

ITEM 5. ALLOCATION OF LOCAL COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND TWO, MATCHING GRANTS, COMMUNITY FESTIVAL GRANTS AND CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP**FILE NO: S059784****SUMMARY**

The City has sixteen grants and sponsorships programs which provide funding or revenue forgone support across a range of activities. The funding provided through these programs supports a diverse range of services and projects that directly benefit the community and contribute to the life of the City culturally, socially, environmentally and economically.

The provision of grants and sponsorships is also a mechanism for the City to further the aims identified in social, economic and environmental policies; applications are assessed against these policies and against broad City objectives and plans. In this way, the City and the community act collaboratively to bring to life the City of Villages.

The City has advertised two of its sixteen grants programs:

- (a) Local Community Grants Program Round One (up to \$5,000); and
- (b) Local Action Plan Matching Grants Program (matched up to \$5,000).

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The Local Action Plans Matching Grants Program has been established in response to the outcomes of the Local Action Plan Strategy. The aim of the program is to support identified community projects, build local community capacity and partnerships and achieve objectives of the Local Actions Plans by matching with City resources what is raised in-cash or in-kind by the community.

In total, 124 applications were received across all the two programs.

This report recommends a total of 66 cash grants (including 2 grants under the Community Festivals Program, and 1 under the Conference Sponsorship Program) for a cash value of \$258,363. This report also recommends 4 revenue forgone (value in kind) grants. All amounts are exclusive of GST.

All applications were considered with reference to the Strategic Plan, Corporate Plan, Social Policy and Plan, the Youth Strategy, Child Care Needs Assessment, Cultural Diversity Strategy, Inclusion (Disability) Action Plan, City of Sydney Safety Strategy, Oxford Street Safety Strategy, Homelessness Strategy, Environmental Management Plan, Local Action Plans and Sustainable Sydney 2030.

RECOMMENDATION

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the Local Community Grants Program Round Two 2008/09 recommendations listed below (all figures exclude GST):

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The Twenty-Ten Association	2009 Mardi Gras Youth Festival, held in conjunction with Mardi Gras Festival.	\$2,500.00	Nil
Tribal Warrior Association	Gamarada Aboriginal Men's Healing Program. <u>Condition:</u> Funding for development of a strategic plan only. Must liaise with City's Aboriginal Community Development Officer. Funding contingent on the satisfactory provision of all outstanding documentation from previous grants.	\$4,200.00	Nil
University of Technology Students' Association Auspiced by ARC UNSW Ltd	Student Housing and Accommodation Rights in the City of Sydney. <u>Condition:</u> To liaise with City's Manager Social Planning Access and Community Development. To appoint City representative to steering committee.	\$3,500.00	Venue hire waiver up to \$5000

- (B) Council approve the Local Community Grants Program 2008/09 Round Two recommendations listed as follows for **triennial** funding:

Organisation	Project and conditions for funding (if required)	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended
UnitingCare Harris Community Centre	Secondhand Saturday 2009, 2010 and 2011. Re-use and recycle event held in Pyrmont/Ultimo to reduce waste to landfill.	\$2,000.00 p.a	Use of Quarry Green, up to \$750 p.a

- (C) Council approve the Local Community Grants Program Round Two 2008/09 value in kind recommendations listed below:

Organisation	Project and conditions for funding (if required)	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended
AID/WATCH	Land is Life: Australian Aid and Pacific Land Rights community forum about customary land systems and the impact of Australian Aid.	\$0.00	Redfern Community Centre Hire Waiver, up to \$750
AIIESEC Australia Ltd	AIIESEC Australia is an international, non profit student run organisation. The Project Social Responsibility program includes themed events, international internships and community engagement. <u>Condition:</u> To establish links with Ethnic Communities Council.	\$0.00	Venue Hire Waiver up to \$3000 and Banner Pole Hire Waiver up to \$5,000
Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network	The Wrong Climate for Free Trade? Community forum about global trade and the impacts for climate change.	\$0.00	Community Venue Hire up to \$500
Centre for Policy Development	Quarterly lecture series about public policy planning and development.	\$0.00	Venue Hire Waiver up to \$15K

