

11 May 2026

At the conclusion of the Equity and Housing Committee

Community Services and Facilities Committee

Agenda

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes**
- 2. Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**
- 3. Joint Operation of Paddington Library**
- 4. Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund**

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Item 1.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the following meetings of the Community Services and Facilities Committee are submitted for confirmation:

Meeting of 20 April 2026

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.

Disclosures of Interest

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice and the City of Sydney Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to disclose and manage both pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting.

In both cases, the nature of the interest must be disclosed.

This includes receipt of reportable political donations over the previous four years.

Item 3.

Joint Operation of Paddington Library

File No: X088718

Summary

Since January 1994, the City of Sydney (the City) has jointly provided a library in Paddington Town Hall, a building owned by the City, with Woollahra Municipal Council (Woollahra).

The current agreement with Woollahra to manage the Paddington Library expires on 30 June 2026. A major capital works project is scheduled at Paddington Town Hall disrupting the operation of the library. This renewal project will modernise whole of building services and facilities, improve access throughout the building and repair and protect important heritage elements.

A decision is required by Council to extend the current agreement with Woollahra for the period from 1 July 2026 to the commencement of capital works. In addition, this report recommends that the City enter into a new agreement to continue to deliver library services to the community in Woollahra's EJ Ward community centre (located at 189 Underwood Street, Paddington) for the period during the capital works.

The management of the Paddington Library has been successful to date. It has established co-operation between councils and enabled a cost effective, quality library service for the residents of both Woollahra and the City's Local Government Area.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) Council endorse extending the existing agreement with Woollahra Municipal Council to jointly run a library from Paddington Town Hall from 1 July 2026 until capital works commence;
- (B) Council endorse entering into an agreement with Woollahra Municipal Council to jointly run a library from EJ Ward community centre at 189 Underwood Street, Paddington for the duration of the capital works on the terms set out in the subject report;
- (C) Council endorse the payment of a maximum of \$50,800 to Woollahra Municipal Council for relocation costs for Paddington Library; and
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into agreements with Woollahra Municipal Council to give effect to the approvals outlined in (A) and (B) above.

Attachments

Nil.

Background

1. On 29 March 2021, Council approved The City of Sydney (the City) entering into an agreement with Woollahra Municipal Council (Woollahra) for the joint operation of Paddington Library at Paddington Town Hall, a building owned by the City. This agreement sets out the following:
 - (a) the annual operating budget
 - (b) that Woollahra operates the library
 - (c) that operational costs are shared, 60% Woollahra and 40% the City, based on the use by residents of each Local Government Area. Members who live outside the Local Government Areas are split using the same ratio
 - (d) that the City provides the building free of charge and pays for its maintenance. Woollahra pays for the cost of utilities, cleaning and security. The City does not charge Woollahra for the use of the space and forgoes annual rental income of \$345,800 per annum
2. The existing agreement between both parties provides a range of key performance indicators (KPIs) including collection size, library programs, visitation, and number of loans and members. Paddington Library has been meeting KPIs.
3. Paddington Library contributes to State Library of NSW guidelines for minimum size and location of libraries within the city. It provides a collection for children and families, free public access computers, self-check facilities, and venues and programs which are well received by the community. The computers and self-check facilities are owned by Woollahra, and the programs are delivered by Woollahra to community.
4. Paddington Library has a mid-range number of users, a collection size within the City's network range, and maintains a comparable number of loans. The collection is location dependent and does not form part of a 'floating' collection, unlike the City's collection which is used across the network.
5. It is recommended that the current agreement with Woollahra is extended until capital works commence. It is further recommended that the City and Woollahra sign a new agreement to jointly run the library from EJ Ward community centre located at 189 Underwood Street, Paddington in the Woollahra Local Area for the duration of works. A library will be set up at the temporary site and collection and equipment will be moved from Paddington Library into EJ Ward community centre. The equipment is owned by Woollahra and will be reinstated in Paddington Town Hall when the works have finished.
6. Woollahra's preliminary draft budget for 2026/2027 indicates operational costs for Paddington Library of \$1,003,395. This is within CPI increase on the previous year's budget. It is proposed that the current funding arrangement for operating costs continues (Woollahra 60% and the City 40% split).
7. Based on the draft budget, Woollahra will pay an annual operating cost of \$602,037 and the City will contribute an operating cost up to a value of \$401,358 excluding GST

for the 2026/27 Financial Year. The budget will be reviewed annually with increases to remain within CPI each year unless otherwise agreed.

