CITY OF SYDNEY

9 November 2026

At the conclusion of the Cultural, Creative and Nightlife Committee

Community Services and Facilities Committee

Agenda

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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 14 September 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.

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Item 3.

Grants - Social and Community Grants and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

File No: S117676

Summary

Social and community grants

The Social and community grants helps bring our vision of a fair and resilient city to life by supporting community projects that encourage inclusion, connection and wellbeing. It helps communities to take the lead in solving local challenges, encourages people to work together and makes it easier to access the support and services they need. It also works to strengthen community organisations so they can keep going and plan for the future.

The program is made up of 2 categories:

Social and community projects

Supports community-based organisations to provide programs that help increase social cohesion and inclusion, develop healthy and resilient communities, and support participation in community life.

Food support projects

Supports community-based organisations to deliver long term and sustainable projects and programs that increase access to affordable and healthy food for our priority communities. All applications must demonstrate delivery of food safety requirements.

For the Social and community projects this report recommends a total of 19 grants across these 2 categories for a total multi-year value of $1,051,961 in cash and $41,055 value-in-kind. These grants will be paid over a period of 3 years.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund works to address the priorities, needs and aspirations of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, while supporting a sustainable local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled sector. The program aligns with the City's community strategic plan and our commitment to reconciliation.

For the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund this report recommends a total of 4 grants for a total value of $173,500 in cash. These grants will be paid over a single year.

Further information on these recommendations is detailed within this report and its attachments. If all recommendations are approved, the 2026/27 budgets for the Social and community grants will be exhausted. There will be $176,500 remaining to be allocated from Collaboration fund budget for the remainder of the 2026/27 year as this category is open year round.

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 and value-in-kind recommendations for the Social and community projects, Food support projects and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund as shown at Attachments A, C and H to the subject report

(B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended for the Social and community projects, Food support projects and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund as shown at Attachments B, D and I to the subject report

(C) Council note that all amounts to be paid to grant recipients under the Social and community grants and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund programs are exclusive of GST

(D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants Policy

(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.

Attachments

Attachment A.	Recommended for funding - Social and community projects
Attachment B.	Not recommended for funding - Social and community projects
Attachment C.	Recommended for funding - Food support projects
Attachment D.	Not recommended for funding - Food support projects
Attachment E.	Grant program budget allocation - Social and community grants
Attachment F.	Data report on outcomes of funding - Social and community projects
Attachment G.	Data report on outcomes of funding - Food support projects
Attachment H.	Recommended for funding - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund
Attachment I.	Not recommended for funding - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund
Attachment J.	Grant program budget allocation - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund

Background

1. On 28 April 2026 Council adopted the Grants Policy and Grants Guidelines under which the Social and Community grant program and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund are delivered.

2. The City of Sydney's (the City) grants program provides the City with a platform to support cultural, economic, environmental and social initiatives from the communities and business, within the local area.

3. This report covers the recommendations for the Social and Community grants program which includes the social and community projects and food support projects categories as well as recommendations for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund.

Social and community grants program

Grant program opened	21 July 2026	
Grant program closed	4pm, 1 September 2026	
Eligible applicant types	As per Grants Guidelines	
Eligible applications received and cash amount requested in 2026/27		
Social and community projects	97	$3,385,006
Food support projects	29	$1,995,399
Total	**126**	**$5,380,405**
Number of applications from for-profit organisations and/or sole traders	Not applicable as for-profit organisations and/or sole traders are not eligible to be considered for funding under the Social and Community grant program.	
Applications recommended and cash amounts recommended for 2026/27		
Social and community projects	9	$361,642
Food support projects	10	$284,319
Total	**19**	**$645,961**
If recommendations are approved, the 2026/27 budget for the Social and community grants program will be fully expended.		
For-profit organisations and/or sole traders recommended	Not applicable (see above).	

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

Grant program opened	9 June 2026	
Grant program closed	30 June 2027 (program is open all year for applications until the budget is exhausted - applications are batched and assessed at different points of the year)	
Eligible applicant types	As per Grants Guidelines	
Eligible applications received and cash amount requested in 2026/27		
Total	6	$290,000
Number of applications from for-profit organisations and/or sole traders	2	
Applications recommended and cash amounts recommended for 2026/27		
Total	4	$173,500
As the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund is open all year round, should Council approve the recommendations from this program in this report, there will be $176,500 remaining in this financial year's budget to be allocated before June 2027.		
For-profit organisations and/or sole traders recommended	0	

4. Each funding round the City receives over 100% more applications it can fund within its allocated funding budget. Not all quality applications can be funded therefore the City applies a rigorous assessment process to ensure that recommended projects align with the City's strategies and priorities.

5. In assessing the applications, the assessment panel may recommend an amount less than what the applicant has requested. The main reasons why the panel may do this are;

   (a) the applicant has not made a case for full funding,

   (b) the applicant has requested funding for items that the City does not support

   (c) the panel wishes to support the project but does not have sufficient budget to provide the full request and therefore recommends a lower amount.

