

## Relevant Information for Council

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**TO:** Lord Mayor and Councillors

**FROM:** Emma Rigney, Executive Director City Life

**THROUGH:** Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Information Relevant To Item 9.4 – Grants and Sponsorship - Social Grants

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### For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

### Purpose

To provide Council with further information on the Food Support Grant Program.

### Background

At the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee on 11 November 2024, further information was requested on the following:

#### Food Support Grant Program

In June 2023, Council [approved](#) the newly established Food Support Grant Program, Guidelines, and initial budget of \$1.5 million for 2023/24 (with the grants budget to incorporate \$1.5 million for 2024/25 and 2025/26) prioritising funding of projects to:

- increase access to affordable, healthy, safe and culturally-appropriate food
- increase community skills in sourcing and preparing healthy food
- improve supply, storage and delivery of healthy food for our diverse communities
- increase resourcing of essential food support services for our diverse communities
- increase access to affordable internet and data to support community access to food support services.

Applications from organisations, groups and individuals that support Aboriginal and Torres and Strait Islander communities and culture, including Aboriginal community-controlled organisations and networks are strongly encouraged to apply.

As the grant program allows for multi-year funding, to date, a total of \$3.23 million has been approved:

2023/24	\$1,355,000 was approved for 10 organisations.
2024/25	\$1,045,000 for 13 organisations.
2025/26	\$829,125 for 8 organisations.

The details of the approved applicants can be found online as Council resolutions and are attached.

### **Food Operations Working Group**

The City of Sydney re-established the Food Operations Working Group in July 2023 to strengthen collaboration among community organisations, food relief providers, and wholesale suppliers and retailers. Through this group, food relief providers have opportunities to access discounted fresh produce and other essential items, including sanitary products, fostering a cooperative, resource-sharing network.

Food support grant recipients report quarterly on program impacts, with bi-monthly group meetings dedicated to all food relief providers in the City to share updates, resources, and identify collective needs.

City staff also conduct regular check-ins and gather feedback to support effective, community-focused food distribution. Staff will provide Council an update on the outcomes of the working group.

### **Memo from Emma Rigney, Executive Director City Life**

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### **Attachments**

**Attachment A.** Previous Funding Approvals - Food Support Grant Program

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Approved



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Chief Executive Officer