

# INNER WEST

## Grant Program Guidelines

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# Inner West Council offers grants that support a culturally diverse, progressive and sustainable Inner West

Council's five community strategic directions, 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.

These guidelines set out the purpose and objectives for each grant stream.

## For more information

Each grant stream is managed by a dedicated grant officer who is available to discuss your grant proposal.

The contact details of the relevant grant officer for each grant stream are contained in these guidelines from page ten onwards.

For more information, please go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/contribute/grants](https://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/contribute/grants).

## About the Inner West

Framed by the Parramatta and Cooks rivers, the Inner West is home to over 200,000 residents in a strong network of inner-city communities and neighbourhoods.

- 62,354 employed workers – 31% local residents (19,543 people).
- 28% of people speak a language other than English at home – Mandarin (4%), Greek (3%), Italian (3%), Vietnamese (2%) and Cantonese (2%).
- 74,301 households – 26% lone households, 25% couples with children and 24% couples without children.
- 18,546 businesses – Professional Scientific and Technical Services (20%), Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services (12%), Construction (11%), Cultural and Creative Industries (8.8%) and Health Care and Social Assistance and Financial and Insurance Services (8%).

The Inner West Council area covers a land area of 3,519 ha across five wards, including:

- Djarrawunang – Ashfield (Magpie).
- Baludarri – Balmain (Leather Jacket).
- Gulgadya – Leichhardt (Grass Tree).
- Midjuburi – Marrickville (Lillypilly).
- Damun – Stanmore (Port Jackson Fig).



*Pictured: Legs Hub, Legs on the Wall*

## Grants Policy Statement

The Grants and Fee Scale Policy guides the allocation of Council's grants program.

## Grants Principles

Council applies consistent processes to govern grant applications and assessments.

Eligibility criteria guide Council's transparent decision-making process in the assessment and allocation of grant funding. Council is a child safe organisation.

Council acknowledges and supports:

- embedding of values and perspectives of the Reconciliation Action Plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
- access and inclusion of our diverse communities
- diverse experiences of women and gender-diverse people to encourage equity
- health and wellbeing of residents as they age

- our local creative sector in its recovery and to promote strong growth into the future.

## Social justice

Community resources are aligned to Councils strategies, policies and plans in order to promote healthy ageing, arts and culture, accessibility, social inclusion, participation, equity, human rights and where possible to prioritise and address disadvantage.

## Alignment with Council Plans, Policies and Strategies

Council's plans, policies and strategies can be accessed via [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Plans](https://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Plans):

- Community Strategic Plan 'Our Inner West 2036'
- Reconciliation and Action Plan
- Cultural Strategy 2022-2025
- Gender Equity Strategy and Action Plan
- Healthy Ageing Strategy 2022-2025

- Inclusion Action Plan for People with a Disability 2022-2025

## Benefits to Local Residents

Grants aim to provide community benefits to the residents of the Inner West.

For more information about the Inner West community, including the twenty-six suburbs located in the Inner West, visit the Inner West Community Profile.

Grant Funding 2022/2023

Grant Stream		Project Duration	\$ Total Grant Funding	Total Annual Funding Pool
Arts Grants	Professional Creative Development	1 Year	\$5,000	\$150,000
	Arts Projects	1 Year	\$10,000	
Community History Grants		1 Year	\$5,000	\$25,000
Community Wellbeing Grants	Single-Year	1 Year	\$5,000	\$150,000
	Multi-Year (from 2022)	2 Years	\$20,000	
Environment Grants		2 Years	\$10,000	\$60,000
Recreation Grants		2 Years	\$10,000	\$35,000
Wellbeing and Resilience for Multicultural Communities Grants		1 Year	\$5,000	\$30,000
Community Material Small Grants		As needed	\$400	\$4,000
Resident Association Small Grants		As needed	\$400	\$4,000
Total Funding Pool				\$458,000

Timeframes

Grant round opens	Wednesday 10 August 2022
Grant round closes	Wednesday 7 September 2022
Recommendations to Council	November 2022
Notifications	November 2022
Projects delivered – Year 1	February 2023 – December 2023
Projects delivered – Year 2	February 2024 – December 2024

Who can apply?

