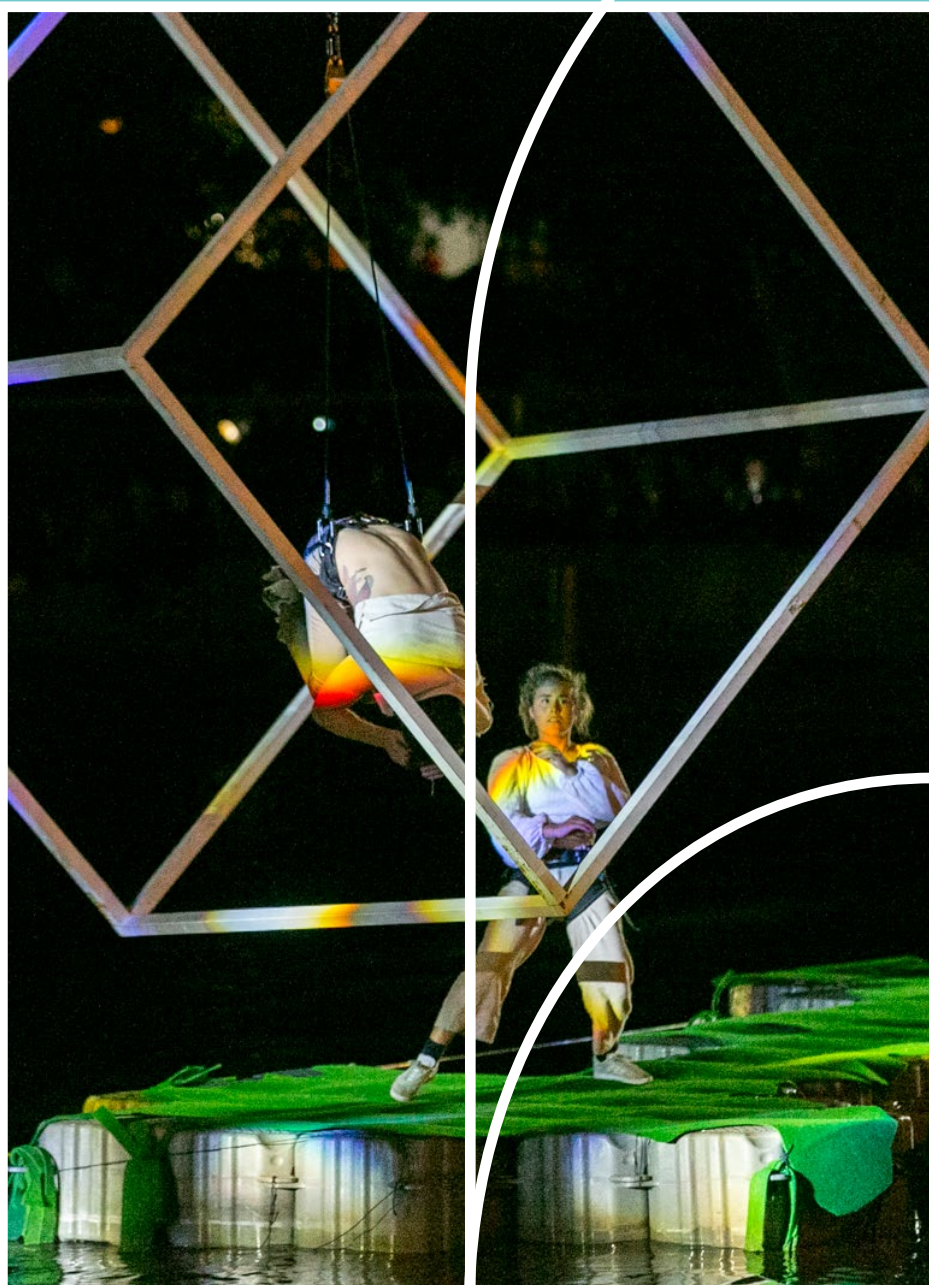


# INNER WEST

## Annual Grant Program Guidelines 2023





# 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

Grant round opens	9am, Monday 24 April 2023
Grant round closes	4pm, Friday 19 May 2023
Recommendations to Council	September 2023
Projects delivered	October 2023 – October 2024

## Who can apply?

Grant Stream		Eligible Entities
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
Multicultural		
Quick response		

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

# Arts Grants

Creative development grants of up to \$5,000 each and Arts project grants of up to \$10,000 each.

## Overview

The Arts grant stream provides funding for local individual artists, groups of artists or arts organisations for 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: Creative development grants

For practicing, emerging and established artists based in the Inner West

For professional skills development to advance artistic practice. Support is available 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.

## 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 arts industries.

## Assessment Criteria

- ▶ Impact and quality of the project and contribution to Council's Community Strategic Plan and grant objectives
- ▶ Enhance community connection to art in the public domain and provide social and creative benefits to the community
- ▶ Excellence and innovation in arts and creative practice, engagement, and the delivery of arts projects
- ▶ Applicant's capacity to deliver a well-planned project including relevant applicant experience and supporting material, 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 2249 (Monday - Thursday) before applying. One-on-one support is available to provide grant applicants with advice on your 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

- ▶ 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 9392 5817 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 2023, 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

- ▶ 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 5791 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 Aniela Pepe, Multicultural Officer on 9392 5279 or [multicultural@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:multicultural@innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

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## 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](http://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/contribute/grants](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/contribute/grants) or contact Council's grants team by phone on (02) 9392 5842.

