



Elimination of Racial Discrimination Expression of Interest (EOI) Guidelines 2026

OPEN: Wednesday 22 October 2025 – 9am

CLOSES: Monday 15 December 2025 – 11.59pm





We Speak Your Language

To talk with a free interpreter call 131 450. Ask the operator to call the Inner West Council on 9392 5000.

Arabic

يناجم لصتا مقرلاب 131 450 نحن ملكتن كتغل.
سلجب برغلا بلخادلا بلع مقرلا. نثحتل عم مجرتم
9392 5000. بلطا مهتم لاصتلا

Greek

Μιλάμε τη γλώσσα σας. Για να μιλήσετε
δωρεάν σε διερμηνέα καλέστε το 131
450. Ζητήστε τους να καλέσουν το
Δήμο Inner West Council στο 9392
5000.

Portuguese

Falamos a sua língua. Para falar
com um intérprete gratuitamente
ligue para 131 450. Peça-lhes para
ligar para o Inner West Council no
número 9392 5000

Simplified Chinese

我们说普通话。如需免费传译服务，请
致电131 450，然后请传译员致电9392
5000接通 Inner West 市政府。

Traditional Chinese

我們能說您的語言。如需免費傳譯服
務，請致電131 450，然後請傳譯員致
電9392 5000接通 Inner West 市政府

Italian

Parliamo la vostra lingua. Per
parlare gratuitamente con un
interprete chiamate il numero 131
450. Chiedetegli di chiamare il
Comune di Inner West al numero
9392 5000.

Thai

เราพูดภาษาของท่าน ด้วยกับสามได้ฟรีที่เบอร์
131 450 ขอต่อสาย Inner West Council
ที่เบอร์ 9392 5000

Vietnamese

Chúng tôi nói ngôn ngữ của quý vị.
Muốn nói chuyện có thông dịch
viên miễn phí, hãy gọi số 131 450.
Yêu cầu họ gọi cho Hội đồng Thành
phố Inner West qua số 9392 5000.



Introduction

Located on the unceded land of the Gadigal-Wangal clans of the Sydney Basin, the Inner West is framed by the Parramatta and Cooks rivers and is home to over 190,000 residents across five wards: Djarrawunang (Ashfield), Baludarri (Balmain), Gulgadya (Leichhardt), Midjuburi (Marrickville) and Damun (Stanmore).

The Inner West has a strong history of cultural diversity with many established and emerging communities residing in the Inner West.

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD) is an important day observed on the 21 March annually. The United Nations General Assembly adopted IDERD in 1965 to initiate the global effort to eradicate racism. See more information about the history and progress made since 1965 [here](#).

As part of Inner West Council's commitment to Anti-Racism, we have established the Elimination of Racial Discrimination EOs to provide opportunities for the Inner West community to develop projects with the aim of eliminating racism in the Inner West.

Organisations and community groups can apply for up to **\$5,000** to run a project that raises awareness of racial discrimination and works towards eliminating racial discrimination in the months of **March and April 2026**.

Objectives /Aims

Organisations and community groups are invited to apply for funds to develop a project that meets at least one of the following objectives:

- Raise awareness of racial discrimination and its harmful impacts
- Increase the knowledge and skills of local community members to recognise and address racism
- Increase participation, inclusion & visibility of people from culturally diverse backgrounds
- Increase respect for and celebration of cultural diversity in our community

We also highly recommend that your application considers the following:



- A demonstrated commitment to ensuring the project is accessible and inclusive so that everyone can participate fully and equally

This EOI supports Council's commitment to the Anti-Racism Strategy, Reconciliation Action Plan, Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Multicultural Policy and Gender Equity Strategy. Applicants are encouraged to familiarise themselves [Council's Plans, Policies and Strategies](#) to assist in addressing the objectives and establishing outcomes of their project.

Applications

Applicants can apply for up to \$5,000 for proposed projects. Projects must be delivered in one of Council's five wards: Djarrawunang (Ashfield), Baludarri (Balmain), Gulgadya (Leichhardt), Midjuburi (Marrickville) and Damun (Stanmore).

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

Examples of Projects that can be funded:

- Workshops
- Forum/panels/talks
- Community
- Events
- Storytelling
- Film screenings
- Presentations
- Art Exhibitions
- Cultural performances

Eligibility Criteria / Who can apply?

- Community organisations/not for profit organisations/community groups/charities*.
- Applicants must be based in the Inner West Local Government Area (LGA) and all projects must be undertaken in the Inner West LGA and provide benefit to the Inner West community.
- Only one application per organisation/group is permitted (no duplicate applications or projects will be accepted).
- All applications must be submitted online through Smartygrants.
- If successful, you will be required to:
 - enter into a contract with Council and
 - supply Public Liability Insurance (a minimum of



\$20,000,000)

- If working with children or young people, a valid Working With Children Check must be attached with the application.
- If you have an outstanding funding agreement with Council and this has not been acquitted, you are ineligible to apply.
- *Unincorporated groups must be auspiced** by an incorporated organisation.

***An Auspice arrangement is where a Not For Profit Organisation has agreed to support you to deliver this project. They may ask to manage the funds, work closely with you to deliver the project and they may cover you with their insurance.*

Marketing /Promotion

Council will work with successful applicants to promote their events. Organisations are required to provide suitable copy, images and marketing collateral and Council will promote activities via relevant channels such as social media, e-newsletters, posters etc.

Budget

The budget must show the need for the total funds requested, including all project income (money from Council or other sources) and expenditure (money going out).

The budget must list all expenses such as venue hire, marketing, promotion, catering/beverage, staging, lighting, photography, and any expense associated with the project. No additional funds or Council contribution over the agreed contract amount will be available.

Projects involving the sale of tickets must include the ticket price in the income and any generated income needs to be explained (what the income will be spent on).

As a general rule, we accept 10% of the budget to be allocated to 'Project Management' or 'Administration' of the project.

Timeline

EOI round opens via SmartyGrants	9am, Wednesday 22 October 2025
EOI round closes	11.59pm, Monday 15 December 2025
Applicants Notified of Proposal Status	From Tuesday 20 January 2026
Projects Delivered	March/April 2026
Projects Acquitted (Documentation demonstrating the delivery and success of the project)	11.59pm, Sunday 31 May 2026



Acquittal

At the completion of the project, successful applicants will be asked to provide written information about their project in an acquittal form. In the acquittal form, applicants will provide a report on the overall project, on the project outcomes and provide a breakdown of each expense item (expenses over \$500 must be supported with a receipt) relevant to the project.

Support and Accessibility

Accessibility and inclusion are important to the Inner West Council. Please contact the Community Wellbeing team to discuss any access needs* you may have in relation to your project including disability, language barriers and any other adjustments.

**We highly recommend contacting the Community Wellbeing team before submitting the EOI as any additional cost associated with the accessibility or inclusion of the event will not be paid by Inner West Council.*

Contact

For all enquiries, please contact:

Aniela Pepe

Multicultural Officer – Community Wellbeing team

multicultural@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

02 9392 5279

Available Tuesday to Friday 9.30am to 5pm