The following entities are eligible for funding under each grant stream:

Grant Stream		Eligible Entities
Arts Grants	Professional Creative Development	Individual Artist/s
	Arts Projects	Arts Organisations, Individual Artists, Groups of Artists
Community History Grants		Individual Historians, Researchers or Archivists, Unincorporated Community Groups (Not-for-profit Auspice required), Not-for-profit Organisations
Community Wellbeing Grants	Single-Year	Unincorporated Community Groups (Not-for-profit Auspice required), Not-for-profit Organisations
	Multi-Year (from 2022)	
Environment Grants		
Recreation Grants		
Wellbeing and Resilience for Multicultural Communities Grants		
Community Material Small Grants		
Resident Association Small Grants		

Eligible

To be eligible for funding, you must:

- ✓ Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident aged over 18 years.
- ✓ Be a resident of or delivering services in the Inner West Council area or offer a project that benefits residents of the Inner West.
- ✓ Include a booking confirmation form for use of a Council facility required as part of a grant application (Council venues, parks and sportsgrounds).
- ✓ Meet the grant stream eligibility criteria.
- ✓ Address the grant stream objectives.
- ✓ Demonstrate your project is in the public interest and in accordance with Council’s Community Strategic Plan, policies and regulations.
- ✓ Only submit one application per applicant each year.
- ✓ Parents and Citizens’ Associations are eligible to apply for projects that can demonstrate they benefit the Inner West community.

Ineligible

Inner West Council does not fund:

- ✗ Applicants who have not acquitted previously completed grant projects or provided an interim progress report for any outstanding grant projects funded by Inner West Council.
- ✗ Applicants who have outstanding debts of any kind to Inner West Council.
- ✗ NSW or Federal government departments.
- ✗ For-Profit Organisations and Sole Traders. Note: this eligibility varies for Arts Grants
- ✗ Applicants who represent a school or tertiary institution.
- ✗ Projects that have commenced or already taken place. Council does not provide retrospective funding.
- ✗ Projects that duplicate existing services already provided in the Inner West Council area.
- ✗ Capital works, such as renovations to buildings. Note: this eligibility varies for Environment Grants.
- ✗ Financial assistance for interstate or overseas travel, or other costs where it could be perceived that the applicant would derive excessive personal benefits.
- ✗ Salaries of permanent employees who will be supervising or working on the project as part of their usual duties. Grants may fund additional staff to work specifically on the project.
- ✗ Ongoing operational expenditure such as fixed overheads and administrative costs.
- ✗ General donations to charities.
- ✗ Activities that could be perceived as benefitting political parties or associated groups.
- ✗ Activities that could be perceived as divisive within the community.

Grants cannot be used for anything other than the specified purposes outlined in this funding agreement. Goods and services cannot be purchased before the funding agreement has been signed and returned to Council.

### Application Process

Council uses SmartyGrants software to manage its grants program. Applications must be submitted via the Inner West Council SmartyGrants webpage. Applications must meet the eligibility requirements and no late applications will be accepted. Hard copy applications are not accepted.

The grants page on Council's website provides a link to the application form for each grant stream. To view and apply to an Inner West Council grant round, go to [innerwest.smartygrants.com.au](http://innerwest.smartygrants.com.au).

### Application Support

Council hosts a variety of sessions to support potential applicants. Applicants are encouraged to attend one of these sessions and/or speak with a Council grant officer before applying.

One-on-one sessions provide grant applicants with tailored advice through a one-on-one meeting or phone call. Receive feedback and helpful tips on your project ideas from Council's grant officers.