6. If an applicant does not receive the full amount requested they will have the opportunity to vary their project accordingly. If the panel have concerns about the applicant's capacity to achieve the objectives of their project, the panel may request a revised budget prior to contracting.

7. This program is assessed under the process and against the criteria as detailed in the approved Grant policy and guidelines.

8. Attachment F (Data report on outcomes of funding - Social and community projects) and Attachment G (Data report on outcomes of funding - Food support projects) to this report are high level summaries on the anticipated outputs and outcomes of the funding if the recommendations are approved for the Social and community grants program. The 2 data reports provide insight into what the grant applicants have identified they hope to achieve if they receive the City's funding.

9. All applicants who applied for funding will be advised of the outcomes of their applications once Council has made its decision.

Key implications

Strategic alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

10. 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.

11. Direction 6 relates most closely to the Social and Community grants program and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund, however the City acknowledges that many of the grants recommended under this report will support projects with outcomes and impacts that reach beyond Direction 6.

Organisational impact

12. All grants are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the grant applicant.

13. All grant recipients will be required to sign a contract, meet specific performance outcomes and acquit their grant. The management of grant contracts 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

14. 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.

Financial implications

15. A financial summary of the recommendations for the Social and community grants program is at Attachment E and for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund at Attachment J. This details the proposed cash and value-in-kind allocations for the current financial year and any future financial years (where relevant). If the recommendations are approved there will be no further budget available for this program in the current financial year.

16. There are sufficient funds allocated in this financial year's operational budget to support the recommended grants. The forward multi-year proposed recommendations are included in the long-term financial plan.

17. Value-in-kind support has been recommended for selected applicants as detailed in the Attachments. The value-in-kind budget is approved each year as part of the grants budget and there is sufficient budget to support these recommendations.

Relevant legislation

18. 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, and section 377(1A) permits the delegation of the granting of financial assistance in certain circumstances.

19. Public notice of the financial grant assistance is not required for the Social and Community grants program in accordance with section 356(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 because the recommended eligible grant recipients do not act for private gain and additionally section 356(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 applies as

(a) the funding is a part of the Social and community grants program and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

(b) the details of the program were included in the Council's adopted operational plan for this financial year

(c) each programs' proposed budget does not exceed 5% of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for this financial year

(d) these programs to which the recommended grant recipients seek funding apply to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

Critical dates / Time frames

20. The funding period for this grant program is for activities taking place 12 months from each project start date. The earliest start date for any projects recommended in this report is 1 January 2027. In this report there are also recommendations of funding for future financial years to support activities for multi-year projects. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting.

Public engagement

21. At the opening of the annual grant program, the City of Sydney delivers a number of community-focused online, telephone and in-person information sessions designed to share more details of the opportunities and support prospective applicants. Details of the type and number of sessions and attendees, are included in the table below:

Type of information session	**Number of sessions**	**Number of attendees**
Social and community grants program webinar	1 (24 July 2026)	94
All other program webinars	3 (various dates)	294
Telephone bookings (15-minute sessions)	416 (all programs)	416 (all programs)
In-person meetings (20-minute sessions)	61 (all programs)	61 (all programs)

22. In addition to the above, the grants team hosted an in-person briefing at 119 Redfern Street for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants about all the City's grant programs - including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund - at which 6 people attended. Grants staff also presented at the First Nations Connect workshop on grants writing, where 12 people attended. There were also Grants staff available at 119 Redfern Street or the Redfern Community Centre for 3 full working days over the round opening period, available for pre-booked or walk in meetings with community members to promote the grant opportunities.

23. As per the Grants Guidelines, all grant applicants, whether they are successful or unsuccessful, are invited to seek feedback from the grants team. This feedback, delivered orally, provides unsuccessful applicants with a greater understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of their submission that were identified by the assessment panel.

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Attachment A

Recommended for funding -
Social and community projects

Social and Community Projects Grant Program 2026/2027

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
Counterpoint Community Services Incorporated	Waterloo Community Development Support	A community development project in Waterloo supporting residents through community connection, engagement and participation during the Waterloo South redevelopment, relocation and neighbourhood renewal.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$50,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$35,000**	**$0**	**$35,000**	**$0**	**$35,000**	**$0**	
Disability Pride Sydney	Disability Pride Festival 2027	A disability-led festival in the inner city celebrating disability pride through performances, workshops, markets and advocacy, strengthening visibility, inclusion, community connection and participation for people with disability.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$50,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$11,873 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$14,591 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$14,591 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$36,278**	**$11,873**	**$26,500**	**$14,591**	**$16,500**	**$14,591**	

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
First Nations Response Limited	D(e)adley Community Innovation and Solidarity Hub – Community Support	A First Nations-led project in the local area collaborating with community members and Blak-led organisations to deliver support programs that promote healing, community care, connection and wellbeing.	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corporation	Mudgin-Gal Women's Festival	An Aboriginal-led community celebration in the local area bringing women, girls and families together through culture, connection, activities and education to promote safety, respect and prevent gender-based violence.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$50,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**	