- (D) Council approve the Local Action Plan Matching Grants Program 2008/09 recommendations listed below (all figures exclude GST):

Organisation	Project and conditions for funding (if required)	LAP	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended
City of Sydney U3A Inc - Interim Management Committee Auspiced by The Glebe Society Inc	Establishment of the City of Sydney University of the Third Age. <u>Conditions:</u> Applicant to supply two quotes for the equipment to be purchased. Applicant to provide storage location and security detail for the equipment to be purchased.	North West	\$5,000.00	Nil
Crown Street Public School Community Group Auspiced by Edible Garden Group	Crown Street Public School Edible Garden Group. Storage, launch and training. <u>Conditions:</u> Funding pending Development Application approval.	Inner East	\$5,000.00	Nil
Darlington Public School	Learning based equipment for the new playground. <u>Conditions:</u> Applicant to supply two quotes for equipment. To acquit all previous City grants. Equipment to be available for use by other services operating within the school grounds.	Inner West	\$4,500.00	Nil
Erskineville Kids Organisation	Support to enhance and maintain community garden and kitchen at Joseph Sargeant Centre. <u>Conditions:</u> Funds for kitchen and garden equipment only. Garden to be completed by 31 Dec 2009.	Inner West	\$1,500.00	Nil

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HopeStreet - Urban Compassion (Baptist Inner City Ministries Youth Community Crisis Centre) Auspiced by Baptist Union of New South Wales	Homework Helpers Club, support program for primary school children in the Glebe area. <u>Condition:</u> Applicant to provide detailed report outlining impact on school performance and participant numbers at completion the program.	North West	\$3,600.00	Nil
KU Children's Services	Installation of a water tank in the children's vegetable garden, Lander Street Darlington. <u>Condition:</u> Applicant to provide two quotes for the rainwater tank.	Inner West	\$5,000.00	Nil
Living Mandala Projects Auspiced by Millers Point Community Festival	Sense of Self-Sense of Place 1, cultural community development project in conjunction with History Week and to celebrate Harry Jensen Centre 50th Anniversary.	Central Business	\$2,000.00	Use of Abraham Mott Hall and Harry Jensen Centre, up to value \$1,500
Poet's Corner Preschool Auspiced by The Factory Community Centre	Poet's Corner Indigenous Garden at the preschool.	Inner South	\$5,000.00	Nil
Slow Food Sydney	Kitchen Garden Programs for Primary Schools. <u>Conditions:</u> School partner to be located within City of Sydney LGA. Funding not to be used to support existing Crown Street Public School City funded projects.	Inner East	\$5,000.00	Nil
South East Neighbourhood Centre	South Sydney Residents Information Brochure about community services in South Sydney area. <u>Conditions:</u> Brochure to promote all local services in area, including City venues and facilities. Applicant to liaise with City's Manager Social Planning Access and Community Development	City South	\$2,500.00	Nil
South Sydney Community Aid Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre	The Restart Art Project promoting self esteem for CALD communities. <u>Condition:</u> Funding for cost of facilitator and community event only.	City South	\$1,500.00	Nil
South Sydney PCYC	Garden Beautification, Elizabeth Street Redfern. <u>Conditions:</u> Applicant to provide letter from owner, confirming owners consent. Applicant responsible for ongoing maintenance of the garden.	Inner South	\$3,500.00	Nil
Sydney Latin American Film Festival Inc	CineBarrio: free community screenings. <u>Conditions:</u> Applicant to provide two quotes for equipment to be purchased. If organisation ceases to operate, equipment to be returned to City for redistribution.	North West, Inner West, Central Business District	\$5,000.00	Nil
The Alexandria Seniors Writing Group	Write Now, anthology of personal stories from local seniors. <u>Conditions:</u> Council to be invited to the launch. 10 copies of publication to be provided to the City.	City South	\$5,000.00	Nil
The Amateur Ashes	Australia Day Charity Cricket Match, organised by community members, fund raising for Red Kite Charity. <u>Condition:</u> Applicant to provide additional information about items to be paid for.	City East	\$5,000.00	Park Hire Waiver of Reg Bartley Oval, up to \$1000. Banner Pole Hire Waiver up to \$4,500
The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network	Streetmedia. Purchase of computer equipment for training purposes.	Inner East	\$4,816.00	Nil

