

Operational Plan 2022/23 - Addendum



The Council of the City of Sydney acknowledges the Gadigal of the Eora Nation as the Traditional Custodians of our local area. We acknowledge Elders past and present and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to Country.

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Introduction

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. 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.

The Grants and Sponsorship Policy provides the governance framework for management of the Program and decisions about funding.

Supporting the Policy are the Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines which guide applicants on how to apply for and acquit grants and sponsorships. The Guidelines set out the range of grant programs available, expected program priorities and assessment criteria, and provide practical details such as opening dates for each program, eligibility considerations and the types of supporting documentation they will need to submit with their application.

The current Policy was adopted by Council in September 2014. Revisions to this Policy were then approved by Council on 11 December 2017 and on 15 February 2021. The City's current Grants and Sponsorship Policy is due to be reviewed by December 2022.

City staff have undertaken a comprehensive review and have drafted a new Grants and Sponsorship Policy and Guidelines which have been aligned to the strategic directions and actions within the draft Sustainable Sydney 2030-50 Continuing the Vision, the City's key pillar strategies and Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan. The draft policy and guidelines are on public exhibition together with this Revised Addendum to the Operational Plan 2022/23.

Proposed grants program 2022/23

Grant programs and proposed budgets

Section 1 - Grants approved with funding provided in 2022/23

These grants have been approved under the current Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines.

Cash

- Community Services Grant - \$1,686,653
- Culture and Creative Grants and Sponsorship - \$1,300,000
- Business Support Grant - \$845,000
- Environmental Performance Grants - \$400,000
- Festival and Events Sponsorships - \$4,508,437
- Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship - \$392,500
- Matching Grant - \$100,000
- Precinct Activation Grants - \$750,000

Section 2 – Grants to be approved and funding provided in 2022/23

These programs are proposed in the draft 2022 Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines.

Cash

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Collaboration Fund - \$500,000
- Green Building Grant - \$200,000
- Festivals and Events Sponsorship - \$496,563
- Innovation and Ideas Grant - \$582,500
- Quick Response Grant - \$260,000

The following grant programs will be open for application in 2022/23 with funding to be determined and provided for in the 2023/24 financial year budget:

- Community Services Grant
- Creative Grant
- Business Sector Support Grant

Section 3 - Ongoing grant programs and proposed 2022/23 budgets

These grant programs are proposed to continue in the draft 2022 Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines

Cash

- Affordable and Diverse Housing Fund - \$3,000,000
- Out of policy grants and major homelessness support - \$1,900,000

Value in Kind (VIK)

- Accommodation Grant - \$7,527,567
- Creative Live/Work Spaces Grant - \$197,142
- Short Term Empty Properties Grant - no budget required
- Venue Hire Support Grants and Sponsorship - \$1,156,000
- Street Banner Sponsorship - \$451,005
- Special Events Cleaning and Related Expenses - \$494,000

Note:

Some of the proposed programs are open for application to for-profit organisations.

Each program's proposed budget for the year does not exceed 5% of the City's forecast for ordinary rates this year.

A number of programs include multi-year funding arrangements. e.g. Support for Sydney Festival within the Festival and Events Sponsorships program.

Summary

The table below provides a summary of how the total grants budget of \$26.7M will be allocated across the current grant programs and the grants programs proposed in the draft 2022 Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines.

	2022/23 Financial Year	Comments
Section 1	\$9,982,590	
Section 2	\$2,039,063	Some grant programs awarded in 2022/23 will receive funds in financial year 2023/24
Section 3	\$14,725,714	This includes \$4,900,000 in cash and \$9,825,714 in value in kind
TOTAL	\$26,747,367	

