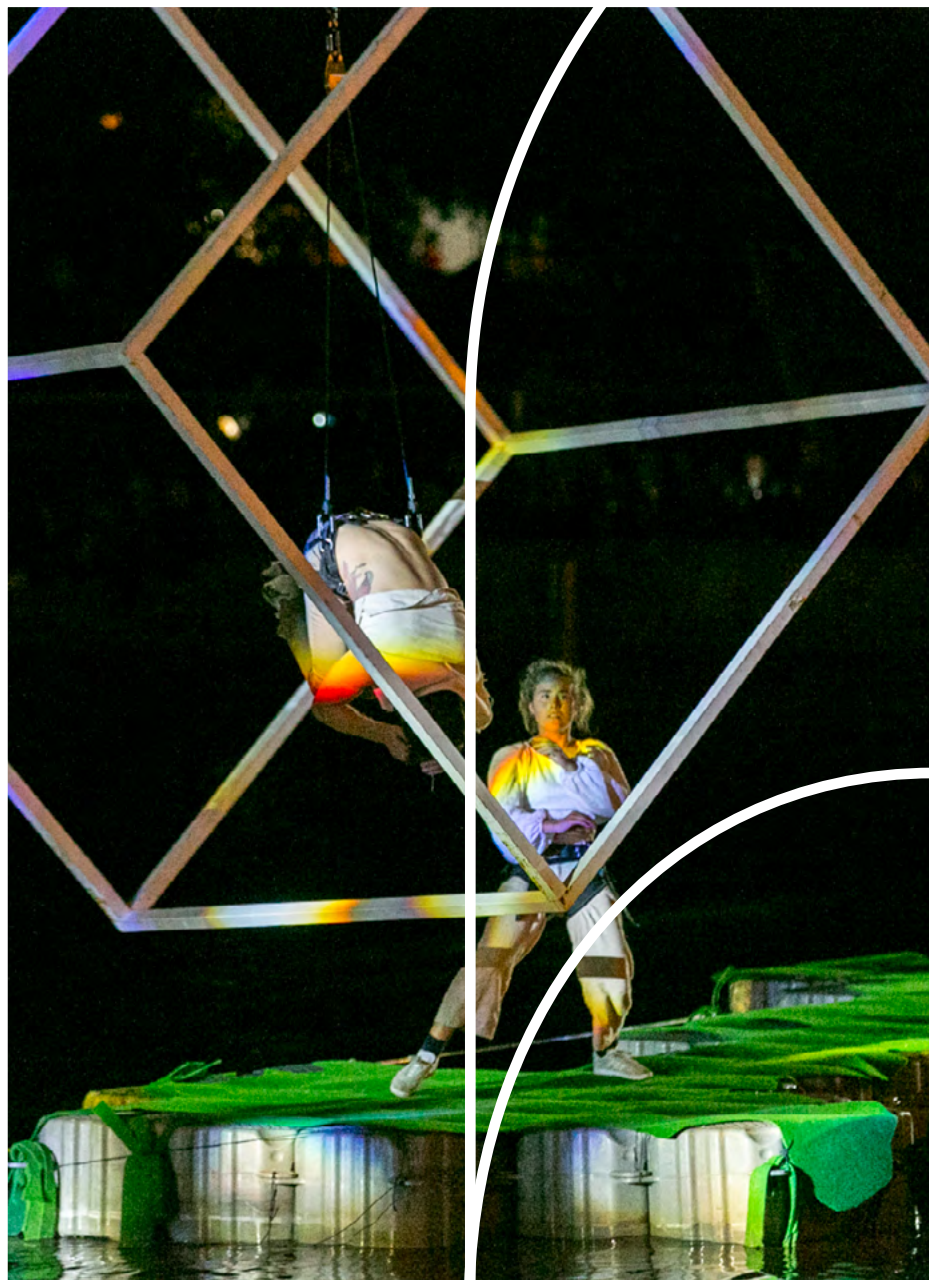


INNER WEST

Annual
Grant Program
Guidelines
2024





Acknowledgement of Country

Council acknowledges that these projects funded from this annual grant program will be undertaken on the land of the Gadigal Wangal peoples and pays its respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



Pictured: Inner West Footprints Ecofestival, photo Shane Rozario

Background

Inner West Council offers annual grants to provide community benefits to the residents of the Inner West.