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The Women's Library	Creative Women Connect, workshops and exhibitions. Creation of bimonthly newsletter. <u>Condition:</u> Funding for computer and production of newsletter only.	Inner West	\$2,200.00	Nil
Ultimo Community Centre Chinese Seniors Group	Flourishing Life in Ultimo 2009, Chinese cultural programs. <u>Condition:</u> Applicant to liaise with Ultimo Library staff.	City West	\$5,000.00	Nil
Wentworth Park Games Committee Auspiced by Pymont Action	Wentworth Park Games, community event. <u>Conditions:</u> Advertising on event to include Glebe Sesquicentenary logo.	North West, City West	\$4,700.00	Wentworth Park Hire Waiver, up to \$300

- (E) Council approve a \$15,000 cash grant and revenue forgone of park hire waiver up to \$5,000 for the Pymont Arts Festival 2009 under the Community Festivals Program 2008/09;
- (F) Council approve a \$15,000 cash grant and revenue forgone of park, venue and banner hire waiver up to \$25,000 for the Millers Point Festival 2009 under the Community Festivals Program 2009/10;
- (G) Council approve a \$7,500 cash grant to the Australian Ceramics Triennale under the Conference Sponsorship Program; and
- (H) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under agreements consistent with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Complete database of 2008/09 Local Community Grants Program Round Two applications.

Attachment B: Complete database of 2008/09 Local Action Plan Matching Grants Program applications.

BACKGROUND

1. The City advertised the Local Community Grants Program Round Two 2008/09 and Local Action Plan Matching Grants in August and September 2008, with grant applications closing on 22 September 2008.
2. A Local Community Grants Round Two and Local Action Plan Matching Grants advertisement was placed in the Sydney Morning Herald (22/23 August 2008). In addition, information was distributed through the City's e-news list and mailing list (grant applicants from 2007/08 and 2008/09), and a letter or e-newsletter was sent to community members who registered their details at the Community Forums held throughout 2008.
3. Local Action Plan Matching Grants advertisements were placed in the Sydney Central Courier, Wentworth Courier, Inner West Courier, Sydney Star Observer, City News, Koori-Mail, South Sydney Herald and The Glebe in the week's commencing 5 and 26 August 2008.
4. Local Action Plan Matching Grants Program posters were placed in the City's Libraries, Community Centres, Neighbourhood Service Centres, Recreation Centres, Childcare Centres, Seniors Centres and Youth Centres.
5. Guidelines and applications forms for both programs were available on the City's website and at the One Stop Shop, Neighbourhood Service Centres and Community Centres.
6. In assessing the grants, the assessment panels referred some applications to alternative City grants programs where appropriate.
7. All dollar amounts in this report are exclusive of GST.
8. In assessing the grant applications, the panels included in their considerations and recommendations:
 - (a) The City of Sydney Strategic Plan;
 - (b) The City of Sydney Corporate Plan;
 - (c) The Social Policy and Plan;
 - (d) The Child Care Needs Assessment;
 - (e) The Youth Strategy;
 - (f) Local Action Plans;
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Local Community Grants (up to \$5,000)

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10. The first round of 2008/09 Local Community Grants were awarded on 4 August 2008 (to the value of \$200,000).
11. The panel considering the Local Community Grants Round Two was comprised of the Manager, Culture and Libraries, Cultural Development Manager, Cultural Development Coordinators, Community Centre Operations Manager, Manager Social Policy Planning Access and Community Development, Senior Environmental Development Officer, Social Planning Coordinator, Children’s Services Manager, Aged Disability and Food Services Manager, Manager Youth Services, Manager Homelessness, Economic Development Coordinator, Aboriginal Community Development Officer, Project Coordinator (Local Action Plan’s), Project Officer (Drugs and Alcohol), Public Housing Liaison Officer, Project Coordinator (GLBT), Waste Education Officer, Children’s Program Coordinators, City Historian, Project Coordinator (Disability) and Library Programs Coordinator.
12. Overview of Local Community Grants Program Round Two 2008/09:

Total budget for Local Community Grants Program 2008/09	\$400,000
Total already committed	\$210,000
*\$200,000 awarded in Local Community Grants Round 1	
*10,000 awarded to Seven Bridges Walk	
Total amount available for this grant round	\$190,000
Total number of applications	93
Total value requested from applications	\$421,670
Total number of applications recommended	44
Total amount of funding recommended	\$145,047

13. It is recommended that a Round Two Local Community Grant 2008/09 be provided to the following organisations for the listed projects (all figures exclude GST):

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The Returned and Services League of Australia (NSW Branch)	Indigenous Veterans ANZAC Day Ceremony in Hyde Park.	\$2,000.00	Nil
The Twenty-Ten Association	2009 Mardi Gras Youth Festival, held in conjunction with Mardi Gras Festival.	\$2,500.00	Nil
Tribal Warrior Association	Gamarada Aboriginal Men's Healing Program. <u>Condition:</u> Funding for development of a strategic plan only. Must liaise with City's Aboriginal Community Development Officer. Funding contingent on the satisfactory provision of all outstanding documentation from previous grants.	\$4,200.00	Nil
University of Technology Students' Association Auspiced by ARC UNSW Ltd	Student Housing and Accommodation Rights in the City of Sydney. <u>Condition:</u> To liaise with City's Manager Social Planning Access and Community Development. To appoint City representative to steering committee.	\$3,500.00	Venue hire waiver up to \$5000

14. It is recommended that Council consider the organisation listed in Paragraph 16, below, for three years (triennial) funding. This project provides significant benefit to the City's community and aligns directly with the City's Sustainable Sydney 2030 environment and community development and capacity building priorities. Without the City's support this event would not occur. Funding the project for three years will relieve the time and resources used by the organisation to reapply for funding each year, allowing them to focus on service delivery and the sustainability of the project into the future.

15. The City provided triennial grants for Local Community Grant Round One recipients for the first time this year and there is nothing in the City of Sydney Grants and Sponsorships Policy to prevent the City from doing so. Provisions of triennial grants are made through the Cultural Grants and Sponsorships Program, Community Services Program and Community Festivals Program.
16. It is recommended that a Round Two Local Community Grant be provided as triennial funding, for the project listed as follows:

Organisation	Project and conditions for funding (if required)	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended
UnitingCare Harris Community Centre	Secondhand Saturday 2009, 2010 and 2011. Re-use and recycle event held in Pyrmont/Ultimo to reduce waste to landfill.	\$2,000.00 p.a	Use of Quarry Green, up to \$750 p.a

17. It is recommended that the organisations listed below are provided a Round Two Local Community Grant 2008/09 in the form of value in kind support for the listed projects:

Organisation	Project and conditions for funding (if required)	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended
AID/WATCH	Land is Life: Australian Aid and Pacific Land Rights community forum about customary land systems and the impact of Australian Aid.	\$0.00	Redfern Community Centre Hire Waiver, up to \$750
AIESEC Australia Ltd	AIESEC Australia is an international, non profit student run organisation. The Project Social Responsibility program includes themed events, international internships and community engagement. <u>Condition:</u> To establish links with Ethnic Communities Council.	\$0.00	Venue Hire Waiver up to \$3000 and Banner Pole Hire Waiver up to \$5,000
Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network	The Wrong Climate for Free Trade? Community forum about global trade and the impacts for climate change.	\$0.00	Community Venue Hire up to \$500
Centre for Policy Development	Quarterly lecture series about public policy planning and development.	\$0.00	Venue Hire Waiver up to \$15K

18. All value in kind offered will be subject to availability.
19. Unspent funds from the Local Community Grants 2008/09 budget will be allocated to a Conference Sponsorship, as outlined in Paragraph 49, and to organisations waitlisted for funding under the Local Community Grants Round One, Community Services Grants and Cultural Grants Programs, approved by Council on 4 August 2008.
20. Projects waitlisted are to a total value of \$99,000. Delegated authority was granted to the Chief Executive Officer to determine which waitlisted organisation should receive funding if it becomes available and enter into an Agreement with these organisations.

