Policy Officer
Charlie's Community Garden	Charlie's Redesign & Rebuild - Western Half	A redesign and installation of new garden beds, seating and undercover storage areas at Charlie's Community Garden on Redfern Street, to make the garden more accessible and appealing to the community.	\$9,600	Nil	Applicant to submit a Plan of Management Applicant to work with the City's Community Garden and Volunteer Coordinator

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Counterpoint Community Services Incorporated	Mandarin Employment Expo	An employment exposition focusing on providing information and opportunities for Mandarin speakers, especially migrants and international students, about employment rights and responsibilities, held in Redfern Town Hall.	\$3,145	Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$432	Applicant to work with the City's Senior Social Programs Officer
Diversity Arts Australia as auspice for Kevin Bathman	Citizen Writes Project	A series of creative workshops to empower emerging writers from a culturally diverse background to craft engaging stories that will be published in a booklet, publicly available across the city, held at 107 Projects, Redfern Street.	\$10,000	Nil	Applicant to work with the City's Cultural Projects team and Senior Social Programs Officer
Edwin David George Mcintosh trading as Glebe Music Festival	Annual Glebe Music Festival 2018	A series of public music performances featuring local and international artists in November 2018, hosted at Glebe Town Hall and the University of Sydney.	Nil	Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,700	Nil

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Feminist Legal Clinic Incorporated	Feminist Legal Clinic Incorporated Launch	The launch and promotion of a women's legal support clinic at Benledi House in Glebe, to create awareness of available services in the local community.	\$5,250	Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$162	Funding to go towards promotion costs
Glebe Palmerston & Surrounds Landcare Group (GPASL)	Glebe Palmerston & Surrounds Landcare - Set-Up	The development of a community Landcare group to increase biodiversity, improve air quality and enhance urban surroundings by planting and maintaining garden areas on Palmerston Avenue, from Lombard Street to Sarah Peninton Reserve, Glebe.	\$4,000	Nil	Applicant to submit a Plan of Management Applicant to work with the City's Community Garden and Volunteer Coordinator
Kings Cross Community Garden	Kings Cross Community Garden - Twelve Fine Oranges	An organic, edible, community garden with accessible raised beds, seating, composting and watering systems to be utilised by local volunteers and residents, at Lawrence Hargrave Reserve, Elizabeth Bay Road.	\$10,000	Nil	Applicant to submit a Plan of Management Applicant to work with the City's Community Garden and Volunteer Coordinator

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Malaysia Fest	Malaysia Festival - Experience the Heart of Diversity	A public festival showcasing Malaysian culture and diversity through food and performances, to promote cultural exchange within the community, held at Tumbalong Park.	Nil	Street Banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$3,500	No further funding
Nable	Nable Events	Four community events to develop and shape the design of Nable – an online platform where community members can help each other with specified projects, held across the Ultimo, Camperdown, Glebe and Redfern areas.	Nil	Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$647	Nil
Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd	Spartan Youth Training	A weekly program to provide young people with a morning group exercise class, a nutritious breakfast and transportation to school to encourage healthy life choices, held at Police Citizens Youth Club, Woolloomooloo.	\$3,100	Nil	No recurrent funding

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Sarah Houbolt	Insightful Dance	A series of dance and physical performance workshops for blind and partially sighted people, to foster career development for emerging artists, run between August – December 2018 across the City.	\$8,000	Venue Hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,000	Applicant to submit a revised budget
The Red Room Company Ltd	POETRY IN FIRST LANGUAGES - Gadigal Flow and Garden Workshops	A series of creative, collaborative workshops and exhibitions to share, record and celebrate Aboriginal culture through various art forms to students and wider communities, held at the Royal Botanic Gardens.	\$9,900	Nil	Nil
Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service NSW Inc	Achieving Justice and Positive Change – 1 day Domestic and Family Violence Conference	A public, educational conference, creating discussions and empowerment about justice pathways for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence, held on Mary Street, Surry Hills.	\$10,000	Nil	No recurrent funding

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Recommended	Value-in-kind Recommended	Conditions
Woolloomooloo Permaculture Community Garden	Essential maintenance for the Woolloomooloo Permaculture Community Garden facilities so the garden is more accessible to the community and garden members	A capital projects program to improve uneven pathways, install a new hosepipe and raise a shed to make Woolloomooloo Community Garden accessible for all gardeners and visitors, situated at 94-124 Dowling Street.	\$10,000	Nil	Applicant to submit a Plan of Management Applicant to work with the City's Community Garden and Volunteer Coordinator

- (G) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST and all value-in-kind offered is subject to availability; and
- (H) 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.