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
Pets in the Park Incorporated	Companion Animal Health and Welfare Services	A project in Darlinghurst providing free veterinary care, including health services, procedures, diagnostics, medications and pet food, supporting the pets of people experiencing homelessness.	**$17,000**	**$0**	**$17,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Redfern All Blacks Rugby League Football Club Incorporated	Keeping Our Stories in Motion: Redfern All Blacks Community History Project	Redfern All Blacks will deliver a community-led project preserving Aboriginal sporting history through Elders' stories, photographs, memorabilia and family histories, creating a community-controlled collection for exhibitions, education and future generations.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
Redfern Legal Centre Ltd	Consultation on Waterloo Alcohol Free Zones	A First Nations-led consultation project in Waterloo engaging people who drink in public places to inform community-led alternatives to alcohol exclusion zones and support inclusive public spaces.	**$47,614**	**$0**	**$36,864**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd	Mental Health Empowerment Projects, Led by Sydney's Youth	A project in the local area supporting young people to co-design therapeutic group activities and events that advance their personal goals, wellbeing and reduce stigma around mental health.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$50,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$36,500**	**$0**	**$36,500**	**$0**	**$36,500**	**$0**	

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
Youth Off the Streets Limited	New Day Youth Housing Project	A project in the inner city supporting young people in transitional housing, providing essential resources, wellbeing support and pathways to housing stability, independence and community participation.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$50,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$40,000**	**$0**	**$30,000**	**$0**	
TOTAL					**$361,642.00**	**$11,873.00**	**$238,000.00**	**$14,591.00**	**$168,000.00**	**$14,591.00**	

Attachment B

Not recommended for funding -
Social and community projects

Social and Community Projects Grant Program 2026/2027

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name
A Sound Life Limited	Sound Mentoring: Glebe and Waterloo
Adaptive Athlete Academy Ltd	Sydney Blokart Club
Addison Road Centre for Arts, Culture, Community and Environment Ltd.	Cook & Connect Project
Adopt Change Limited	2027 Foster and Kinship Care Week Picnic
Alcohol & Drug Foundation NSW	Community Outreach Support for Women with Substance Dependence
Asylum Seekers Centre	The Welcome Project: Connecting People, Building Futures
Aurum Foundation Limited	Think Autism Sydney: Community Co-design and Conference Program
Australia Cross International Church Incorporated	Mid-Autumn Festival
Australian Museum	Held in Common (working title)
Birchtree Foundation Limited	Trauma Recovery and Connection for Sydney Residents
Birchtree Foundation Limited	Preventing Gender-based Violence through Empowered Self Defence
Blaq Aboriginal Corporation	Annual LGBTQSB+ Wellbeing Retreat
Bondi Beach Cottage Incorporated	Beyond Boundaries: Strengthening Access to Trauma-Specialised Care
Bridge Housing Limited	Garden to Plate
Burdekin Youth Services Limited	Safer Communities for Children and Young People
Careertrackers Indigenous Internship Program Limited	Gala Awards 2027
Charivari Institute Ltd	Good and Bad Connections: Young People and Social Media Forums
Christmas In Pyrmont Inc	Christmas in Pyrmont 2027-2029
Clean Up Australia Limited	Empowering the Redfern-Waterloo Community in Litter Clean Ups and Sustainability
Coota Girls Aboriginal Corporation	Annual Sorry Day Gala Dinner
Counterpoint Community Services Incorporated	Connected Neighbourhoods
Counterpoint Community Services Incorporated	Community Leadership and Resilience Pilot
Detour House Inc	Residential Rehabilitation Program for Women
Down Syndrome Association of NSW Inc	UP! For Fun @ The Domain
Dress For Success Sydney Inc	Career Support for Women 50+
Equal Effort Ltd as Auspice for Equal Effort	Resilient Together: International Student and Migrant Climate Action Forums
Free Broadcast Inc	Industry Capacity and Retention of Creatives within Sydney
Free Broadcast Inc	Currents: A Radio Mentorship for Intercultural Exchange, Connection and Creativity
Geeq Ltd	Future Proof You: Practical AI Skills for Everyday Life
Girls On Fire Limited	Sydney Community Resilience Hub Program
Global Chinese Christian Unity Federation Incorporated	Love Our Nations Music Concert
Guide Dogs NSW/Act	Developing Awareness About Blindness and Low Vision
Holi Festival Australia Community Inc	Holi Festival Sydney - The Festival of Colours
Inner Sydney Regional Council For Social Development Incorporated as Auspice for Green Square Neighbourhood Central	Green Square Sings
Kids Giving Back	Scones and Stories: Intergenerational Connection Program
Language Festival Association	Sydney Language Festival
Lillian Howell Project Incorporated	Retreat for At Risk Youth
Lillian Howell Project Incorporated	Winter Gala Event
Macular Disease Foundation Australia	Newtown Peer Support Expansion
Midnight Basketball Australia	Midnight Basketball Alexandria – A Community-run Social Inclusion Initiative
Milk Crate Theatre	ScreenLab: Heartland Stories
Millers Point Community Hub Coop Ltd	Millers Point COOP Community Hub Relaunch and Welcome Project

