

Approved grants 2023-24 – Festivals and events sponsorships

Recipient	Project description	Cash approved	Value-in-kind approved
107 Projects Incorporated	An annual arts and cultural festival celebrating life and death through food, drink, art, music, and dance, to be held at Joynton Avenue Creative Centre.	\$24,000	Nil
Alliance Francaise De Sydney Cultural Foundation Limited	An annual film festival celebrating French culture at a variety of venues across the local area, with Q&A sessions, masterclasses and special events programmed to engage a wider audience.	Nil	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$9,000
Anne Warr	The production of a musical at Garrison Church, Millers Point based on themes and characters from Millers Point's history.	\$15,000	Nil
Antenna Documentary Institute Limited	An annual international festival promoting documentaries that explore contemporary issues and inspire thought provoking dialogue, to be held at Palace and Dendy cinemas and the Powerhouse Museum.	\$25,000 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 25/26)	Nil
Art Fairs Australia Pty Ltd	Australasia's international art fair showcasing work by emerging and established artists from leading galleries, attracting local, interstate and international artists, art collectors, art critics and art enthusiasts to Carriageworks.	Nil	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$33,800 each year for three years
Asian Australian Artists Association Incorporated	An annual festival in Haymarket activating the precinct with public art and free, accessible events.	\$20,000	Nil

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Australian Dance Council Ausdance NSW Incorporated	An outdoor community event for the general public, practitioners, and creatives on International Dance Day celebrating dance and culture at Prince Alfred Park.	\$25,000	Street banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$300
Australian Design Centre	An annual festival across the local area celebrating objects made by hand by bringing together contemporary crafts organisations and individuals and encouraging community participation and creativity.	\$15,000 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$15,000 (Year 2 - 24/25)	Nil
B.S Hancock & J.E Suffern	A new queer comedy festival during Mardi Gras activating empty Oxford St shop fronts with an opening night gala at Paddington Town Hall.	\$20,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$5,814
Bad Sydney Ltd	An annual crime writers festival at the State Library of NSW supported by online and in-person author talks at libraries, bookshops and other venues in the local area.	\$20,000	Nil
Be Seedsational Pty Ltd	A three day event at Abraham Mott Hall offering music, digitalisation, film, and magic, integrating multisensory messages to engage children and families about health, wellbeing and sustainability.	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$967
Bicycle New South Wales Incorporated	An annual community cycling event providing 10,000 riders with an opportunity to cycle through Sydney and across the Harbour Bridge, normalising bicycle riding and building critical mass.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 25/26)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$260 each year for three years. Street banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$20,400 each year for three years.
BlaQ Aboriginal Corporation	A series of activations in the local area during Mardi Gras to promote community connection and engagement and	\$35,000	Nil

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	provide support to the First Nations LGBTIQA+SB community.		
Catholic Parish St Canice Elizabeth Bay as the Operator of a PBI	Two events providing a festive lunch for the local community including people experiencing homelessness, people with a disability, Aboriginal, CALD communities and English speakers at Rushcutters Bay.	\$15,000	Nil
Chippendale Collective Incorporated	An annual two week festival in Chippendale celebrating Lunar New Year promoting a sense of belonging and cultural connection.	\$30,000	Nil
Counterpoint Commnity Services Incorporated	A triannual event at Redfern Park linking local families with health, housing, child protection, domestic violence relief and other essential services.	\$5,000	Nil
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Counterpoint Community Services Incorporated	An event in Alexandria and Erskineville to acknowledge the skills and contributions of volunteers and to promote opportunities in the local area.	\$2,600	Nil
Currency Press Pty Ltd	An annual festival aiming to bring the ideas and debates of the theatre community to the fore by sharing the work and experiences of playwrights with each other and the community, at ARA Darling Quarter Theatre.	\$10,000	Nil
Darlinghurst Business Partnership Incorporated	A celebration of food and drink, arts, culture and design, encompassing local retailers, bars, restaurants and galleries in Potts Point, Darlinghurst, Surry Hills and Woollahooloo.	\$20,000	Nil