Attachments

- Attachment A.** Recommended 2018/19 Community Services Grant Program
- Attachment B.** Not Recommended 2018/19 Community Services Grant Program
- Attachment C.** Recommended 2018/19 Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program (Village and Community)
- Attachment D.** Not Recommended 2018/19 Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program (Village and Community)
- Attachment E.** Recommended 2018/19 Matching Grants Program
- Attachment F.** Not Recommended 2018/19 Matching Grants 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 7 February 2018, the City announced Round One of the annual grants program for 2018/19 as being open for applications on the City's website, with grant applications closing on 12 March 2018.
3. The three social programs promoted were:
 - (a) Community Services Grant Program;
 - (b) Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program (Village and Community); and
 - (c) Matching Grant Program.
4. Information about these grant programs, such as application dates, guidelines, eligibility criteria and sample applications, was made available on the City's website. The City actively promoted the programs through Facebook, Twitter, What's On, postcard distribution and an ArtsHub publication with a native content piece and affiliated website and Facebook promotion. Email campaigns were also 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. The Matching Grants Program is open to appropriately incorporated for-profit organisations and partnerships. One application was received this round from for-profit organisations and sole traders and it is recommended in this report:
 - (a) Sarah Houbolt (Sole Trader)
6. Park hire requests are not listed in the table for recommendations, as not-for-profit organisations are eligible for free park hire. However, these organisations must pay the \$100 application fee and other related fees and charges, such as electricity and water. Individuals or unincorporated community groups are required to be auspiced by a not-for-profit organisation to be eligible for free park hire. All park hire is subject to availability.
7. It is expected that all successful applicants will work co-operatively with relevant City staff throughout the project for which they have received funding. Contact details for the relevant City staff are provided to all successful grant recipients.
8. All grants and sponsorships are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant.
9. 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 and support to unsuccessful applicants.

10. The assessment process includes advice and recommendations from the key stakeholders on the assessment panel, depending upon the nature of each submission. The integrity of the proposed budget, project plan, contributions and partnerships are assessed, scored and ranked against defined criteria. Once recommended applications are approved by Council, a contract is developed, which includes conditions that must be adhered to, and acquitted against.
11. In assessing the grant applications, the assessment panels included in their considerations and recommendations:
 - (a) Sustainable Sydney 2030;
 - (b) Grants and Sponsorship Policy;
 - (c) Creative City Cultural Policy and Action Plan;
 - (d) Economic Development Strategy;
 - (e) Environmental Action 2016-2021 Strategy and Action Plan;
 - (f) Inclusion (Disability) Action Plan;
 - (g) OPEN Sydney Strategy and Action Plan; and
 - (h) A City For All Social Sustainability Policy.
12. City staff consider the contribution from the applicant and other sources in reviewing applications. Applicants are asked to demonstrate a capacity to source other types of funding or contribute their own resources (cash or in-kind).
13. Applicants are requested to list their project's community partners, confirmed funding sources and the contribution the organisation is making to the project (cash or in-kind) to demonstrate their contribution.

Community Services Grant Program (\$5,000 to \$50,000 for up to three years funding)

14. Community organisations that work in or for the City of Sydney local government area provide significant benefits to the city community through the development and delivery of activities, projects or resources. The work they undertake helps meet the needs of the diverse city community, in particular the needs of disadvantaged residents.
15. The Community Services Grant Program recognises the value of this work and contributes to it through grants to non-profit organisations based in, or providing events or services of benefit to the community in the local area.
16. The panel assessing Community Services Grant Program applications was comprised of the City's Manager of Policy and Programs, Strategy Advisor - Social and Manager of City Spaces, with specialist input of the City's Policy and Programs Development Officer, Senior Social Programs Officer, Social Policy Officer, Area Manager - North, Senior Social Programs Officer, Community Engagement Coordinators, Acting Early Childhood Services Coordinator, Acting Area Manager – East, Area Manager – West, Acting Area Manager – South, Centre Manager, Safe City Manager, Social Policy Officer, Acting Manager Homelessness, and the City's Historian.

17. The assessment meeting was chaired by the Manager, Social Programs and Services.
18. The applications recommended for the Community Services Grant Program are outlined in Attachment A. The applications that are not recommended are listed in Attachment B.