### Accessibility

If you require support, please contact the relevant grant officer to discuss

### Multi-Year Grant Funding

Council's multi-year grant funding offers a smaller number of community organisations the opportunity to develop innovative projects which require longer timeframes to achieve outcomes. In 2022, Council offers grants over two years for Community Wellbeing, Environment Grants and Recreation Grants as well as Major Partnership grants.

Applicants will be required to submit a two-year project plan and complete a budget for the duration of the grant. Funding agreements will include a schedule of payment instalments that align with the applicant's project plan and approved grant budget. Successful applicants will be required to provide progress reports before the next stage of funding is released.

### 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 Inner West Council for consideration and approval.

### Notification

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

### Funding Agreements

Before grant funding can be provided, successful applicants must enter into a funding agreement accepting the conditions of the grant and forward Council a tax invoice for the funding amount. Grants cannot be used for anything other than the specified purposes outlined in this funding agreement. Goods and services cannot be



*Pictured: Perfect Match Street Art of the Inner West, walking tours with Melinda Vassallo*

purchased before the funding agreement has been signed and returned to Council.

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.
- Any specific funding conditions, please consult with your grant stream officer in advance for advice when completing Funding Agreement and Invoice.
- Specific performance measures for each project. Applicants are required to provide these as part of the application process for each grant stream.
- The deadline for final submission of the acquittal report.

Any variation to the project must be requested by the applicant and agreed to in writing by Inner West Council. The funding you receive from Council is GST exclusive. If your organisation is registered for GST, you must add GST to the tax invoice you submit to Council.

### Payments

Once funding agreements are finalised, payments are processed within a standard thirty-days.

### Acquittal Reporting

Grant recipients are required to report on and acquit their grant using the performance measures outlined in their funding agreement. An acquittal report will be uploaded to SmartyGrants following the project delivery period for completion by the applicant by the due date.

The acquittal report assists Council to understand the level of impact a project has on the Inner West community. You must provide financial statements and receipts to account for the expenditure of the grant funding.

### Grant Extensions

Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis where circumstances outside the recipient's control may delay project delivery beyond the due date. Approval must be received in writing from the appropriate Council grant officer before extensions can be granted.

### Funding Returns

Any grant funds that aren't spent by the project deadline must be returned to Council. This includes any situation where projects must, for extenuating or justifiable reasons, withdraw their grant project and return grant funding in full. To arrange a funding return, please contact Council's grants team.

### Marketing and Promotion

Applications should describe how Council's support will be acknowledged. If successful, Council will provide instructions to applicants on how to acknowledge this support, including provision and use of Council's logo and approved wording to be used to acknowledge Council support and development investment. Each successful applicant will be responsible for advertising their own events.

### 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.

The budget you include in your grant application must show how you arrived at the total amount requested, including all sources of project income and expenditure.

Quotes must be included for any items over the value of \$500.

Your budget should:

- Include a breakdown of expected income, including any in-kind contributions (donations of goods or services) or other funding sources.
- Include a breakdown of expected expenditure, including specifying which items you intend to purchase with Inner West Council grant funds.
- Balance. Please note, total income must equal total expenditure.
- Please consult with your grant steam officer in advance for advice when completing the Budget section of the Application form

Fees for Community Facilities Hire

Inner West Council may provide eligible not-for-profit community organisations with fee waivers for hire of Council facilities. If your project requires a Council facility, you must first contact council’s Community Venues Team attach your booking confirmation letter in your grant application form. The confirmation letter should include details of booking such as date communication with booking team made, quoted amount, contact name, number of days and hours requested in booking and the proof of communication such as the email.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Council’s Facilities Bookings Team by phone on (02) 9392 5000 for more information.