8. Woollahra Council has indicated the relocation of the library will cost \$127,000. It is proposed that the City will contribute a maximum of \$50,800 for relocation costs, in line with Council's 40% contribution to the operational costs of Paddington Library. Woollahra has also indicated that they will cover the accommodation costs in the temporary venue (EJ Ward community centre). This will be included as a key term in the agreement.

Key terms

9. The library opening hours will remain the same for the period that the library operates from EJ Ward Community Centre. These are:

- Monday to Tuesday 9:30am to 6pm
- Wednesday 12noon to 8pm
- Thursday to Friday 9:30am to 6pm
- Saturday 10am to 4pm
- Sunday 10am to 4pm

Total opening hours 54 per week

10. Key Performance Indicators will be monitored throughout including:

- Number of members
- Residential status of members
- New members per quarter
- Number of loans
- Turnover of stock
- Satisfaction – quarterly feedback
- Annual satisfaction survey
- Number of visitors
- Budget spent

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

11. 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 report is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
 - (a) Direction 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - Library services support communities to have the skills, tools and access to technology to engage and participate in digital life and support equitable access to education and learning activities.
 - (b) Direction 8 - A thriving cultural life - Libraries are cultural and creative spaces and the continuation of the service supports the access to affordable cultural spaces and activities which promote creative participation and social cohesion.

Organisational Impact

12. The joint operation has established co-operation between councils and enabled a cost effective library service for the residents of both Woollahra Municipal Council and the City of Sydney Local Government Areas.
13. The joint operation has provided opportunities for collaboration and skills sharing between the 2 councils to provide stronger library services and programs to mutual communities.

Risks

14. This request is within the City's risk appetite, which states:
 - (a) We have a cautious to open appetite for our strategic, community development, urban planning and creative functions and services. .
 - (b) We have minimal appetite for disruption to our regulatory functions, especially those that affect public safety, front line service and our core corporate functions and business systems.
 - (c) We will not tolerate failure to develop plans to respond to a disruption and ensure continuity of operational infrastructure.
15. The recommendations support the continued delivery of library services to the communities in Paddington with minimal disruption during a period of asset renewal works.

Social / Cultural / Community

16. This proposal positively impacts the community by ensuring continuation of library services in the area.

Financial Implications

17. The Joint Operation of Paddington Library is in the Long Term Financial Plan and the City's contribution of \$401,358 excluding GST is budgeted for in the draft 2026/27 Budget.
18. Funding to support the move of the library service to temporary accommodation will be included in the appropriate financial year's budget bid.

Relevant Legislation

19. Local Government Act 1993.
20. Local Government (General) Regulation 2021.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

21. The current agreement on the Joint Operation of Paddington Library expires on 30 June 2026.

Options

22. The City has an option to end the agreement and not provide library services to the Paddington community for the period of the capital works project. This would create operational savings of at least \$401,358 excluding GST based on projections for the 2027/28 Financial Year. This would leave the community without access to nearby library facilities for an extended period and would be detrimental to the collaborative efforts between the 2 councils. This option is not recommended.
23. The City has an option to end the agreement and cease a library service in Paddington. This would create operational savings of at least \$401,358 excluding GST based on projections for the 2026/27 Financial Year and opportunity for increased rental income from the Paddington Town Hall site in future years. This would have a negative impact on the community who use the library service and would be detrimental to collaborative efforts between the 2 councils. This option is not recommended.

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Executive Director City Life

Heather Davis, Manager Libraries and Learning

Item 4.**Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund****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 Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision, genuine partnership between government, business and the community is required.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund is open all year for applications until the annual budget is exhausted.