Overview of 2018/19 Community Services Grant Program including the out of round grant to Access Sydney Community Transport

Total draft budget for 2018/19	\$1,092,450
Total already committed (multi-year funding approved in previous years)	\$282,198
Total amount available for 2018/19	\$810,250
Total number of eligible applications this round	34
Total cash value requested from applications	\$1,376,949
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$127,848
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value-in-kind support	17
Total amount of cash funding recommended 2018/19 (Multi-year funding recommended 2019/20 - \$613,614) (Multi-year funding recommended for 2020/21 - \$616,042)	\$810,206
Total amount of value-in-kind support recommended 2018/19 (Multi-year value-in-kind recommended 2019/20 - \$108,000) (Multi-year value-in-kind recommended for 2020/21 - \$108,000)	\$121,671
Amount remaining for subsequent allocation of the program 2018/19	\$46

Centipede at Glebe School Incorporated

19. Centipede at Glebe School Inc is a not-for-profit organisation that operates an Outside School Hours Care service catering for school-aged children aged 4-12 on the school grounds of Glebe Public School. The City has been providing support to the service since 2006. Without this support the service would not be financially viable. However, City staff continue to work closely with Centipede to help them improve their financial planning and ability to work within their budget. As a result of this work, the City is continuing to incrementally reduce the value of the grant to Centipede from \$40,000 provided in 2017/18 to \$35,000 recommended in 2018/19. It is noted that support for the organisation's core business is outside the Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

The Fact Tree Youth Service Inc

20. The Fact Tree Youth Service is located in Waterloo and offers a variety of support services to young people, including counselling, court support and vocational training. The City has provided funding to The Fact Tree since 2011 for the delivery of late night programming on Friday and Saturday nights. This program provides young people in the Redfern/Waterloo area with a safe place to gather and engage in positive social activity in the evening as an alternative to participating in, or becoming a victim of, anti-social behaviour. The program provides young people and their families an opportunity to engage with specialist youth workers, often providing the entry point for referral to support services. A grant of \$110,000 for the delivery of this program in 2018/2019 is recommended. The increase from the previous year's funding of \$90,000 is related to ongoing increases in the cost of salaries under the Social, Community Home Care and Disability Services Award and the increased costs of food and other program equipment and activities. It is noted that support for the organisation's core business is outside the Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

Take Kare Safe Space Ambassador Program

21. The Take Kare Safe Space (TKSS) program is a core function of the Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation, established in 2014 in response to concerns about the safety of young people at night, and is specifically aimed at getting young people home safely. It operates year-round from 10pm to 4am on Friday and Saturday nights in the Sydney City CBD, Kings Cross and Darling Harbour, with additional nights for special events such as New Year's Eve. Over the period December 2014 to December 2017, 52,237 people have been supported by the TKSS program.
22. The City has approved \$390,000 funding since 2014 for the Safe Space Ambassador program to operate in the CBD. Safe Space is located in Sydney Square and comprises a small bus and gazebo. Ambassadors proactively engage with, and provide support to, people who appear to be in need of assistance, assessing the level of need and taking further action if required. For example, they may call an ambulance, provide help in locating friends, assist with phone charging, and so on.
23. The Thomas Kelly Youth Foundation is seeking a grant of \$117,406 for the delivery of this program in 2018/19, \$114,106 in 2019/20 and \$114,106 in 2020/21. The increase from previous years' funding of \$17,000 is related to the ongoing increase in the cost of salaries and the increased cost of other program equipment and activities. It is noted that support for the organisation's core business is outside of the Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

Out of Round Application - Extension of the Access Sydney Community Transport – Village to Village Shuttle Bus Service