For a list of Inner West Council Fees and Charges, go to: [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/policies-plans-and-regulations/fees-and-charges](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/policies-plans-and-regulations/fees-and-charges)

To book a community facility online, go to: [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/forms/forms-leichhardt-by-category/other-general-forms-leichhardt-community-facility-booking-application-form-leichhardt](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/forms/forms-leichhardt-by-category/other-general-forms-leichhardt-community-facility-booking-application-form-leichhardt)

Example Budget

Income

Income item	Funding Source	\$ Amount Cash	\$ Amount In-Kind
Grant	Inner West Council grant	\$5,000	
Grant	Other funding body (insert name)	\$2,000	
Administration Volunteer (5 x \$25 per hour)	Volunteer time		\$125
Venue hire	Inner West Council Fee Waver		\$375

Expenditure

Expenditure item	Funding Source	\$ Amount Cash	\$ Amount In-Kind
Workshop Facilitator (1 Facilitator at \$130 per hour x 24 hours)	Inner West Council	\$3,120	
Workshop materials and resources	Inner West Council	\$1,880	
Publicity and promotion	Other funding body (insert name)	\$2,000	\$1,500
Administration Volunteer (5 x \$25 per hour)	Volunteer time		\$125
Venue hire	Inner West Council Fee Waver		\$375

Income \$7,500 = Expenditure \$7,500

Applicants may be asked to provide the following documentation with their online grant applications. Please allow enough time to source and upload your files. Our advice is to allow at least 2 business days to upload to allow for any delays.

Project and Personnel Supporting Documentation

Applies to Individuals, Groups and Organisations

- Quotes for any budget items over the value of \$500.
- Project plan (for annual grants) or multi-year project plan (for multi-year grants).
- Letters of support from local community partners (if applicable).
- Examples of previous projects, including images, multimedia, or pdf document uploads in format requested in the relevant application form (if applicable)
- CVs of key personnel who will be delivering the project (if applicable).
- A progress report will be required for any previous grants received from Inner West Council that is not acquitted (if applicable), please ask the relevant grant officer to provide further information.

Organisation Supporting Documentation

Not-for-profit Organisation’s will be required to provide a copy of the following:

- Constitution or stated aims and objectives.
- Most recent annual report.
- Most recent audited statement or statement of income and expenditure.
- Public liability insurance or a quote for public liability insurance which would cover the proposed project to the value of \$20 million.

Auspice Organisation Supporting Documentation

Not-for-profit Auspice Organisations will be required to provide a copy of the following:

- A letter of agreement from the auspice organisation to support the project.

- Constitution or stated aims and objectives.
- Most recent annual report.
- Most recent audited statement or statement of income and expenditure.
- Public liability insurance or a quote for public liability insurance which would cover the proposed project to the value of \$20 million.

Individual Supporting Documentation

Applies to Community History and Heritage Grants and Arts Grants streams only

- Proof of Australian residency, e.g. Australian Passport or Birth Certificate.
- Proof of identity, including address and age, e.g. Driver’s Licence.
- If you are not a resident of the Inner West, evidence that you study or work in the area.

### Funding Available

Professional Creative Development grants of up to \$5,000, and Arts Project grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 are available in 2022 for projects delivered in 2023.

### Overview

The Arts grants stream funds a range of activities for practicing 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.

### Funding Categories

Funding for Arts grants is available under two grant categories:

#### Professional Creative Development

For practicing emerging and established Individual Artists based in the Inner West.

Funding is available for professional skills development to advance the artistic practice of Individual Artists. Grants may be awarded across a range of disciplines and will be assessed on the quality of the Individual Artist and the professional development program and/or opportunity.

#### Arts Project

For Arts Organisations, Individual Artists or Group of Artists

Arts Project grants are for the production and presentation of new work, creative partnerships and significant multi artform projects that benefit the Inner West community.

### Objectives

- Encourage creative excellence and innovation in the content and delivery of arts projects and programs in the Inner West.
- Contribute to the development and sustainability of arts industries in the Inner West.
- Promote strong arts networks and partnership opportunities.
- Increased community connection through art in the public domain, providing a range of access points for the community to participate in and enjoy arts and culture.
- Promote a vibrant street life, support local business and encourage visitors to the Inner West.