The annual grants provide financial support to help achieve the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan including: an ecologically sustainable Inner West; liveable, connected neighbourhoods and transport; creative communities and a strong economy; healthy, resilient and caring communities; and progressive, responsive and effective civic leadership.

More information is available on Council's website

Timeframes

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| Grant round opens | 9am, Monday 15 April 2024 |
| Grant round closes | 4pm, Friday 17 May 2024 |
| Recommendations to Council | August 2024 |
| Projects delivered | October 2024 – October 2025 |

Who can apply?

| Grant Stream | | Eligible Entities |
|---------------------|----------------------|---|
| Active Inner West | | Local organisations |
| Arts | Creative Development | Local individual artists |
| | Arts Projects | Local arts organisations, individual artists and groups of local artists |
| Community History | | Individual historians, researchers or archivists, and local organisations |
| Community Wellbeing | | Local organisations |
| Environment | | |
| Multicultural | | |
| Quick response | | |

Cover: Waters Edge, LEGS on the Wall, EDGE GreenWay 2019, photo Brett Boardman

Active Inner West grants

Active Inner West grants of up to \$5,000 per year for two years (multiyear)

Overview

Active Inner West grants provide financial support to community and non-government groups that offer sport and/or active recreation programs and services to residents in the Inner West.

Objectives

- ▶ Address and remove barriers to participation and engagement
- ▶ Promote an active, inclusive and healthy community
- ▶ Increase and/or enhance regular and ongoing participation opportunities in sport, active recreation or structured physical activity in a sustainable manner
- ▶ Build the capacity of the organisation to enhance the provision of sport and active recreation services (provide training to develop the skills of volunteers).

Assessment Criteria

- ▶ Potential impact and quality of the project that contributes to Council's Community Strategic Plan, 'Recreation Strategy and Action Plan 2023-32' and grant objectives
- ▶ Provide sporting and/or recreation benefits to communities in the Inner West
- ▶ Ability to improve access, inclusion, diversity and participation in sport and/or recreation activities with sustainable outcomes
- ▶ Applicant's capacity to deliver the project, including relevant applicant experience, skills and time
- ▶ Realistic budget, including all sources of project income and quotes where relevant.

Stream Specific Eligibility

- ▶ Recipients of the 2022 Recreation Grants round are ineligible.

Application support

Applicants are encouraged to speak with a Council grant officer on (02) 9392 5515 before applying. One-on-one support is available to provide grant applicants with advice on your project ideas.

Arts Grants

Professional development grants up to \$5,000 and Arts project grants up to \$10,000 per application.

Overview

Arts grants provide funding for local artists, groups of artists or arts organisations. The funding may support projects that deliver:

- ▶ The production and presentation of new creative work, professional arts and skills development
- ▶ Opportunities for audiences to engage with arts and cultural participation
- ▶ Strengthened capacity and sustainability for Inner West's creative industries, and those that benefit the local community by contributing to local identity
- ▶ Belonging and pride.

Categories

Category One: Professional development grants

For emerging or practicing, or established artists based in the Inner West.

For professional skill development to advance artistic practice. Support is offered across a range of disciplines.

Category Two: Arts project grants

For arts organisations or individual artists or group of artists.

For the production and presentation of new work, creative partnerships or significant multi-artform projects that benefit the Inner West community.

Grant objectives

- ▶ Promote a vibrant street life, support business, and encourage visitors
- ▶ Increased community connection through art in the public domain, for the community to participate in arts and culture
- ▶ Encourage creative excellence and innovation in the content and delivery of arts projects and programs
- ▶ Contribute to the development and sustainability of artists and creative industries.

Assessment Criteria

- ▶ Potential impact and quality of the project and contribution to Council's Community Strategic Plan and grant objectives
- ▶ Applicant's capacity to deliver the project including relevant applicant experience and supporting material, skills and time
- ▶ Realistic budget, including all sources of project income and quotes where relevant
- ▶ Excellence and innovation in arts and creative practice, engagement, and the delivery of arts projects.

Category One only

Benefits to the artist's creative practice or career development.

Category Two only

Enhance community connection to art in the public domain and/or provide social and creative benefits to the community.

Application support

Applicants are encouraged to speak with a Council officer on 9335 2249 (Monday - Thursday) before applying. One-on-one support is available to grant applicants with advice on project ideas.

