

Relevant Information for Council

FILE: S117676 **DATE:** 19 September 2025

TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Emma Rigney, Executive Director City Life

THROUGH: Monica Barone PSM, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 9.3 – Grants and Sponsorship - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund and Ad Hoc Grant - Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program

Alternative Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash recommendations for the Aboriginal and/or 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/or Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve an Ad Hoc cash grant of up to **\$100,000** ~~\$50,000~~ to Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc (ABN 98 732 869 630) to contribute to the repair the roof of its facility at 35 Cope Street, Redfern, with funding to be sourced from the 2025/26 General Contingency Fund;
- (D) ***the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Commonwealth Ministers for Aged Care and Seniors, Housing and Indigenous Australians and the NSW Government Ministers for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Families and Communities, Housing and Seniors seeking financial contributions from their governments towards repairing the roof of the Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc facility;***
- (E) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (F) 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; and

- (G) 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.

Purpose

To provide an Alternative Recommendation with a revised grant amount for Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program Inc (Wyanga) following receipt of an updated support request.

Note that the Alternative Recommendation includes the Lord Mayor's proposed amendment moved at the 15 September 2025 Community Services and Facilities Committee.

To provide Councillors with additional information about the further request for support from Wyanga for urgent technology and infrastructure requirements.

Background

At the meeting of the Community Services and Facilities Committee on 15 September 2025, further information was sought on the following:

Further funding request from Wyanga (immediate technology needs)

Wyanga has provided additional information regarding the impact of the damaged roof at their premises at 35 Cope Street, Redfern. They are now seeking up to \$100,000 to support costs related to the repair of the roof plus support for the replacement of workstations.

Wyanga has provided costs for the replacement of IT infrastructure in the form of workstations, this includes laptops, docking stations, monitors, keyboards, and dual monitor arms. Existing devices were damaged in recent heavy rains.

For 15 workstations costs are estimated to be \$61,860.31 (inclusive of GST) , while costs for 20 workstations are estimated to be \$82,480.42 (inclusive of GST). These costs are based on advice from their IT provider, Acrotec Pty Ltd.

An updated quotation for the roof repairs has also been provided. The roof quotation from Sterland Roofing & Cladding Pty Ltd reflects a donation of roofing materials (from Lysaght) which has reduced the overall costs of the roofing to \$40,671.75.

Wyanga continues to fundraise towards roof repairs and have raised \$4,080 to date.

The combined total costs are:

- 15 workstations + roof repairs = \$102,532.06 (inclusive of GST)
- 20 workstations + roof repairs = \$123,152.17 (inclusive GST)

Damages/insurance cover

Current operations at the Wyanga site at 35 Cope Street, Redfern have been suspended due to the damage caused by recent heavy rain.

The insurance cover for the building does not include this current roof damage as it has been a gradual deterioration, a condition that is excluded under the insurance policy. However, the internal ceiling repairs are covered by the insurance policy, and the insurer has confirmed that the costs of the contractor for the internal works will be covered by the policy.

As mentioned above, a revised quotation for the costs of repair of the roof have been provided due to a contribution made by a roofing supplier to donate the roofing materials.

Wyanga has sought support for the replacement of IT infrastructure so that the organisation can restore its operations safely and effectively. It has made the case that without the replaced IT infrastructure they will not be able to meet the required standards of compliance and service delivery.

There is no insurance to cover the technology requirements.

Revised request and implications

The City is confident that Wyanga is actively seeking support from State and Federal Governments, sponsorship and fundraising to raise support for the costs of replacing the roof and the technology damaged in recent heavy rain. Depending on the outcomes of these requests, the City of Sydney contribution will be finalised and be an amount of up to \$100,000.

Note that Wyanga has to date raised over \$24,000 through cash and in-kind support to support the repairs.

Subject to Council endorsement, payment of the grant funding of up to \$100,000 from the City will be made on the receipt of evidence of the completion and final costs incurred by Wyanga.

Memo from Emma Rigney, Executive Director City Life

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Attachments

Attachment A. Further Correspondence from Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program - Updated Clarification

Approved

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