Organisation Name	Project Name
Minus18 Foundation Ltd	Queer Formal Sydney: Creating Safe, Celebratory Spaces for LGBTQIA+ Youth
Newtown Synagogue Incorporated	The Open Table: Community Meals and Children's Programme, Newtown
Nurturing Beginnings Inc	Redfern–Waterloo Mothers' Group
Older Women's Network New South Wales Inc	OWN Your Wellbeing: Move, Create, Connect
Order Of Ahepa Sydney & NSW Incorporated	Multicultural Gala Concert Sydney
Pact Centre for Emerging Artists Incorporated	Kids on The Street
Pass It On Clothing & Co. Pty Limited	Pass it On Academy: From Outreach to Opportunity
Pathmaker Pty Ltd	The Loneliness Lab
Phunktional Limited	Beyond the Walls - Redfern
Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd	PCYC Strong - Sydney Youth Gym Access Program
Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW Ltd	Glebe/Leichhardt Youth Hub Upgrade and After Dark Program
Prisoners' Aid Association of New South Wales Inc	Reconnect: Employment and Community Pathways
Queer Screen Limited	2027 Queer Screen Film Fest
Rabbi On Demand Australia Ltd	Sydney Together: Conversations Across Difference
Redfern Legal Centre Ltd	A Safe Sydney for International Students
Refugee Council of Australia Inc	Visible But Still Hidden: Informing Equitable Responses to Sydney's Homelessness
Refugee Council of Australia Inc	Refugee Week 2027
Regen Sydney Ltd	Weaving Sydney: Place, Connection and Community Action
Road Safety Education Limited	Ryda Road Safety for Vulnerable Sydney Young Drivers and Passengers
Rule Of Law Education Centre Incorporated	Justice Pathways: Access to Justice for Disadvantaged Youth
Shakti Mental Health	Sydney South Asian Intergenerational Connect
Sher Foundation Ltd	Generations Exchange: Lifelong Learning for Seniors and Young Adults
Siblings Australia Incorporated	Expanding Peer Support for Teen and Adult Siblings in Sydney
Soul Of Chinatown Incorporated	Rice Fund
St Vincent De Paul Society NSW as Auspice for Woollo Connect	Woolloomooloo Community Connect
Stand Up: Jewish Commitment to a Better World Ltd	Walking Together: The Freedom Rides Comes Home to Sydney
Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated as Auspice for The Camp	Improving Fitness and Wellbeing for Social Housing Community Members and Isolated Seniors
Sydney Multicultural Community Services	Cultural And Linguistically Diverse Community Visitors Support
Sydney Philharmonia Limited	ChorusOZ: Singing Together, Building Connection
Sydney St Patrick's Day Organisation Incorporated	Sydney St Patrick's Day Festival
Sydney Stingers Incorporated	Pathway to Stingers: Supporting LGBTQIA+ Adults in Water Polo
Sydney Street Choir Foundation	Sydney Street Choir
Tenants' Union of NSW Co-Operative Limited	Renters Connect: Rising Rents Workshops
The Australian Hokien Huay Kuan (Association) Incorporated as auspice for The Australian Hokien Huay Kuan Red Shoes Arts Troupe	Enhancing Seniors' Wellbeing Through Group Dance at High-Profile Gala Events
The Funding Network Australia Limited	Funding Empowerment and Capacity Building Program for Grassroots Non-Profits
The Haymarket Foundation Ltd	Mental Health Peer Support Project
The International Shift Pty Ltd	The extra place, for Asylum Seekers and Refugees
The Marmalade Foundation Limited	Nutritious Meals for vulnerable and homeless Women
The Overcomers Place Ltd	The Overcomers Circle: Recovery, Connection and Community
The Red Rattler Theatre Incorporated as Auspice for Worship Queer Collective	Club Worship: Queer Asian Excellence Music and Art Series
The Shepherd Centre - For Deaf Children	Improving Family Wellbeing during Speech and Language Assessments for Deaf Children
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	Wayside Chapel Tenancy Sustainment Program Pilot
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	Wayside Chapel Men's Group

Organisation Name	Project Name
The University of Sydney	Free Public Talks Series
The University of Sydney	Animals in Need Fund
Ukrainian Council of New South Wales Inc	Solidarity with Ukraine Commemoration
University Of New South Wales	Supporting New Migrants and Refugees Through Personalised English Learning
University Of Technology Sydney	Building Belonging in Green Square
University Of Technology Sydney	Asian Australian Histories, Stories and Futures
Voices Of Influence Australia Ltd	Sydney Civic Action Lab
Workventures Ltd.	CyberSafe Communities

