Community Grants Program 2020/21

Information Session 1
Mon 16 March, 6:30 – 8pm
Dee Why Council Chambers
Objective

To support projects and initiatives that deliver direct benefit to the local people, communities and environment of the Northern Beaches Local Government Area.
Eligibility

• Not-for-profit organisations
• For-profit organisations
• Social enterprises
• Individuals and sole traders who are aged over 18 years
• Unincorporated community groups when sponsored by an eligible not-for-profit or for-profit.
• Non-local artists or practitioners must demonstrate tangible benefits to the people of the Northern Beaches
Eligible applicants must:

• Acquit any previous Council grants or sponsorships and have no outstanding debts owed to Council

• Demonstrate the grant will be used for a purpose in the public interest primarily for the local community.
Funding available

- Up to $240,000 towards Arts and Creativity and Community Development streams
- Up to $50,000 towards Environmental stream
- Up to $10,000 (excl. GST) for one year programs
- Annual project funding or multi-year (funding for up to three years - up to $10k per annum)
- Partial funding may be recommended for a number of reasons
Multi-year Funding

- Up to three years
- **Not available** for the Environmental grants stream
- Detail the additional benefits achieved by the timeframe
- Not for projects that simply achieve the same outcomes each year
- Funding dispensed and reporting / acquittal each year
- Contact Council to discuss a potential multi-year project **prior** to completing the application form
General Exclusions

Council does not provide grants and sponsorships to projects that:

• Duplicate existing services or programs unless there is a demonstrated additional need

• Have already occurred (no retrospective funding).

Funding is not provided for:

• Operational expenses, such as rent, ongoing staff wages, insurance, utilities, day-to-day office supplies not directly related to the project

• Built infrastructure proposals which require a Development Consent

• Fee waivers or free use for in-house design, printing and distribution service, hall or reserve/field hire, street closures, or cleansing and waste service for events. These costs must be included in the application budget.
Useful questions

• Why are you proposing this project?
• What outcome(s) do you want to achieve?
• How does this project address one/multiple key priorities of Council?
• How does this project involve community members and build their capacity?
• How is the activity inclusive of people with diverse demographics?
• Does your organisation have the skills and capacity to deliver this program?
SmartyGrants

• Applications are via online SmartyGrants only

• Simple and intuitive platform with lots of tick boxes

• You can save, get a password, and complete later

• You can upload supporting documents

• You must allow time for document uploads and submit on time!
Kick-start your creative project

Arts & Creativity Grants 2020/21
Arts & Creativity Strategy

**Outcome 1 – Inspiring Places and Spaces**
1. Infuse public places with creativity
2. Make room for creative expression
3. Celebrate cultural heritage

**Outcome 2 – Innovative & Creative Industries**
1. Enable creative sector vitality
2. Collaborate to innovate
3. Grow thriving arts hubs

**Outcome 3 – Engaged Community**
1. Share local stories
2. Listen to and support Aboriginal communities
3. Make creativity inclusive
Funding categories - Arts

• Individual Creative Projects
  Up to $5,000

• Creative Community Projects
  Up to $10,000

• Creative Industry Innovation Projects
  Up to $10,000
Funding Objectives: Arts & Creativity

• **Connect with and celebrate** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and cultures
• **Foster innovation** and contribute to the growth of the local arts and creative sector through collaboration and partnerships
• **Develop skills** of local creative professionals and arts workers across all arts disciplines
• **Increase access** and community participation in arts, culture and creativity
• **Animate public spaces** with creative initiatives in unexpected and unique urban environments
• **Tell local stories** that celebrate the Northern Beaches
Projects may include:

- The production and presentation of new work
- Research and development of new techniques/creative art forms
- Professional skills development
- Temporary creative interventions/projects in public places
- Cultural activity, program or performance
- The incubation of new creative, arts and design-based organisations
Funding Priorities: Community Development

- Social harmony and cultural diversity
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Healthy and active ageing and dementia
- Access and inclusion of people with disability
- Homelessness
- Community safety and crime prevention
- Reducing drug and alcohol impacts
- Youth (12-24 years)
- Intergenerational activities
- Volunteering in the community
Assessment Criteria: Community Development