Local Action Plan Matching Grants (up to \$10,000)

21. The City of Sydney's Local Action Plans Matching Grants Program has been established in response to the outcomes of the Local Action Plan Strategy. The aim of the program is to support identified community projects and/or the established objectives of the Local Actions Plans by matching with City resources what is raised in-cash or in-kind by the community.
22. In total, 31 applications were received for the Local Action Plan Matching Grants Program 2008/09. This is a significant number considering that this is only the second year that the Program has been operating.
23. In total, 19 grants are recommended for funding (an increase from 14 recommended in 2007/08), and include projects that clearly meet or align with the aims, objectives and spirit of the Local Action Plan Matching Grants Program. All have valuable, tangible community benefits and address identified community requests in Local Action Plans.
24. The panel considering the Local Community Grants comprised the Local Action Plan Program Coordination Manager, Manager Culture and Libraries, Project Coordinator (Local Action Plan's), Cultural Development Manager, Cultural Development Coordinators, Community Centre Operations Manager, Manager Social Policy Planning Access and Community Development, Senior Environmental Development Officer, Social Planning Coordinator, Children's Services Manager, Aged Disability and Food Services Manager, Manager Youth Services, Manager Homelessness, Economic Development Coordinator, Aboriginal Community Development Officer, Project Officer (Drugs and Alcohol), Public Housing Liaison Officer, Project Coordinator (GLBT), Waste Education Officer, Children's Program Coordinators, City Historian, Project Coordinator (Disability) and Library Programs Coordinator.
25. Overview of Local Action Plan Matching Grants 2008/09:

Total budget for Local Action Plan Matching Grants Program 2008/09	\$100,000
Total already committed	\$0
Total amount available	\$100,000
Total number of applications	31
Total value requested from applications	\$145,439
Total number of applications recommended	19
Total amount of funding recommended	\$75,816

26. It is recommended that Local Action Plan Matching Grants 2008/09 be provided to the following organisations for the listed projects:

Organisation	Project and conditions for funding (if required)	LAP	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended
City of Sydney U3A Inc - Interim Management Committee Auspiced by The Glebe Society Inc	Establishment of the City of Sydney University of the Third Age. <u>Conditions:</u> Applicant to supply two quotes for the equipment to be purchased. Applicant to provide storage location and security detail for the equipment to be purchased.	North West	\$5,000.00	Nil
Crown Street Public School Community Group Auspiced by Edible Garden Group	Crown Street Public School Edible Garden Group. Storage, launch and training. <u>Conditions:</u> Funding pending Development Application approval.	Inner East	\$5,000.00	Nil
Darlington Public School	Learning based equipment for the new playground. <u>Conditions:</u> Applicant to supply two quotes for equipment. To acquit all previous City grants. Equipment to be available for use by other services operating within the school grounds.	Inner West	\$4,500.00	Nil
Erskineville Kids Organisation	Support to enhance and maintain community garden and kitchen at Joseph Sargeant Centre. <u>Conditions:</u> Funds for kitchen and garden equipment only. Garden to be completed by 31 Dec 2009.	Inner West	\$1,500.00	Nil
HopeStreet - Urban Compassion (Baptist Inner City Ministries Youth Community Crisis Centre) Auspiced by Baptist Union of New South Wales	Homework Helpers Club, support program for primary school children in the Glebe area. <u>Condition:</u> Applicant to provide detailed report outlining impact on school performance and participant numbers at completion the program.	North West	\$3,600.00	Nil
KU Children's Services	Installation of a water tank in the children's vegetable garden, Lander Street Darlington. <u>Condition:</u> Applicant to provide two quotes for the rainwater tank.	Inner West	\$5,000.00	Nil
Living Mandala Projects Auspiced by Millers Point Community Festival	Sense of Self-Sense of Place 1, cultural community development project in conjunction with History Week and to celebrate Harry Jensen Centre 50th Anniversary.	Central Business	\$2,000.00	Use of Abraham Mott Hall and Harry Jensen Centre, up to value \$1,500
Poet's Corner Preschool Auspiced by The Factory Community Centre	Poet's Corner Indigenous Garden at the preschool.	Inner South	\$5,000.00	Nil
Slow Food Sydney	Kitchen Garden Programs for Primary Schools. <u>Conditions:</u> School partner to be located within City of Sydney LGA. Funding not to be used to support existing Crown Street Public School City funded projects.	Inner East	\$5,000.00	Nil
South East Neighbourhood Centre	South Sydney Residents Information Brochure about community services in South Sydney area. <u>Conditions:</u> Brochure to promote all local services in area, including City venues and facilities. Applicant to liaise with City's Manager Social Planning Access and Community Development	City South	\$2,500.00	Nil
South Sydney Community Aid Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre	The Restart Art Project promoting self esteem for CALD communities. <u>Condition:</u> Funding for cost of facilitator and community event only.	City South	\$1,500.00	Nil