Attachment C

Recommended for funding -
Food support projects

Food Support Projects Grant Program 2026/2027

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
Addison Road Centre for Arts, Culture, Community and Environment Ltd.	Cook and Connect	A project in the local area providing free, nutritious and culturally-appropriate meals to residents and community through meal deliveries, lunches, and cooking-demonstrations, improving access to nutritious meals, cooking-skills and connection.	**$116,475 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$120,078 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$125,012 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$30,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	Applicant to provide an updated revised budget.
Alfalfa House Community Food Cooperative Ltd	Grow, Nourish and Thrive: Newtown Station Kitchen Garden	A community food security initiative in the local area increasing food production, access to fresh produce and food skills while strengthening asylum seeker participation through partnerships and community gardening.	**$40,000**	**$0**	**$16,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Anglican Community Services	Church Food Support Network	A food network pilot program increasing access to healthy food, strengthening trauma-informed culturally sensitive hospitality, testing collaborative sourcing, and connecting communities with local services and support.	**$114,644 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$12,4936 (Year 2 2027/28)**	**$0**	**$24,500**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
City Community Care Incorporated	Early Bird Cafe	A food relief program in the inner city providing hot breakfasts and daily food support to people experiencing homelessness and hunger, improving access to nutritious food and community support.	**$25,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$25,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$25,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$15,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	Applicant to provide an updated revised budget.
Foodbank NSW & Act Limited	Fresh Food Pop-Ups	A series of fresh food pop-up markets across the local area providing communities experiencing food insecurity with free, nutritious fresh produce to improve food access and community wellbeing.	**$43,514 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$58,019 (Year 2 2027/28)**	**$0**	**$30,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Plategitforward Ltd	The Social Meal	A food relief program producing and delivering nutritious, culturally appropriate meals to community organisations across the local area, supporting people experiencing food insecurity and strengthening reliable access to food.	**$79,651 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$74,891 (Year 2 2027/28)**	**$0**	**$79,651**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Stucco Co-Operative Ltd	Student-Led Food Pantry	An accessible food pantry in Newtown providing low-income University of Sydney students with non-perishable food to improve food security and access to essential food support.	**$3,000**	**$0**	**$3,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	

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			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
Sydney University Settlement	Settlement Community Table	A community program in the local area bringing people together with a welcoming pantry, cooking programs and social activities for children, young people, families and diverse communities.	**$135,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$135,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$135,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$16,168**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	Applicant to provide an updated revised budget Applicant to provide demonstrated evidence of benefit to, and engagement with, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
The Marmalade Foundation Limited	Nutritious Meals for Vulnerable and Homeless Women	A project in Redfern providing a healthy and nutritious breakfast and hot lunch daily to vulnerable women in a safe and welcoming environment, cooked by volunteers from Lou's Place.	**$58,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$60,900 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$69,384 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$58,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
The Trustee for Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney Grants Administration Fund as auspice for GAPP (Glebe Assistance Partnership Program)	Eat Well	A food relief program in Glebe and across the local area, expanding access to quality food parcels for people experiencing food insecurity and supporting community wellbeing.	**$12,000**	**$0**	**$12,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	Applicant to provide evidence of engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
TOTAL					**$284,319.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	

Attachment D

Not recommended for funding
Food support projects

Food Support Projects Grant Program 2026/2027

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name
Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney as auspice for Vine Church	Bread of Life: Friday Community Breakfast
Anglican Parish of South Sydney	Sanding and Restoration of Floors and Painting of Church Hall
Caring For Life	Care Centre
Dignitas Respect Incorporated	Community Dignity Respect Dignitas
Diva Charity Incorporated	Diva Charity Food Rescue and Relief Program
Food Ladder	Expansion of Food Ladder Program
Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation	Cook, Learn, Share and Yarn
Mindgardens Neuroscience Network Limited	Camperdown Medically Supportive Meals Pilot
Myfundaction Australia Ltd	Homeless Food Distribution and Box of Happiness
Oz Harvest Limited	OzHarvest's Cooked Meals Program
Redfern Youth Connect (Australia) Limited	Redfern Food Security
Richmondpra Limited	Buckhouse Kitchen: More Than A Meal Sessions
Secondbite	Nourishing Pathways: Food Support for People Experiencing Homelessness
St Vincent De Paul Society NSW	Expanding Food Security for Vulnerable Communities Through Food Access
Sustain: The Australian Food Network Ltd as Auspice for Shadia Djakovic	No More Crumbs
The Alfresco Community Kitchen Ltd	Providing Healthy Food and Education for Those in Need
The International Shift Pty Ltd	An Extra Place in the Kitchen
The One Box Group Limited	Gawura School Fresh Produce Program
The Uniting Church In Australia Property Trust (NSW)	Wayside Chapel Community Cafe Capacity and Resourcing Project