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Darlinghurst Business Partnership Incorporated	A two week celebration during Mardi Gras by the local business community in Darlinghurst, promoting performance in venues and supporting local retailers, bars, restaurants and clubs.	\$25,000 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 24/25)	Nil
David Couri	The development and presentation of live independent music and arts events at Carriageworks, followed by the release of a 10 year anniversary compilation album.	\$10,000	Nil
Destructive Steps Dance Association Incorporated	An all-ages, family-friendly, street dance festival in Ultimo uniting local and international talent and celebrating Australia's street dance community.	\$20,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$8,100
Electronic Music Conference Pty Ltd	An annual electronic and dance music festival held at venues across the local area supporting artists and providing professional development to audio, lighting and production technicians.	\$25,000	Street banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$40,500
Fishburners Limited	A month-long festival in York St, Sydney, dedicated to nurturing early-stage, tech-driven innovation and engaging Sydney's diverse communities to engage, collaborate, and create positive change.	\$20,000	Nil
Friends of Music at St James Incorporated	A collaborative music festival to celebrate the installation of Sydney's newest and third largest pipe organ at St James' King Street.	\$25,000	Nil
Geetha Balakrishnan	A series of Jazz sessions at the Bearded Tit, Redfern showcasing diversity in live music prioritising WomXn, non-binary, Gender non-conforming, LBGTQIA+ and CALD musicians.	\$15,000	Nil

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Glebe Public School	A series of free, fun playgroup events in Robyn Kemmis Reserve, Glebe with food, activities and entertainment for isolated families to connect with each other and local services.	\$8,000	Nil
Glebe Youth Service Inc as auspice for Glebe NAIDOC	Five events celebrating NAIDOC week, designed to each year's national theme, with meetings and art workshops held throughout the year, to be held in Glebe.	\$20,000	Nil
Graeme Brian Mccolgan	An annual community event at Redfern Town Hall celebrating ceilidh dancing, focussing on strengthening community bonds and breaking down barriers to arts participation.	\$2,850	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$612
Head On Foundation Ltd	A festival at Paddington Reservoir Gardens, showcasing photographs by Indigenous, local and international artists, engaging the local community and businesses.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 25/26)	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of: \$4,888 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$5,621 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$6,464 (Year 3 - 25/26)
International Performing Writers Association	A week-long festival in Darlinghurst celebrating diverse voices, enabling people from marginalised communities to access new skills and platforms and engaging directly with audiences.	\$15,000 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$10,000 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$5,000 (Year 3 - 25/26)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of: \$10,560 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$11,088 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$11,642 (Year 3 - 25/26)
Just Gold Digital Agency Pty Ltd	A conference at the University of Technology Sydney, bringing visibility to invisible disabilities and leading the global dialogue on autism.	\$15,000	Nil

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K.W Cheng & H Wong Wing Kee	A series of comedy nights at the Covent Garden Hotel, Haymarket, giving Asian-Australian comedians an opportunity to perform.	\$10,000	Nil
Live at Yours Pty Ltd	A series of events at Darlinghurst Theatre and the Great Synagogue exploring Aboriginal culture through song and travelling through music.	\$15,000	Nil
Malaysia Fest	A two-day festival celebrating Malaysian food, culture and heritage at Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour.	\$10,000	Nil
Pact Centre for Emerging Artists Incorporated	A series of events in Erskineville exploring community-driven arts and ideas as a driver of placemaking.	\$25,000	Nil
Percussion Australia Ltd as auspice for Spare Parts Invests in Art	An event at Paddington Town Hall celebrating artists in Cuban-based Caribe with Elio Villafranca, Chilean-inspired Veneno and the Brazilian grooves of Samba Roots plus dancers, vocal showcase and a DJ.	\$8,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$3,426
Piano Plus Australia	A series of events across the local area connecting local and international pianists across musical genres bringing people, history, music and places together.	\$25,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$15,341
Queer Screen Limited	A film festival as part of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras that will showcase LGBTIQ+ content and activate the George Street precinct and King St Newtown.	\$15,000	Nil
Rebel and Rogue Music Pty Ltd	The programming of live music, burlesque, cabaret, drag and circus, showcasing artists that represent the diversity of incredible talent of the venue at 42 King St, Newtown.	\$8,512	Nil
Red Bull Australia Pty Ltd	A free event at Fleet Steps Sydney Harbour showcasing the best of the world cliff diving series.	Nil	Street banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$11,173

