



INNER WEST COUNCIL

Draft Community-led Celebration Day (Multicultural Communities) Grants Program

2019 Guidelines

Introduction

Inner West Council's Multicultural Policy provides financial support to plan and deliver celebrations of national cultures or national days of cultural significance in local communities across the Inner West.

Applications must propose community benefits for the residents of the Inner West Council area.

Applicants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with Inner West Council's Community Strategic Plan and Multicultural Policy by reviewing the information at the web addresses provided:

- <https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/contribute/grants>
- <https://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/creating-our-inner-west-2036>

Timeframe

The Community-led Celebration Day Grant Program will be offered for the first time in 2019

- Community-led Celebration Day Grants will be offered in early 2019 and key dates, including opening and closing dates, will be notified on Council's website.
- Grant funding will be allocated for projects to be undertaken in 2019.

Objectives

The objective of the Community-led Celebration Day Grants Program is to provide financial support to plan and deliver celebrations of national cultures or national days of cultural significance in local communities across the Inner West. In 2019 these grants are available for celebrations for communities, including Chinese, Cypriot, Greek, Indian, Italian, Lebanese, Maltese, Nepalese, Portuguese and Vietnamese communities.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must be incorporated community organisations
- Organisations must be based in the Inner West Council area
- Applications must be for a specific project for celebrations of national cultures or national days of cultural significance
- Projects must be able to demonstrate that the grant would be for a project in the public interest and in accordance with Council policy and regulations
- Applications must address Council's Community Strategic Plan and address one or more of Council's strategic directions
- Only one application per organisation may be submitted
- Applicants must have completed the Evaluation report (and acquitted the project) from previous grants from IWC and/or the former Councils of Leichhardt, Ashfield and Marrickville, where projects have been completed and have no outstanding debts to Council. Should acquittals not be due, a progress report must have been submitted as requested by Council.

Not eligible

- Projects that have already been completed – funding cannot be applied for and used retrospectively
- Capital works including renovations to buildings
- Grants to political parties or groups formally linked to a political party
- Activities that could be perceived as divisive within the community
- State or federal government departments (including schools or tertiary institutions), or projects which fall under the responsibility of another tier of government.

Assessment criteria

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

- Impact and quality of the project that contributes to Council's Multicultural Policy
- Cultural benefits to Inner West communities
- Capacity to deliver a well-planned project including concept, plan and experience
- Realistic budget
- Merit of the application in comparison to the other applications.

Assessment process

Following the closing date, applications will be evaluated by relevant staff against the eligibility and assessment criteria. Applications which meet the eligibility and assessment criteria will be considered by a selection panel comprised of Council staff and Multicultural Policy experts. Following the outcome of the Panel's evaluation, a report will be provided to Council including a brief assessment of each application and recommendations for funding. Council will subsequently determine the funding of applications. All decisions are final. All applicants will be advised as to whether they have or have not been successful within one week of Council's decision.