Attachment E

Grant program budget allocation
Social and community grants

Social and Community grants

Current budgets, ongoing commitments and recommended allocations

Program	2026/27			
	Total budget	Existing commitment	Cash Recommended (this report)	Cash Remaining available
Social and Community Grants				
Social and community projects	$1,393,000	$1,031,358	$361,642	$0
Food support	$1,550,000	$1,265,681	$284,319	$0
TOTAL	**$2,943,000**	**$2,297,039**	**$645,961**	**$0**

Program	2027/28			
	Total budget	Existing commitment	Cash Recommended (this report)	Cash Remaining available
Social and Community Grants				
Social and community projects	$1,143,000	$156,395	$238,000	$748,605
Food support	$1,550,000	$685,000	$0	$865,000
TOTAL	**$2,693,000**	**$841,395**	**$238,000**	**$1,613,605**

Program	2028/29			
	Total budget	Existing commitment	Cash Recommended (this report)	Cash Remaining available
Social and Community Grants				
Social and community projects	$1,143,000	$0	$168,000	$975,000
Food support	$1,550,000	$625,000	$0	$925,000
TOTAL	**$2,693,000**	**$625,000**	**$168,000**	**$1,900,000**

Program	Total VIK recommended **		
Social and Community Grants	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Social and community projects	$11,873	$14,591	$14,591
Food support	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$11,873**	**$14,591**	**$14,591**

** Value-in-kind (VIK) is made up of Street banner support, Venue hire support and major event special cleaning and events related support.

Attachment F

Data report on outcomes of funding - Social and community projects

Annual Grants Round 2026/27

Key Insights for all programs

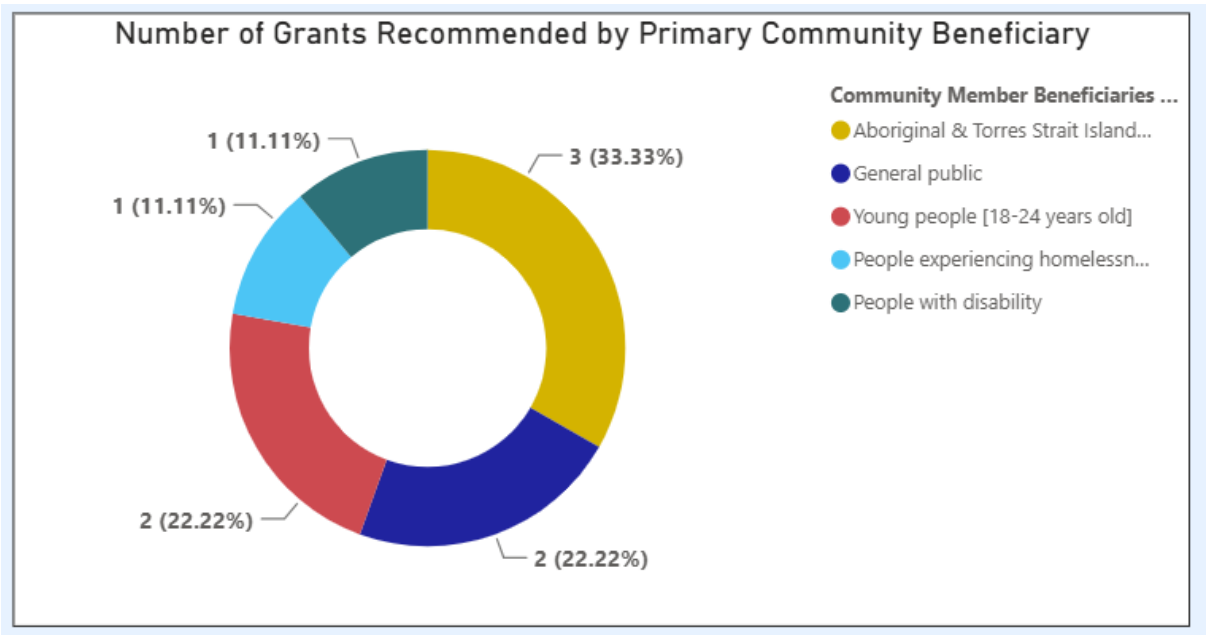
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- **120** grants were recommended for funding.
- More than **$3.3 million** in cash and value-in-kind support was recommended.
- More than **$800,000** was recommended to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations through multi-year grants.