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Shopfront Arts Co-op Ltd	A bi-annual artist's festival in Redfern, showcasing new work from emerging artists, amplifying diverse voices and stories through contemporary forms.	\$15,000	Nil
Social Enterprise Council of NSW & ACT (SECNA) Ltd	A festival at the University of Technology Sydney for community leaders, aspiring changemakers and conscious consumers to meet, learn about and buy from social enterprises in an engaging, family friendly environment.	\$30,000	Nil
St Vincent De Paul Society NSW	A community-led, creative, inclusive, non-confrontational and engaging community event aimed at growing local community pride and connection in Woolloomooloo.	\$25,000	Nil
Sustain: The Australian Food Network Ltd	A three-day event at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence celebrating the power of community gardens, urban agriculture and First Nations' connection to country.	\$25,000	Nil
Sydney Improvised Music Association Incorporated	An annual ten-day music festival that celebrates women in jazz and activates venues across the local area, including development opportunities for musicians through its artist-in-residence, commissioning and mentor programs.	\$30,000	Nil
Sydney St Patrick's Day Organisation Incorporated	An annual festival to celebrate Irish culture and communities in Sydney, including music, dancing, film, sport, food and Irish language classes, to be held at Circular Quay.	\$10,000	Nil
Sydney Theatre Company Ltd	A series of weekly events at the Theatre Bar at the End of the Wharf in Walsh Bay, targeting new diverse audiences with free live entertainment following performances of the production of Is God Is.	\$10,000	Nil

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The Aurora Group- A Ruby Foundation Limited	An annual fundraising event at Sydney Town Hall raising funds for LGBTIQ+ organisations supporting mental health, First Nations, queer youth and elders, CALD, trans and gender diverse communities.	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$17,620
The Bower Re-Use and Repair Centre Co-Operative Limited	An annual ten-day festival at Redfern focussing on the reuse and repair sector in the local area, showcasing practical workshops and activities.	\$35,000	Street banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,200
The East Sydney Hotel Limited	A quarterly jazz festival at the East Sydney Hotel featuring young and emerging artists as part of the newly overhauled weekly jazz programming.	\$20,000	Nil
The Ethics Centre Limited	A festival bringing leading thinkers and culture creators from around the world together to facilitate courageous and stimulating public conversations at Sydney Town Hall.	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$12,656
The House That Dan Built Incorporated	A large-scale choral work by Sydney-based composers for a community choir performance of 100 women and girls singing the stories of 100 Australian women, to be held at the State Library, Sydney.	\$12,000	Nil
The Performance Space Ltd	An annual festival presenting a diverse, high-caliber, risk-taking program of experimental work, reigniting past programs and engaging artists past and present at Carriageworks and surrounds.	\$20,000	Nil
The Red Room Company Ltd	An annual program of events across the local area showcasing poetry with public activations, workshops and grass-roots events including Contains Strong Language festival and Poetry Month Gala.	\$30,000	Nil

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The Returned and Services League of Australia New South Wales Branch	The commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, to be held on The Battle of Long Tan Day at the Cenotaph, Martin Place.	\$2,388	Nil
The Society of Arts and Crafts New South Wales	A craft fair at Harold Park Community Centre to provide opportunities for craft organisations and local craftspeople to display and sell their work and connect with each other and the community.	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,714
The Sydney Fringe Incorporated	An annual festival at 107 Projects in Redfern, providing a platform for artists with a disability and an inclusive, accessible, and supportive space for both audiences and artists within the Sydney Fringe Festival.	\$20,000	Nil
The University of Sydney	An annual music festival in the Seymour Centre, Chippendale, showcasing and connecting emerging music artists with new audiences.	\$29,000 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$25,000 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$19,000 (Year 3 - 25/26)	Nil
Town Hall Hotel Unit Trust	A series of free weekly events at the Town Hall Hotel Newtown presenting original live music from diverse acts.	\$15,000	Nil
Tranby Aboriginal Co-operative Limited	A pilot three-day capacity building and professional development opportunity for First Nations LGBTQIA+SB poets, writers and story-makers to share skills, knowledge and stories at Glebe.	\$12,000	Nil

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University of Technology Sydney	The re-emergence of the Indigenous film festival at cinemas across the local area, increasing the awareness of local filmmakers on the international stage.	\$30,000	Nil
Weave Youth & Community Services Ltd	An annual youth-led series of events across the local government area for Mental Health Month, celebrating the creative achievements of young people and breaking down the stigma associated with mental health challenges.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 23/24) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 24/25) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 25/26)	Nil
Wheelchair Sports NSW/ACT Incorporated	An annual festival of wheelchair sporting events in the local area including a Mentor Clinic, the GIO Oz Day 10k Wheelchair Road Race and Wheelchair Basketball.	\$12,650	Nil
YCK Laneways Association INC	A month-long festival of cultural activations and collaborative food and beverage events featuring businesses and artists from other business precincts in the inner city.	Nil	Street banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$5,400
YCK Laneways Association Incorporated	A month-long music, arts, and culture festival at venues of York Clarence Kent (YCK) Laneways, boosting the night time economy and providing paid employment opportunities for artists and creatives.	\$25,000	Nil