24. Village to Village services are free, fixed route shuttle buses that aim to fill the gap between public transport and specialist community transport services. They provide access to shops, medical care, cultural activities, community services and other transport services for people who experience, or are at risk of experiencing, transport disadvantage. Reasons for transport disadvantage range from impaired mobility or financial difficulty, to not being serviced by public transport, or not meeting the age or disability eligibility criteria for specialist community transport services. The Village to Village service runs four routes from 9am-5pm on Thursdays and Fridays:
- (a) Route 1 - (Green Service) Redfern to Broadway, via Glebe: serving residents from Redfern, Glebe and Forest Lodge and connecting to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and Broadway Shopping Centre;
 - (b) Route 2 - (Purple Service) Woolloomooloo to Redfern, via Chinatown: serving residents from Woolloomooloo, Waterloo, Potts Point, Darlinghurst, Surry Hills and Redfern, and connecting to St Vincent's Hospital and Paddy's Markets;
 - (c) Route 3 - (Orange Service) Redfern to Broadway, via Alexandria: serving residents from Redfern, Rosebery, Beaconsfield, Green Square, Alexandria, Erskineville and Newtown and connecting to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and Broadway Shopping Centre; and
 - (d) Route 4 - (Blue Service) Broadway to Woolloomooloo, via CBD: serving residents from Glebe, Pyrmont, Millers Point and Woolloomooloo, connecting to Broadway Shopping Centre.
25. The City has provided a grant to Access Sydney Community Transport (formerly South East Sydney Community Transport) to operate the Village to Village service since 2007. The current three-year grant ends on 30 June 2018.
26. A 2011 review found that the service is highly effective and efficient to run, and recommended it continue. Federal Government aged care and disability reforms will eventually impact on future funding for community transport services, however, new arrangements have not been announced. Service providers have had current funding extended to June 2020. Implementation of a broader Community Transport Transition Strategy for the City has been placed on hold to allow the full implications of Federal Government aged care reforms to be assessed in the context of both the City's community transport provision and the wider community transport sector. It is anticipated that the outcomes of these reforms will be known during 2020/21 and implemented from 2021/22.
27. Sydney's public transport network has changed in recent years, with improved wheelchair accessibility at buses and stations, increased frequency, additional evening and weekend services, revised bus routes and the introduction of Opal ticketing.
28. In addition, ongoing construction of light rail will continue to change the face of public transport in the City in coming years.
29. As a result, some of the Village to Village bus routes are being constantly revised and updated according to traffic and road network changes and customer feedback.

30. It is recommended that the current Village to Village service grant be extended for three years to June 2021, with the grant agreement offering flexibility in determining the frequency and route for services based on an ongoing assessment of demand and public transport gaps.
31. Access Sydney has requested \$217,326 in 2018/19, \$224,508 in 2019/20 and \$231,936 in 2020/21 (excluding GST) to operate the service. This amount is broken down between service delivery (3,200 driver hours per annum) and administration functions.
32. Flexible in service delivery will be achieved through a costing of services at an hourly rate rather than an annual rate. This will allow for adjustments to routes and frequency of services to better match ongoing need. Significant changes to routes will be determined by agreement between the City and the service provider through six-monthly reviews, and in consultation with service users.
33. Access Sydney Community Transport's fleet of 13 buses (used to deliver Village to Village and a range of other community transport services) are housed at the City's Bay Street depot in Ultimo. They have requested that this arrangement be continued, which is an estimated value-in-kind contribution of \$53,000.
34. Access Sydney is an Accredited Bus Operator under NSW Roads and Maritime Services requirements. A condition of this accreditation is that vehicles are securely garaged. Access Sydney has been unable to identify suitable alternative depot facilities from which to operate. This is largely due to the limited availability of depot space within the City, the size and height of buses, and the high rental value of inner-city facilities. It is anticipated that sufficient space for vehicles will continue to be available during planned upgrades to the Bay Street facility (2018-2022), however, Access Sydney Community Transport may need to be relocated to an alternative location, if required. It is noted that support for the organisation's core business is outside of the Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) Program (\$5,000 to \$30,000 for new applicants or localised festivals or by negotiation for established festivals and events)

35. The Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program aims to support festivals and events that celebrate, develop and engage the City's communities. The City provides support for festivals and events under two categories: Artform or Village and Community.
36. Village and Community festivals and events celebrate the spirit of a community and build opportunities to share its cultural characteristics with a wider public, or events that nurture and amplify the unique characteristics of the city and village precincts, meet the City's broader place-making objectives and showcase a local community, including local business.
37. The assessment panel for Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) was comprised of the City Business Coordinator - Industry and Place, Area Manager – East, Grants Program Coordinator with the specialist input of the Campaign Manager – Cycling, Global City Marketing Manager, International Engagement Coordinator and Social Programs Officer.
38. The applications recommended for the Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program are outlined in Attachment C. The applications that are not recommended are listed in Attachment D.