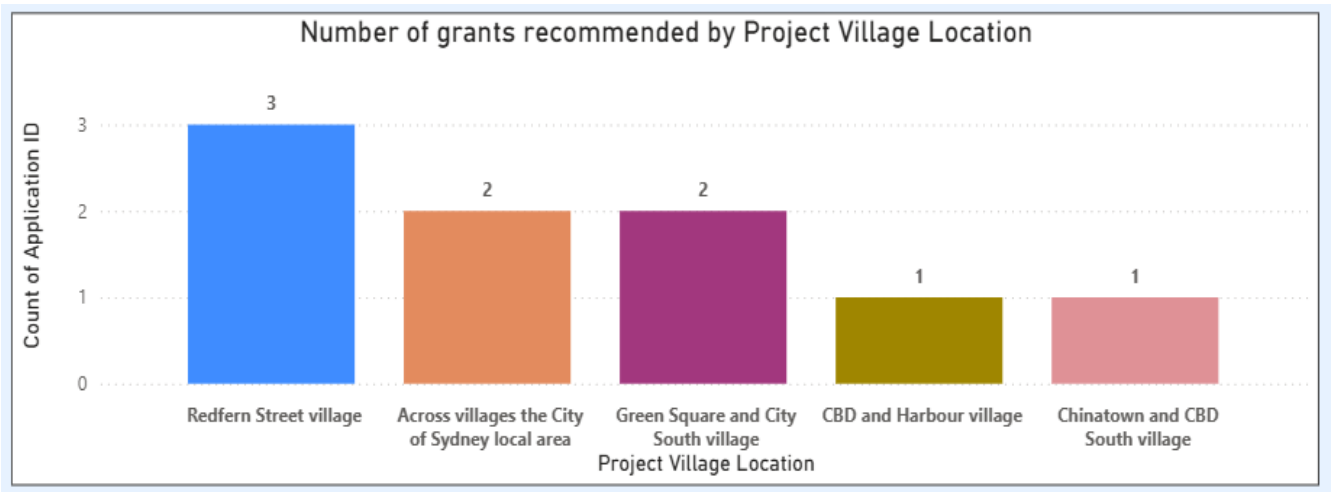
Social and Community projects

- Out of 97 applications, **9** have been recommended.
- Over $**380k** in cash and value-in-kind recommended for 2026/27

If approved, according to the applicants, this will result in:

- Over $**3.4m** of total project value benefiting the City
- Projects and activities reaching over **47,000** people
- Over **170 people** working or volunteering on projects funded by the City





Attachment G

Data report on outcomes of funding - Food support projects

Annual Grants Round 2026/27

Key Insights for all programs

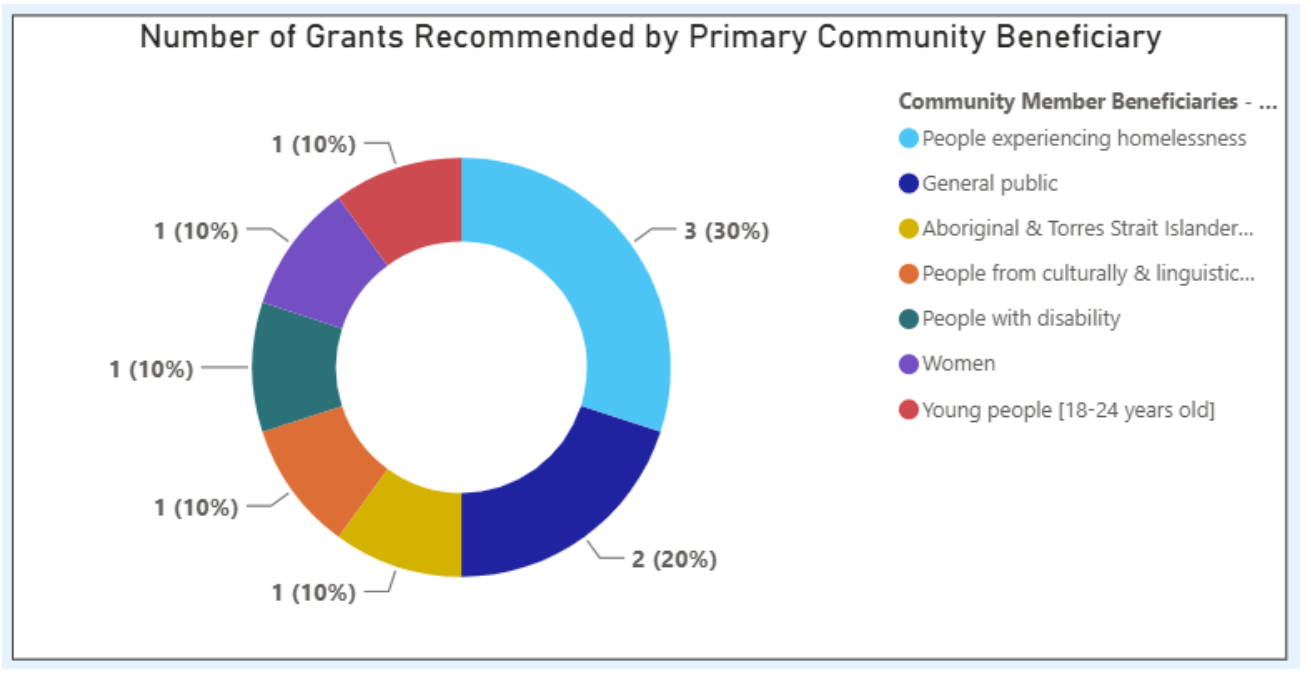
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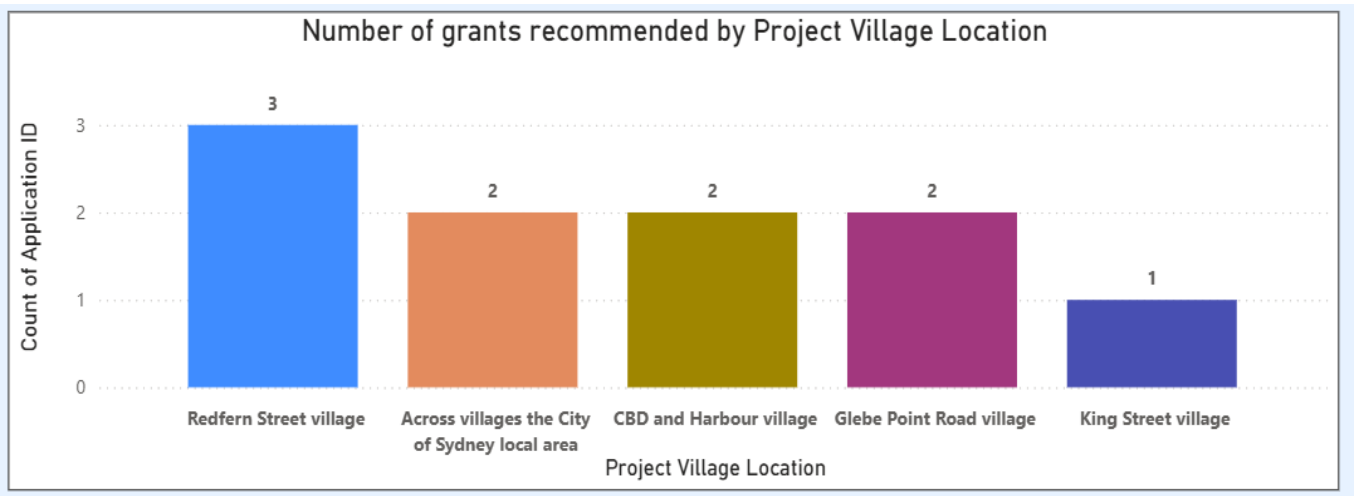
Food Support projects