Organisation	Project and conditions for funding (if required)	LAP	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended
South Sydney PCYC	Garden Beautification, Elizabeth Street Redfern. <u>Conditions:</u> Applicant to provide letter from owner, confirming owners consent. Applicant responsible for ongoing maintenance of the garden.	Inner South	\$3,500.00	Nil
Sydney Latin American Film Festival Inc	CineBarrio: free community screenings. <u>Conditions:</u> Applicant to provide two quotes for equipment to be purchased. If organisation ceases to operate, equipment to be returned to City for redistribution.	North West, Inner West, Central Business District	\$5,000.00	Nil
The Alexandria Seniors Writing Group	Write Now, anthology of personal stories from local seniors. <u>Conditions:</u> Council to be invited to the launch. 10 copies of publication to be provided to the City.	City South	\$5,000.00	Nil
The Amateur Ashes	Australia Day Charity Cricket Match, organised by community members, fund raising for Red Kite Charity. <u>Condition:</u> Applicant to provide additional information about items to be paid for.	City East	\$5,000.00	Park Hire Waiver of Reg Bartley Oval, up to \$1000. Banner Pole Hire Waiver up to \$4,500
The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network	Streetmedia. Purchase of computer equipment for training purposes.	Inner East	\$4,816.00	Nil
The Women's Library	Creative Women Connect, workshops and exhibitions. Creation of bimonthly newsletter. <u>Condition:</u> Funding for computer and production of newsletter only.	Inner West	\$2,200.00	Nil
Ultimo Community Centre Chinese Seniors Group	Flourishing Life in Ultimo 2009, Chinese cultural programs. <u>Condition:</u> Applicant to liaise with Ultimo Library staff.	City West	\$5,000.00	Nil
Wentworth Park Games Committee Auspiced by Pymont Action	Wentworth Park Games, community event. <u>Conditions:</u> Advertising on event to include Glebe Sesquicentenary logo.	North West, City West	\$4,700.00	Wentworth Park Hire Waiver, up to \$300

27. All value in kind offered will be subject to availability.

Community Festivals Program 2008/2009

28. One request has been received from the Pymont Ultimo Chamber of Commerce under the Community Festivals Program 2008/09 for the Pymont Arts Festival 2009.

29. The panel assessing the Community Festival Program applications comprised the Manager Culture and Libraries, Manager Economic Development, Cultural Development Manager, Economic Development Coordinator and Cultural Development Officer.

30. Overview of Community Festivals Program 2008/09:

Total budget for the Community Festivals Program 2008/09	\$205,000
Total already committed	\$189,000
Total amount available	\$16,000

Total number of applications considered in this report	1
Total value requested from applications	\$50,000
Total number of applications recommended	1
Total amount of funding recommended 2007/08	\$15,000