Overview of 2018/19 Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program – Village and Community

Total draft budget for 2018/19	\$1,149,000
Total already committed (multi-year funding approved in previous years)	\$443,000
Total amount available for 2018/19	\$706,000
Total number of eligible applications this round	20
Total cash value requested from applications	\$781,014
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$179,883
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value-in-kind support	11
Total amount of cash funding recommended 2018/19 (Multi-year funding recommended 2019/20 - \$360,000) (Multi-year funding recommended for 2020/21 - \$375,000)	\$471,000
Total amount of value-in-kind support recommended 2018/19 (Multi-year value-in-kind recommended 2019/20 - \$154,400) (Multi-year value-in-kind recommended for 2020/21 - \$154,400)	\$167,728
Amount remaining for subsequent allocation of the program 2018/19	\$235,000

Matching Grant Program (up to \$10,000 for up to 12 months funding)

39. The Matching Grant Program provides matched funding of up to \$10,000 for any projects that improve, enhance, or celebrate the City’s Villages. Council approved the development of this program to support identified grassroots community projects by matching with City resources what is contributed in cash or in-kind by the community.
40. To be eligible for funding, applications to the Matching Grant Program must demonstrate a matched cash contribution or value-in-kind contribution to the project at least equal to the amount requested from the City.

41. The assessment panel for this Matching Grant allocation was comprised of the Meals on Wheels Coordinator, Cultural Projects Manager, and Grants Officer with the specialist input of the Acting Area Manager - East, Acting Area Manager - South, Area Manager - West, Area Manager - North, two Community Engagement Coordinators, the Community Gardens and Volunteer Coordinator, Acting Manager of Homelessness Unit, the Community Development Coordinator - Urban Renewal, City Business Coordinator, the City Historian, Senior Social Programs Officer, International Engagement Manager, Project Manager - Safe City, Senior Social Programs Officer, two Social Policy Officers, Urban Ecology Coordinator and Cycling Manager. The assessment meeting was chaired by the Manager Grants.
42. The applications recommended for the Matching Grant Program are outlined in Attachment E to this report. The applications that are not recommended are listed in Attachment F to this report.

Overview of 2018/19 Matching Grant Program

Total draft budget for 2018/19	\$410,000
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	39
Total cash value requested from applications	\$328,167
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$8,504
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value-in-kind support	19
Total amount of funding recommended	\$127,645
Total amount of value-in-kind support recommended	\$8,441
Amount remaining for subsequent allocation of the program 2018/19	\$282,355

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030 Vision

43. This report complies with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy adopted by Council on 12 December 2017. The provision of grants and sponsorships is a mechanism for the City to further the aims identified in its social, economic, environmental and cultural policies. The City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Program is a key element in the delivery of Sustainable Sydney 2030. All applications are considered against the 10 strategic directions and how they can directly deliver, or encourage the further development of the aims and objectives identified in Sustainable Sydney 2030.

Organisational Impact

44. 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.

Social / Cultural / Community

45. 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 community organisations, within the local area.

Budget Implications

46. A total of \$1,408,851 in cash and \$297,840 in revenue foregone/value-in-kind from the proposed draft 2018/19 budget is provided as follows:
- (a) Community Services Grants – \$810,206 in the draft budget of \$1,092,450;
 - (b) Festivals and Events Sponsorship (Village and Community) – \$471,000 in the draft budget of \$1,149,000; and
 - (c) Matching Grant Program – \$127,645 in the draft budget of \$410,000.
47. Additionally, this report includes forward commitments of \$1,964,656 in cash and \$524,800 revenue foregone/value-in-kind (these amounts will be incorporated in future budgets proposed).

Relevant Legislation

48. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993. 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.
49. Section 356(3)(a) - (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) Matching Grant Program;
 - (b) the details of this program have been included in Council's draft operational plan for financial year 2018/19;
 - (c) the program's proposed budget does not exceed 5 per cent of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for financial year 2018/19; and
 - (d) this program applies to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

50. The funding period for Round One of the grants and sponsorship annual program for 2018/19 is for activity taking place from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting in August.

Public Consultation

51. For all programs open to application in Round One of the annual grants and sponsorship program for 2018/19, two question and answer sessions were held in Town Hall House to assist potential applicants with their applications on the following dates:
 - (a) Thursday 22 February 2018 from 4pm to 7pm; and
 - (b) Tuesday 27 February 2018 from 4pm to 7pm.
52. Ninety-eight meetings were held across the two question and answer sessions where prospective applicants sought advice from City staff about their project proposals and the application process.
53. Sixty-two per cent of these attendees advised they had not applied for a City of Sydney grant previously.

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