

Background

Northern Beaches Council has secured \$30,000 funding from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Flying-fox Grants Program 2020 and is supplementing this with \$20,000 Council funding to provide assistance to owners and residents of eligible properties located within 50 metres of the Avalon and Balgowlah flying-fox camps.

The Northern Beaches Flying-fox Residents Assistance Program will provide funding of up to \$2,000 (GST inc.) for items and services to assist owners and residents in managing impacts associated with flying-fox roosting behaviour.

Program framework

Applicants may apply for a maximum of \$2,000 for Tier 1 properties and \$500 for Tier 2 properties (see below). Approved funding amounts will be released to successful applicants once evidence of purchase (i.e. payment receipt) is provided to Council. Where funding has been provided for building upgrades or services, evidence of installation or successful completion (such as photos and receipts) should also be provided.

Funding may be provided retrospectively for eligible purchases or services undertaken from 11 June 2020 if the application is accompanied by a receipt and evidence of installation or completion.

Eligible properties

Funding is available to current owners and occupiers of houses and residential apartments located within 50m of trees in Cannes Reserve or Burnt Bridge Creek Reserve that have been continuously or seasonally occupied by flying-foxes since 2016.

Available funding amounts have been categorised based on proximity to flying-foxes, with priority given to properties located closer to the camps.

Tier	Eligibility criteria	Maximum funding amount per dwelling
1	Where the dwelling is within 20m of a tree or trees that have been continuously or seasonally occupied by flying-foxes since 2016.	\$2,000
2	Where the dwelling is within 50m of a tree or trees that have been continuously or seasonally occupied by flying-foxes since 2016.	\$500

All applications must provide evidence of owner consent.

Eligible items

Funding is available for items or services which will help manage impacts associated with flying-fox roosting behaviour. To be eligible, requested items or services must be purchased or completed within the timeframe from 11 June 2020 to submission of the Final Acquittal Report. Funding is provided on a one-off basis and is not available for ongoing maintenance of services or installed items.

Evidence of approval must be provided for any works which require development consent, a tree permit, or any other statutory permissions. This should accompany the grant application and/or Final Acquittal Report. Please note that funding will not be released for works undertaken without appropriate approvals in place.

Eligible items/services are listed below. Council will also consider requests for other items or services if the applicant can demonstrate how it would contribute to managing flying-fox impacts.

- Clothes line covers
- Vehicle covers
- Car washing costs
- External house cleaning products and items
- Cost of external cleaning services
- Screen plantings
- Privacy screens
- Door and window seals
- Window double-glazing or other upgrades
- Wildlife safe tree netting
- Tree trimming or removal (evidence of tree use by flying-foxes required)
- Pressure washer hire or purchase
- Clothes dryers
- Pool or spa covers
- Air conditioners and evaporative coolers
- Air purifiers designed to remove Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
- Dehumidifiers
- Fragrance dispensers or deodorisers
- External door upgrades
- Curtain/blind purchase and installation



Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Proximity to camp and level of impact
- Level of benefit provided to residents and/or owners
- Project planning and ability for the project to be completed within the funding term
- Value for money including the proportion of applicant contribution to overall costs.

Please note: Should the program be oversubscribed, priority will be given to properties located within closer proximity to camps. Council may also award partial funding in some cases to enable a greater number of applications to be supported.

Receiving the funding

A Funding Agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the grant will be provided upon success of your application. The Funding Agreement must be signed by the successful applicant and property owner, and submitted to Council before any funding is released.

Grant recipients must also provide a Final Acquittal Report no later than two weeks after the agreed completion date of the project as stated in the Funding Agreement, unless otherwise agreed.

The information required in the Final Acquittal Report will be specified in the Funding Agreement and includes an income and expenditure table showing breakdown of the grant funding provided by Council. All receipts and other evidence of expenditure should be retained.

Payment will be released to successful applicants upon receipt of the following:

- Completed Final Acquittal Report including applicant banking details for payment of funds
- Evidence that the item has been purchased (i.e. receipts) and work has been carried out (e.g. before and after photos)
- Evidence of any required approvals or permits (e.g. development consent or tree permit).

Key Dates

- Applications open: Monday 28 June 2021
- Applications close: 4pm Monday 2 August 2021
- Payments provided to successful applicants upon receipt of completed Final Acquittal Report. Note: Final Acquittal Forms can be provided to Council any time prior to 25 October 2021, but must include supporting evidence of purchase or completion.
- All Final Acquittal Reports (with supporting evidence) due to Council: Monday 25 October 2021

Further Information

Please contact Kristie King, Biodiversity Officer, on 1300 434 434 or at biodiversity@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au if you wish to discuss the program or your application.