### Stream Specific Eligibility

- Applications are strongly encouraged and accepted from Individual Artists, Groups of Artists or Arts Organisations with a demonstrated creative practice who are residing in or working with communities in the Inner West.
- Applicants are encouraged to consider local Inner West suppliers and collaborations, to support our local economy.

### Assessment Criteria

- Impact and quality of the project that contributes to Council's Community Strategic Plan and Arts grants objectives.
- Excellence and innovation in arts and creative practice, engagement, and delivery of arts projects.
- Enhance community connection to art in the public domain and provide social and creative benefits to the Inner West community.
- 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.
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*Pictured: Cicem, Suara Indonesia Dance, 2020 Arts grant funded project, presented by EDGE and Inner West Fest Marrickville 2022, photo Jodie Barker*

**Funding Available**

Community History grants of \$5,000 each are available.

**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, politics, architecture, parks, recreation, business, economy, cultural activities and places of historical significance to the Inner West.

Projects include research, archiving, conservation and preservation of significant objects, publications and exhibitions about the Inner West's 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 Inner West Council's Community History Collections (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.

**Stream Specific Eligibility**

- Applications are accepted from individual historians, researchers or archivists.

**Assessment Criteria**

- Impact and quality of the project that contributes to Council's Community Strategic Plan and Community History 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.

**Funding Available**

Community Wellbeing grants of \$5,000 each are available.

**Overview**

The Community Wellbeing annual grants stream (annual grants) supports small scale, one-off 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.

**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 social and cultural sustainability.
- Promote equity, community health and wellbeing.
- Encourage community collaborations and partnerships.

**Assessment Criteria**

- Impact and quality of the project that contributes to Council's Community Strategic Plan and Community Wellbeing grant objectives.
- Ability to improve access, inclusion, diversity and participation in community and cultural activities with sustainable outcomes.
- 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.
- Ability to explain the significance and impact of the funding on different genders.
- Ability to evaluate and report on the impact of the project/program.



*Pictured: Rhythms, Colours, Flavours of Peru presented by Lidia Luna (2019)*

**Funding Available**

Community Wellbeing grants of \$20,000 each over two years (\$10,000 per annum) are available.

**Overview**

The Community Wellbeing grants stream (two-year grants) supports projects which 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.

**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 social and cultural sustainability.
- Promote equity, community health and wellbeing.
- Encourage community collaborations and partnerships.

**Assessment Criteria**

- Impact and quality of the project that contributes to Council's Community Strategic Plan and Community Wellbeing grant objectives.
- Ability to improve access, inclusion, diversity and participation in community and cultural activities with sustainable outcomes.
- 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.
- Ability to explain the significance and impact of the funding on different genders.
- Ability to evaluate and report on the impact of the project/program.



*Pictured: Biryani and Babez, in partnership with the Brown Council (2019)*

**Funding Available**

Environment grants of \$10,000 each over two years (\$5,000 per annum) are available.



*Pictured: Dully Dirt Stirrers community composting project, photo by Dulwich Hill Public P&C 2019*

**Overview**

The Environment Grants stream supports 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. See past projects on Environment Grants webpage.

**Objectives**

- 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**

- Impact and quality of the project's contribution to Council's Community Strategic Plan and the Environment Grants objectives.
- Extent of the project's environmental benefit.
- Well-designed project including clear project purpose, goals and activities.
- Capacity to deliver a successful 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**

- 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.

### Funding Available

Recreation grants of \$10,000 each over two years (\$5,000 per annum) are available.

### Overview

The Recreation grants stream provides financial support to community sporting and recreation groups and non-government community recreation organisations that offer recreation programs and services to residents in the Inner West.

### Objectives

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

### Assessment Criteria

- Impact and quality of the project that contributes to Council's Community Strategic Plan, Council's Recreation Needs Study 'A Healthier Inner West 2018' and the Recreation grant objectives.
- Provide recreation benefits to communities in the Inner West.
- Ability to improve access, inclusion, diversity and participation in recreation activities with sustainable outcomes.
- 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.

