#

Engagement Outcomes Report

Grants and Fee Scale Policy & Grant Program Guidelines 2020

## Summary

Between 8 October and 15 November 2019, the community could provide feedback on a proposed Grants and Fee Scale Policy and Grant Program Guidelines for 2020. A new draft Grants and Fee Scale Policy has been developed to provide a consistent and equitable framework for how Council supports community initiatives.

The engagement was promoted:

* Online via yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au homepage
* Direct emails to previous grant applicants
* Your Say Inner West E-news

Feedback was collected online via Your Say Inner West and via email. Overall, were 186 individuals who viewed the project page on Your Say Inner West and 135 downloads of the proposed documents. Feedback was received from twelve people (two via email and 10 via Your Say Inner West).

## Engagement outcomes

### **Who did we hear from?**

Of the respondents:

* Five use Council venues
* Five have previously applied for a Council grant
* Seven have been a recipient of a Council grant
* Two did not disclose
* Six responded on behalf of a business organisation
* Four responded as individuals.

**What did they say?**

Of the ten responses that came via Your Say Inner West:

* Seven supported the new policy and guidelines, especially the reduced or waived fees for not-for-profit groups
* Two opposed the new policy and guidelines, with comments about the removal of Council’s former Open Inner West Grants Scheme and a need to prioritise other operations
* One was unsure/neutral but did not provide further comment.

Of the two responses via email, one supported the proposed policy and guidelines because of the benefit it would deliver to the community. The second did not support the documents because of operational matters.