This report considers 18 eligible applications for funding under the 2025/26 round. Four grants are recommended for a total cash value of \$119,600 from the 2025/26 financial year budget. If all 4 are approved, this budget will have been exhausted for the year 2025/26.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program, as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise, 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
- (E) 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 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

Attachment B. Not Recommended For Funding - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

Background

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration fund

1. On 8 July 2025, the City announced the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund was open for applications on the City's website, with the program category open all year round, until the budget was exhausted.
2. Information on this grant program (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, Twitter, LinkedIn), and AdWords. Email campaigns were utilised to target interested parties who had applied previously for grants at the City or who had expressed an interest in the City's programs.
3. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program is dedicated to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, groups and organisations and is open to eligible not-for profit organisations, incorporated associations, corporations, co-operatives, partnerships, sole traders, trustees of a trust and an individual or unincorporated community group auspiced by an eligible not-for-profit organisation or corporation.
4. Six eligible applications were received from for-profit organisations and sole traders through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund but none were recommended for approval.

Grants assessment process

5. 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 team, upon request, provides feedback to unsuccessful applicants.
6. The assessment process includes advice and recommendations from a suitably qualified assessment panel. For this program the panel consists of members of the First Nations Leadership team and Aboriginal staff members. The applications are scored against defined assessment criteria for each grant program as well as being assessed against the integrity of the proposed budget, the project plan, partnerships, contributions and connection to the local community and industry sectors.
7. The assessment criteria for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund are:
 - evidence of need for the project
 - demonstrated connection or benefit to, and engagement with, the local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities in the planning and delivery of the project or program
 - capacity and experience to deliver the project or program

8. Applicants who requested more than \$20,000 in cash per year are also assessed against the following additional assessment criterion:
 - how the project or program delivers against the funding priorities
9. The assessment meeting was held on 10 April 2026.
10. Once assessed, application recommendations are decided by Council, and approved applicants are awarded a contract 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 are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

13. The applications recommended for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program are outlined in Attachment A to this report.
14. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration fund budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2025/26	\$500,000	
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$380,400	
Total cash available in 2025/26	\$119,600	
Number of eligible applications this allocation	18	
Number of grants recommended	4	
2025/26	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$679,769	Nil
Total recommended	\$119,600	Nil
Cash amount remaining for allocation in 2025/26	\$0	

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 program is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
 - (a) Direction 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to community development and support active participation in civic life. They empower the community to address issues that matter to them and drive projects to create a more inclusive and resilient city

Organisational Impact

16. The grants 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.

Risks

17. This recommendation is within the City's risk appetite, which states:
 - (a) We make decisions that align with our corporate objectives, policies and strategies and are committed to conducting our activities in full compliance with applicable laws, regulations and relevant industry standards.
 - (b) We foster a culture of ethics, integrity and responsible behaviour across our organisation. By creating a strong ethical foundation, we aim to minimise the likelihood of reputation-damaging incidents and enhance our ability to respond effectively when challenges arise.
 - (c) The City has a responsibility to ensure that it has sufficient resources in the short, medium and long term to provide the levels of service that are both affordable and considered appropriate by the community.

Social / Cultural / Community

18. 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 business, within the local area.

Financial Implications

19. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2025/26 Grants and sponsorship budget to support the recommended grants.

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 and delegating the granting of financial assistance because:
 - (a) the funding is part of the following program:
 - (i) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund
 - (b) the details of the program were included in the Council's adopted operational plan for financial year 2025/26
 - (c) the program's proposed budgets do not exceed 5% of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for financial year 2025/26
 - (d) this program applies to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

Critical Dates / Time Frames

22. The funding period for the programs is for activities taking place 12 months from the project start date. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects to commence by 1 July 2026.

EMMA RIGNEY

Executive Director City Life

Kate Butler, Grants Coordinator

Attachment A

**Recommended for Funding
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Collaboration Fund**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 2025-2026