31. The Pymont Ultimo Chamber of Commerce has applied for funding for the Pymont Arts Festival 2009. The festival aims to support the arts and local artists, and to raise the profile of the Pymont Village and its local businesses. The City supported this event in 2007 with a cash grant of \$7,500 and in 2008 with a cash grant of \$15,000.
32. Pymont Arts Festival is a free one-day event held in Union Square. For 2009, event organisers plan to transform Union Square into an open air gallery featuring artworks created by a mix of local emerging and established artists, school children and people who have never painted before. The exhibition will be complemented by live entertainment.
33. It is recommended that the Pymont Arts Festival 2009 be supported through the Community Festivals Program with a cash grant of \$15,000 and revenue forgone for the waiver of the hire of Union Square. While the organisation requested \$50,000, this was on the basis of the event radically changing, however following consultation with the event organisers by Economic Development and Cultural Development officers, this direction is no longer being pursued. This level of funding is consistent with funding provided for the 2008 event and reflects the level of funding provided for similar sized events. The Festival receives support from the Pymont Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and local businesses in the area.
34. The Pymont Arts Festival meets the guidelines of the Community Festivals Program and will be developed with support from the Cultural Development Unit as part of a broader strategy to develop creative activities, cultural events, artist markets and arts projects in the City West area consistent with the City's Local Action Plan Strategy.

Community Festivals Program 2009/2010

35. One application from Millers Point Community Festival Incorporated was received for the Millers Point Festival 2009, for review under the Community Festivals Program 2009/10.
36. The panel assessing the Community Festival Program applications comprised the Manager Culture and Libraries, Cultural Development Manager and Cultural Development Officers.
37. Overview of Community Festivals Program 2009/10:

Total budget for the Community Festivals Program provided in the draft 2009/10 budget	\$205,000
Total already committed	\$60,000
Total amount available	\$145,000

Total number of applications considered in this report	1
Total value requested from applications	\$25,000
Total number of applications recommended	1
Total amount of funding recommended 08/09	\$15,000

38. The Millers Point Community Festival Incorporated has applied for funding to hold the second annual Millers Point Festival in 2009. The Festival is a community initiative of local representatives from the Department of Housing Estate Advisory Board and aims to revive the community spirit of Millers Point and provide a platform for the future engagement, culture and celebration of the area. The 2008 Festival was supported with a cash grant of \$5,000 through the Local Action Plan Matching Grant 2008/09.
39. A one day event, the inaugural Festival held in September this year, established strong community links between local residents, business and cultural institutions in the area. The City's Cultural Development, History and Library Public Program's staff worked closely and successfully with the organisers in 2008 to build strong cross promotional opportunities between History Week and Library programming.
40. The 2009 Festival will encourage the engagement of residents, local community organisations and businesses with the community, thereby embracing their locale and identity through heritage and history, art and photography, music, dance and drama.
41. It is recommended that the Millers Point Festival be supported through the Community Festivals Program with a cash grant of \$15,000 and revenue forgone for park, venue and banner hire waiver. The recommended level of funding represents a \$10,000 increase on 2008 funding to acknowledge the scale and costs of the event and is consistent with the level of funding provided for similar sized events. The Festival also receives support from the local businesses in the area.
42. The Millers Point Festival meets the guidelines of the Community Festivals Program and will be developed with support from the Cultural Development, History and Library Unit's as part of a broader strategy to support local cultural events in the Central Business area, consistent with the City's Local Action Plan Strategy.

The Australian Ceramics Triennale – Renegade Clay

43. The Australian Ceramics Triennale 2009 (Triennale), formerly the National Ceramics Conference, has been presented every three years since 1976. Each Triennale is held in a different capital city, with the 12th Conference being held in Sydney in July 2009. This is the first time in more than 20 years that the Conference has been held in Sydney.