Community history grants

Community history grants of up to \$5,000 each

Overview

The community history grants stream supports projects that identify and interpret the Inner West's historically significant events, places and people. This includes the exploration of activism, architecture, business, culture, economy, parks, places of historical significance, politics, and recreation.

Projects include research, archiving, conservation and preservation of significant objects, publications, and exhibitions about social and cultural history (including current activities). Funded projects will build on Council's physical and digital collection that provides a rich information source to inform and educate current and future generations.

Objectives

- ▶ Build on Council's Community History Collection (physical and digital) for future and current historians, researchers, and generations
- ▶ Support original research and interpretation of the area's history
- ▶ Support original research and interpretation of current issues, place, social, people, political, and urban changes.

Assessment criteria

- ▶ Potential impact and quality of the project and contribution to Council's Community Strategic Plan and grant objectives
- ▶ The relevance the project will bring to Council's Community History Collection
- ▶ How the project or outcome fills an identified gap in the Collection
- ▶ Applicant's capacity to deliver a well-planned project, including relevant experience, skills and time
- ▶ Realistic budget, including all sources of project income and quotes where relevant.

Application support

Applicants are encouraged to speak with a Council grant officer on 9335 2167 before applying. One-on-one support is available to provide grant applicants with advice on your project ideas.

Community wellbeing grants

Category One: Community wellbeing grants of up to \$5,000 each

Category Two: Community wellbeing grants of up to \$10,000 per year for two years (multiyear)

Overview

The community wellbeing grants stream supports projects that address local issues, promote social justice, enhance wellbeing, strengthen the sustainability and capacity of the Inner West community and foster inclusion, equity, and social connection.

Council's multiyear grant funding offers community organisations the opportunity to develop innovative projects which require longer timeframes to achieve outcomes. In 2024, Council will offer multi-year grants over two years for community wellbeing grants.

Objectives

- ▶ Connect local people to each other and place
- ▶ Foster an inclusive and diverse community and encourage community participation
- ▶ Develop community strengths, capabilities and lifelong learning
- ▶ Encourage community collaborations and partnerships.

Assessment criteria

- ▶ Potential impact and quality of the project and contribution to Council's Community Strategic Plan and grant objectives
- ▶ Benefit to the Inner West community
- ▶ Applicant's capacity to deliver a well-planned project, including relevant applicant experience, skills and time
- ▶ Realistic budget, including all sources of project income and quotes where relevant.

Application support

Applicants are encouraged to speak with a Council grant officer on 9392 5215 before applying. One-on-one support is available to provide grant applicants with advice on your project ideas.

Environment grants

Environment grants of up to \$5,000 per year for two years (multiyear)

Overview

Environment grants support projects that contribute to an ecologically sustainable Inner West. Applicants are encouraged to submit projects that focus on one or more of the following: climate change, renewable energy, sustainable transport, healthy waterways, water sensitive urban design, biodiversity, and zero waste.

Objectives

The objectives of the Environment Grants Program is to:

- ▶ Benefit the environment through local sustainability projects
- ▶ Support the community to share sustainability skills and knowledge
- ▶ Build community capacity to take action on environmental issues
- ▶ Improve access, inclusion, diversity, and participation in sustainability.

Assessment criteria

The following criteria will be considered in the process of assessing applications:

- ▶ Potential impact and quality of the project's contribution to Council's Community Strategic Plan and grant objectives
- ▶ Extent of the project's environmental benefit
- ▶ Well-designed project including clear project purpose, goals, and activities
- ▶ Capacity to deliver the project, including relevant experience and skills
- ▶ Clear, detailed budget that demonstrates value for money, including all sources of project income and relevant quotes.

Stream Specific Eligibility

Inner West Council provides grants for projects that have not yet commenced, and in limited cases people who have not yet acquitted a previous grant may be eligible to apply again. In addition:

- ▶ Applications are accepted for some capital works where the works benefit the broader community. Examples include the installation of renewable energy infrastructure, rainwater or stormwater harvesting infrastructure as well as water sensitive urban design landscaping
- ▶ Application budgets can include an auspice/project administration fee of up to 15% of the Inner West Council grant contribution
- ▶ Council does fund Parents and Citizen organisations but does not fund projects for schools.