### Stream Specific Eligibility

- Recipients of the previous round are ineligible.



### Funding Available

Wellbeing and Resilience for Multicultural Communities grants of \$5,000 each are available.

### Overview

The Wellbeing and Resilience for Multicultural Communities grants stream provides funding for projects that contribute to positive wellbeing and resilience outcomes for multicultural communities. Projects that encourage and support new and established migrant communities (including people on asylum seeker, partner, refugee visas and other non-permanent visas) to stay connected and support one another to maintain wellbeing and build resilience in the face of challenges.

Applications can vary but can include one off gatherings, several workshops or gatherings over the year, an event, performance(s), or special projects.

### Objectives

The objectives of the Wellbeing and Resilience for Multicultural Communities grants stream are to:

- Strengthen wellbeing of multicultural communities
- Build resilience of communities
- Encourage community collaborations and partnerships
- Build on community strengths and capabilities
- Encourage community connection between groups who may not usually interact/cross paths

### Eligibility criteria

- Be a resident of or delivering services in the Inner West Council area or offer a project that benefits residents of the Inner West.
- Only submit one application per applicant each year.
- Meet the grant stream eligibility criteria.
- Address the grant stream objectives

### Assessment Criteria

- Ability to demonstrate that the project aims to strengthen multicultural communities' wellbeing and resilience
- Ability to demonstrate that the project seeks to strengthen community collaboration, connection and partnerships

- Applicant's capacity to plan and deliver a well-planned project
- Realistic budget, including all sources of project income and quotes where relevant
- Merit of the application in comparison to the other applications

We understand and embrace intersectionality.

Community resilience means the capacity of communities to respond positively to crises. It is the ability of a community to adapt to pressures and transform itself in a way which makes it more sustainable in the future. Rather than simply 'survive' the stressor or change, a resilient community might respond in creative ways that fundamentally transform the basis of the community.

### Application support

Applicants are encouraged to speak with a Council Grant Officer or with the Multicultural Officer before applying.

One-on-one support is available to provide grant applicants with advice on your project ideas.

### How to apply

Council uses SmartyGrants administration software to manage its grants program. Applications must be submitted via the Inner West Council SmartyGrants webpage. Applications must meet the eligibility requirements and no late applications will be accepted.

### Enquiries

For grant enquiries please contact Aniela Pepe, Multicultural Officer on 9392 5279 or multicultural@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

### Funding Available

Small grants of \$400 each per year are available as needed.



### Overview

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

### Objectives

- Connect people to each other and place.
- Develop community strengths, capabilities and lifelong learning.
- Encourage social and cultural sustainability.
- Promote equity, health and wellbeing.
- Foster an inclusive and diverse community and encourage community-wide participation.
- Encourage community collaborations and partnerships.

### Assessment Criteria

- Impact and quality of the project that contributes to Council's Community Strategic Plan and Community Wellbeing grant objectives.
- Ability to improve access, inclusion, diversity and participation in community and cultural activities with sustainable outcomes.
- 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.

### Funding Available

Resident Association small grants of \$400 each per year are available as needed.

### Overview

Inner West Council's Resident Association small grants stream provides financial assistance to not-for-profit resident associations to come together to work on issues that are important to them and their places.

Funds are intended to help resident associations to offset basic operational costs, including venue hire for meetings as well as printing and promotional costs.

Applicants must be a not-for-profit resident association representing local communities in the Inner West Council area.

### Objectives

- Connect people to each other and place.
- Develop community strengths and capabilities.
- Foster an inclusive and diverse community.
- Encourage participation in community life.
- Encourage collaborations and partnerships.

### Assessment Criteria

- Impact and quality of project that contributes to the Council's Community Strategic Plan and the Resident Association small grants objectives.
- Realistic budget including all sources of project income with inclusion of relevant quotes.
- Geographic area and breadth of membership covered by the resident association.
- Merit of the application in comparison to the other applications.



*Pictured: Sing Welcome, the Solidarity Choir (2019)*