- Out of 29 applications, **10** have been recommended.
- Over $**280k** in cash and value-in-kind recommended for 2026/27

If approved, according to the applicants, this will result in:

- Over $**3.9m** of total project value benefiting the City
- Projects and activities reaching over **270,000** people
- Over **8,000 people** working or volunteering on projects funded by the City





Attachment H

Recommended for funding
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund 2026/27

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Cash Requested	VIK Requested	Cash Recommended 2026/27	VIK Recommended 2026/27
Babana Aboriginal Men's Group Incorporated	Men's Cultural Connections	A cultural connection project delivering gatherings, yarning, shared meals, storytelling and knowledge sharing for Aboriginal men across Sydney, strengthening intergenerational connections, cultural identity and community wellbeing.	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**
Deadly Coders Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation	Deadly Yarns Learning Hub	A digital skills project in Redfern delivering culturally safe coding and technology learning opportunities for First Nations students alongside community storytelling and cultural engagement activities.	**$45,000**	**$0**	**$41,500**	**$0**
Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corporation	Women's Recognition Celebration Dinner	An awards night honouring the achievements and contributions of Aboriginal women, bringing community together in a culturally safe space to celebrate leadership, resilience and collective strength.	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$32,000**	**$0**
Redfern Youth Connect (Australia) Limited	Saturday Night Family Gathering	A weekly gathering in Redfern providing a safe space for Aboriginal community members to connect and share a meal during school terms.	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$50,000**	**$0**
Total					**$173,500**	**0**

Attachment I

Not recommended for funding
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund- 2026/27

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name
Jodie Ann Welsh	Brolga Yugal Yulu-gi 2026
Wanda Austin	Deadly Tucker Food Initiative

Attachment J

Grant program budget allocation
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund

Current budgets, ongoing commitments and recommended allocations

Program	2026/27			
	Total budget	Existing commitment	Cash Recommended (this report)	Cash Remaining available
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration fund	$500,000	$150,000	$173,500	$176,500
TOTAL	**$500,000**	**$150,000**	**$173,500**	**$176,500**

Program	2027/28			
	Total budget	Existing commitment	Cash Recommended (this report)	Cash Remaining available
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration fund	$500,000	$0	$0	$500,000
TOTAL	**$500,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$500,000**

Program	2028/29			
	Total budget	Existing commitment	Cash Recommended (this report)	Cash Remaining available
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration fund	$500,000	$0	$0	$500,000
TOTAL	**$500,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$500,000**

Program	Total VIK recommended **		
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration fund	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
No VIK recommended in this report	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

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