Application support

Applicants are encouraged to speak with a Council grant officer on (02) 9335 2186 before applying. One-on-one support is available to provide grant applicants with advice on your project ideas.

Multicultural grants

Multicultural grants of up to \$5,000 each

Overview

The multicultural grants stream provides funding for projects that contributes to wellbeing and resilience for multicultural communities. Projects that encourage and support new and established migrant communities to stay connected and support one another in the face of challenges are particularly encouraged.

Objectives

- ▶ Strengthen wellbeing and resilience of multicultural communities
- ▶ Encourage community collaborations and partnerships
- ▶ Build on community strengths and capabilities
- ▶ Encourage participation and community connection between groups.

Assessment criteria

- ▶ Ability to strengthen wellbeing and resilience for multicultural communities
- ▶ Ability to strengthen community collaboration, connection and partnerships
- ▶ Capacity to plan and deliver a well-planned project
- ▶ Realistic budget, including all sources of project income and quotes where relevant.

Application support

For enquiries, please contact the Multicultural Officer on 9392 5215 or multicultural@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Quick response small grants

Quick response small grants of up to \$500 each

Overview

The quick response small grants stream supports groups to establish, develop or expand community wellbeing activities with materials or resources within the Inner West.

Objectives

- ▶ Connect people to each other and place
- ▶ Develop community strengths, capabilities and lifelong learning
- ▶ Foster an inclusive and diverse community and encourage community-wide participation
- ▶ Encourage community collaborations and partnerships.

Application support

Applicants are invited to speak with a Council grant officer on 9392 5842. One-on-one support is available to provide grant applicants with advice on your project ideas.



Pictured: Suara Indonesia Dance, Cicem works in development at EDGE GreenWay, Shane Rozario 2021

Brief eligibility criteria

Inner West Council provides grants for projects that have not yet commenced, and in limited cases people who have not yet acquitted a previous grant may be eligible to apply again. In addition:

- ▶ Council does fund Parents and Citizen organisations but does not fund projects for schools.
- ▶ Council only provides support for capital projects in the Environment grant stream, and Council does not provide support for interstate or overseas travel.
- ▶ Council does not fund political parties or their activities.

Preparing an application

The budget in a grant application must identify the amount requested, including project income and expenditure. Indicative quotes need to be included for any items over the value of \$500. Please discuss your budget with your grant stream officer to ensure it includes:

- ▶ Expected project income, including any contributions (donations of goods or services) or other funding sources
- ▶ Expected expenditure, including specifying which items you intend to purchase with Council grant funds.

Community facility hire for projects

Council may provide fee waivers for hire of Council facilities to undertake projects that receive grant funding. Please discuss your needs for a project venue with a grant stream officer.

Supporting documentation

Applicants will need to provide supporting documentation, and these documents will need to be uploaded to the SmartyGrants software with your proposal, when prompted by the application form.

Supporting documentation may include:

- ▶ Quotes for any budget items over the value of \$500
- ▶ Project plans
- ▶ Letters of support from community partners
- ▶ Examples of previous projects, including online links, images, multimedia, or pdf document uploads
- ▶ Resume of key personnel
- ▶ Certificate of Incorporation or Constitution
- ▶ Audited financial statement or statement of income and expenditure
- ▶ Public liability insurance or a quote for public liability insurance
- ▶ Where an auspice is required, a letter of agreement supporting the project.

Grants administration process

Application process

All applications must be submitted online. The grants page on Council's website provides a link to the application form for each grant stream: innerwest.smartygrants.com.au.

Application support

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their proposal with a Council grant officer before applying. One-on-one sessions provide grant applicants with tailored support.

Assessment

All applications will be assessed by Council staff against the eligibility and selection criteria outlined in these guidelines. Some applications may also be assessed by an expert panel that includes one or more external community representatives with expertise relevant to individual grants streams.

Approval

Grant funding recommendations are made to the elected representatives of Council for consideration and approval.

Notification

Applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application within five business days of Council approval.

Funding agreements

Successful applicants will be offered a funding agreement confirming the conditions of the grant.

The funding agreement will include:

- ▶ A brief description of the project for which funding is being provided
- ▶ The amount of cash funding to be received
- ▶ Performance measures for each project
- ▶ The deadline for final submission of the acquittal report.

Contact

For more information about Council's grants program, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/grants or contact Council's grants team by phone on (02) 9392 5842.

