

Attachment A

Updated Grants and Sponsorship Program

Grants and sponsorship programs

The City of Sydney's Grants and sponsorship programs support initiatives and projects that strengthen the social, cultural, economic and environmental life of the city. Through this program the City of Sydney partners with communities and business to further the strategic directions of the community strategic plan Delivering Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050.

The Grants and sponsorship policy provides the framework for managing grants and sponsorship applications. It sets the expected outcomes of our grants and sponsorships programs and the principles that guide grantmaking at the City of Sydney.

The City seeks to optimise the use of public funds through effective and efficient grant processes, and clear grant program objectives linked to the organisation's strategic goals.

Supporting the policy are the Grants and sponsorship guidelines which provide details about each of the grant programs including funding priorities, key dates, funding available, eligibility criteria, application processes and assessment criteria. The City's current Grants and sponsorship policy was fully reviewed in 2022 and adopted by Council on 22 August 2022.

Grant programs and proposed budgets in 2025/26

These grant programs have been approved under the current Grants and sponsorship guidelines.

Cash

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander collaboration fund – \$500,000
- Affordable and diverse housing fund – \$3,000,000
- Business sector support grant – \$832,500
- Community services grant – \$1,248,000
- Creative grant – \$600,000
- Dixon Street Improvement grant – \$400,000
- Festivals and events sponsorship – \$935,000
- Food Support Grant – \$1,500,000
- Green building grant – \$387,500
- Haymarket Activation grant – \$200,000
- Innovation and ideas grant – \$1,100,000
- Major grants (including homelessness grants of \$1,400,000) - \$7,277,000
- Quick response grant – \$100,000

Value in Kind (VIK)

- Accommodation grant – \$9,178,365
- Short term empty properties (STEP) grant – no budget required
- Street banner sponsorship – \$290,000
- Venue hire support grants and sponsorship – \$1,160,000
- Major grants - Special events cleaning and related expenses – \$330,000

Summary

The table below provides a breakdown of the cash and value in kind amounts that make up the total grants budget of \$29.04 million.

2025/26 financial year	
Cash	\$18,080,000
Value in kind	\$10,958,365
TOTAL	\$29,038,365

Notes:

- Some of the proposed grant programs are open for application to for-profit organisations.
- STEP is a quick response program that provides space on a short-term arrangement when the opportunity arises. No set budget is available.
- The budget for each grant program open to for-profit organisations does not exceed 5% of the City's forecast for ordinary rates this year.
- A number of grant programs include multi-year funding arrangements. e.g. support for Sydney Festival within the Festival and events sponsorships program.
- Where the budget for one grant program is not fully expended, the underspend will be made available for transfer to other grant programs within this financial year as required.