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Amount Requested	VIK Requested	Cash Recommended 2025/26	VIK Recommended 2025/26	Cash Recommended 2026/27	VIK Recommended 2026/27	Cash Recommended 2027/28	VIK Recommended 2027/28	Additional Conditions
First Nations Response Limited	Caring for Community Our Way, The Blak Way: Support Services	A Blak-led support project strengthening First Nations community across the city. Building capacity by providing culturally safe crisis response services and advisory support for emerging and small community-controlled organisations.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	\$46,600 (1 year only)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gadigal Information Service Aboriginal Corporation	Young Black and Deadly	A creative youth program in Redfern engaging First Nations young people through music and comedy workshops to build skills, confidence and cultural expression, culminating in a live community performance.	\$48,500	Nil	\$27,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Amount Requested	VIK Requested	Cash Recommended 2025/26	VIK Recommended 2025/26	Cash Recommended 2026/27	VIK Recommended 2026/27	Cash Recommended 2027/28	VIK Recommended 2027/28	Additional Conditions
Innari Incorporated	Mob Connect Hub and Colour and Connect Wednesday of the month	A series of support initiatives in the local area connecting First Nations people with housing services through shared meals, weekly drop-ins and start-up support to transition from homelessness into housing.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	\$0	\$20,000 (1 year only)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Moogahlin Performing Arts Incorporated	Healing Scars by Warren Mason - Premiere Season at Carriageworks	A live Carriageworks performance exploring First Nations intergenerational healing from injustice through music and storytelling, led by a Yuwalaaraay composer and performer for diverse community audiences.	\$50,000	\$0	\$25,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Attachment B

**Not Recommended for Funding
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Collaboration Fund**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 2025-2026

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Aboriginal Corporation or Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services	ACHRCS NAIDOC BBQ	A NAIDOC celebration BBQ in Haymarket supporting First Nations people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity through music, dance, cultural education and community connection.	\$3,470	Nil
Glebe Youth Service Inc	Sisters Rise	A series of culturally grounded programs in Glebe providing a safe, empowering space for First Nations girls to strengthen identity, social and emotional wellbeing, leadership, and job-readiness through community-led support.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Impact Policy Pty Ltd	Flames Girls Basketball Program	A girls-only, culturally empowered basketball program increasing access and participation for First Nations young people, building confidence, wellbeing and connection through sport across South Sydney communities.	\$48,000	Nil
Jennifer Turner	Empowering Indigenous Women in Business Through Mentorship	A mentoring and leadership development program in Redfern supporting First Nations women to embed leadership learnings, strengthen career pathways, and increase representation and retention in business through culturally informed mentoring and corporate partnerships.	\$42,000	Nil
Jodie Ann Choolburra	Brolga Dance Academy	Brolga Dance Academy provides a culturally safe platform for First Nations to connect to culture, learn dance, strengthen identity, and express their stories through creative, artistic, and culturally grounded practice.	\$50,000	Nil
Koori Kinnections Pty Ltd	Kinconnected Community Education	A year-long First Nations learning program at Glebe Public School delivering regular, hands-on, co-created cultural education for students through an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned local provider.	\$16,800	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	All Blacks Basketball Club	MLALC as auspice for All Blacks Basketball Club(ABBC) apply for COSC Collaboration Fund 2025-26 to assist ABBC with costs to participate in CSBA competition for girls and boys under 10s-18's	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Redfern All Blacks Rugby League Football Club Incorporated	Redfern All Blacks RLFC Season 2026	A capacity-building initiative providing legal advice, governance support and training in risk management, volunteers, programs and communications to strengthen club development, community engagement and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural celebration.	\$50,000	Nil
Redfern Youth Connect (Australia) Limited	RYC Drop-in	An after-school drop-in program in the local area providing First Nations young people with meals, safe transport, and structured and unstructured activities to support wellbeing, connection and development.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Scott David Morris	Eora Revival	A community-led initiative in the local area collecting and redistributing donated clothing and essentials directly to First Nations families, ensuring dignified access to goods through culturally safe, not-for-profit distribution.	\$50,000	Nil
Songlines To Sovereignty Ltd	Connecting Elders with Songlines to Sovereignty	A community-led project in the local area connecting and empowering First Nations Elders through outreach, interviews and recordings to share stories and speak directly with each other and the wider community.	\$19,999	Nil
Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation	Ngara Muru E-Learning Project	An e-learning initiative in Redfern transforming cultural awareness training to increase community understanding and spotlight First Nations storytelling through immersive and innovative digital experiences.	\$50,000	Nil
Wanda Austin	Deadly Tucker-Community Feed Program	An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led mobile food program in the local area providing free meals and care packs to Elders, families and people experiencing homelessness through a community-supported "Buy 1, Feed 1 Mob" model.	\$25,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Winya Indigenous Office Furniture Pty Ltd	NAIDOC Cultural Workshops	A series of Indigenous-led weaving workshops at Kent Street engaging businesses to respectfully learn Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practices, storytelling and connection to Country through hands-on experiences.	\$6,000	Nil