1. Has a clear rationale with identified community need
2. Addresses at least one of the funding priority areas
3. Addresses at least one of the project outcomes including how this will be measured
4. Demonstrates use of community development principles
5. Demonstrates value for money with the capacity to manage the funds requested and detailed income and expenditure.
Project Outcomes: Community Development

1. Increase community capacity

2. Increase community participation

3. Increase access to opportunity
Objective – Environmental Grants Stream -

- To assist Council and to support the community to deliver the aspirations and commitments in our recently adopted Protect. Create. Live - Northern Beaches Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

- Applicants are encouraged to read the Strategy and align proposed projects to its themes and goals.
Funding Priorities: Environmental Grants Stream

The Environmental grant stream will support projects that clearly demonstrate and support:

• Protection of the natural environment
• Climate change mitigation and adaptation
• A reduction in resource consumption such as water or energy or a reduction in waste generation
• An increase in sustainable behaviours in the community
• Alignment with the commitments and aspirations in Council’s Protect. Create. Live – Northern Beaches Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
Our plan for a healthy and sustainable local environment that is respected, supported and celebrated

20 year vision

Defines our goals, aspirations, commitments and key strategies for how we live well in the built and natural environment

Main driver to address 2 of the 8 pillars in the Community Strategic Plan:
  – Protection of the Environment
  – Environmental Sustainability
Protect.Create.Live – The Northern Beaches Environment & Climate Change Strategy

Protect
We will protect and enhance our natural environment.

Create
The places, parks, structures, district urban landscapes, homes, neighbourhoods and the connections between them will be built sustainably to protect our environment.

Live
We will live sustainability everyday to reduce our waste generation and resource use. We will prepare for the current and future impacts of natural hazards and climate change.

Northern Beaches Council - Operations - Community Engagement & Collaboration
To work towards being a zero emissions and water wise organisation through innovation and efficient resource use. We will drive change within our community.
Assessment criteria: Environmental

**Essential**
- Demonstrate a clear rationale for the initiative with key deliverables stated
- Addressing at least one of the funding priority areas
- Demonstrates a positive environmental impact in the short and long term including how this will be measured
- Capacity of the individual or organisation and its management to deliver a well-planned project
- Longevity of the initiative – how long will your initiative continue after the funding has been expended?
- Other benefits derived including social, progress/ leadership, educational and economic
- Relevant qualifications and/or a demonstrated history of professional practice for all key personnel involved
- A realistic budget with all income and expenditure identified, and capacity to manage funds.

**Highly regarded**
- Original, innovative ideas and approaches
- Evidence of partnerships with other organisations
- Applications that address more than one program outcome and/or priority
Assessment Panels;

- **Arts and Creativity grant applications** will be assessed by a panel including community representatives and Council Arts staff with relevant expertise.

- **Community Development grant applications** will be assessed by a panel consisting of Council officers and members selected from the Council’s ‘Community and Belonging’ Strategic Reference Group and/or the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ).

- **Environmental grants applications** will be assessed by a panel consisting of Council officers and community members selected from the Council’s Environment Strategic Reference Group.
Timeline

Grants open - 11am Mon 16 March 2020
Grants close - 3pm Thu 30 April 2020
Assessment - May 2020
Council Meeting - 28 July 2020
Funding Agreements - August 2020
Aug – June 2021 – Project Delivery
July/Aug 2021 - Project Reporting & Acquittal
Information Sessions & Grant Writing Workshops

Cancelled due to Corona Virus – see Council website for options around phoning in to discuss your project.
Important -

• Grants close - 3pm on Thursday 30 April. No late entries!
• Must be spent in **2020/2021 Financial Year** (unless 3yr)
• Speak to a Council Officer about your idea (However, this in no way guarantees approval of your application)
• Don’t be disheartened if you don’t get a grant - these are competitive grants, and unfortunately not all projects can be funded.
• There is always next year and Grants Hub which lists many other grant opportunities (on Council website)
Application Support

Community Development Grant
Ph - 9976 1566
E - communitygrants@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Arts and Creativity Grant
Ph - 9942 2560 / 0466580949
E - creative@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Environmental Grant
Ph - 9942 2542
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Thank you!

Questions??