44. The Triennale theme, *Facing the Future*, explores the relationship between contemporary ceramic practice and the emergence of diverse social, cultural and technological global forces. The Conference program and satellite events engage with a diverse range of community and professional stakeholders including local and regional artists and arts professionals, students, educators and the general public. A program of speakers, exhibitions, workshops and demonstrations, satellite events and extensive online resources directly engage with and inform these stakeholders. Key program activities, occurring between 17 and 20 July 2009, include:
- (a) Conference – held at National Art School, Darlinghurst, College of Fine Arts (UNSW) Darlinghurst, and Sydney College of the Arts, Rozelle;
 - (b) Workshops and demonstrations; and
 - (c) Ceramics Trail of exhibitions – held at Regional and local galleries and Sydney galleries including the Powerhouse Museum and the Art Gallery of NSW.
45. Renegade Clay is the visual arm of the conference. It is a series of six site-specific two hour public art events held over the six weeks preceding the Conference in the City's open spaces during weekday lunch hours. The event places art and art making practice into the City's everyday life.
46. The aim of this event is to raise awareness of ceramics, ceramic work and practice. It is a unique opportunity for the City's communities to engage directly with art making practice, with suggested locations including Martin Place, Taylor Square, Hyde Park, Belmore Park and Circular Quay.
47. The request for sponsorship has been evaluated against the City's Conference Sponsorship Program. Under this program, to be considered for funding, applications must meet a range of aims which include:
- (a) the outcomes will provide a direct benefit to the City's community by delivering services, activities, or resources to the City community. These can include economic development benefits;
 - (b) the outcomes of the conference will assist with the development, promotion and implementation of City policies, including social, economic, environmental and cultural policy;
 - (c) the conference outcomes will complement existing services, programs and resources provided by Council, government agencies and non-government providers;
 - (d) as a sponsor, the City will receive a range of sponsorship benefits including acknowledgment on the conference website and program, and complimentary registration for a City delegate to attend the conference.
48. The City's participation as a sponsor demonstrates our commitment to the ongoing development of arts and cultural practice, and to accessible and innovative cultural activities in the City. It is therefore recommended that the City provide sponsorship of \$7,500 (excluding GST) and value in kind (waiver of Park Hire and Open Space Hire Fee's) to the value of \$5,000.

49. Requests to the Conference Sponsorship Program are considered by Council on an ad-hoc basis. Funds are available in the Local Community Grants Program 2008/09 to meet this recommendation.

KEY IMPLICATIONS

50. This complies with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy adopted by Council on 10 March 2008.
51. The provision of grants and sponsorships are a mechanism for the City to further the aims identified in social, economic, environmental and cultural policies. Applications are assessed against these policies and against broad City objectives and plans. The contribution of the community organisations to developing, coordinating and managing the many funded activities is also recognised and respected. In this way, the City and the community act collaboratively to bring to life the City of Villages.
52. A review of the grants and sponsorship programs and process was undertaken by the City's internal auditors in 2007. The probity advice provided is that the process used for the management of the grants and sponsorship programs clearly covers the eight principles for grants administration identified by the ICAC.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

53. The total amount of cash grants recommended in this report is \$260,363 excluding GST. This amount is provided for in the 2008/09 and 2009/10 grants and sponsorship budget as follows:
- (a) \$145,047 from the \$190,000 available in the Local Community Grants Program 2008/09 budget;
 - (b) \$76,816 from the \$100,000 available in the Local Action Plan Matching Grants 2008/09 budget;
 - (c) \$15,000 from the \$16,000 available in the Community Festival's 2008/09 budget;
 - (d) \$15,000 from the \$145,000 provided for in the Community Festival's draft 2008/09 budget; and
 - (e) \$7,500 has been allocated to the Australian Ceramics Triennale's Renegade Clay in the Conference Sponsorship Program, from the Local Community Grants Program 2008/09 budget, as detailed in Paragraph 49.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

54. Local Government Act 1993, s356.

CRITICAL DATES / TIME FRAMES

55. The grants are for the 2008/09 and 2009/10 financial years. Where a triennial grant has been recommended, it is noted in the body of the report. All grant amounts are exclusive of GST.

56. The grants funding period for the Local Community Grants Round Two is from February 2009 to September 2009 and for the Local Action Plan Matching Grants is January 2009 to December 2009. Therefore, many applicants require a response immediately following the Council meeting of 15 December 2008 to determine if their event or project can go ahead.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

57. One information session was provided to assist potential applicants with their Local Community Grants Round Two and Local Action Plan Matching Grants Program applications as follows:
- (a) Marconi Room, Sydney Town Hall, Tuesday 26 August 2008.
58. Approximately 35 people attended the session, which was presented by the Cultural Development Unit and the Local Action Plan Unit with questions answered by relevant Community Living Officers.
59. All applicants were also able to access information through the Community Grants e-mail address and phone numbers.
60. The Cultural Development Unit and the Local Action Plan Unit conducted extensive internal consultation with appropriate and relevant Council Departments to assess applications thoroughly.

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