

Community Impact Grants 23/24 - Round One Recommendations

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City Community Services and Culture Committee

Strategic Alignment - Thriving Communities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the November meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee, Council will review its funding programs through a workshop, shaping the objectives and outcomes of these programs in line with its Draft Strategic Plan 2024-2028. This strategic direction will provide Administration with the parameters to align the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program with Council's objectives, prior to the next major funding round opening.

On 22 August 2023, Council resolved to adopt changes to the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Operating Guidelines and noted that four categories of City of Adelaide grants would open by end of August as approved through the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget. Council's commitment to consideration of Round One of the Community Impact Grants recommendations in November 2023, enabled eligible community applicants to seek support through the grant program to deliver their programs early in 2024.

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for seven recommendations for funding in excess of \$10,000 in Round One of City of Adelaide's 2023/24 Community Impact Grants, as detailed in **Attachment A**.

The total amount of grant funding recommended for approval is \$209,492, including \$139,492 in financial year 2023/24 and \$70,000 in financial year 2024/25 for three multi-year grant applicants.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 14 November 2023 for consideration

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL

- Approves the following seven applications to Round One of the Community Impact Grants program in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 Community Impact Grants budget as follows:

Organisation Name	Project Name	23/24 funding	24/25 funding
1.1. Chinatown Adelaide	Lunar New Year Street Party	\$25,000	\$25,000
1.2. YMCA	City Skate Park annual community skate lessons and tournament	\$25,000	\$25,000
1.3. The Art Bus	Building Community through Art	\$25,000	NIL
1.4. Adelaide Tamil Association	Adelaide Pongal Harvest Festival	\$20,000	\$20,000
1.5. Royal Life Saving South Australia	Adelaide's Community Lifesavers	\$16,492	NIL

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| 1.6. | Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation | Mediterranean Garden with Kaurna consultation | \$15,000 | NIL |
| 1.7. | One Culture Football Ltd | Community Women's World Cup | \$13,000 | NIL |
2. Notes the 2023/24 Community Impact Grants Round One Funding Recommendations as per Attachment A to Item 7.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 7 November 2023.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	<p>Strategic Alignment – Thriving Communities</p> <p>This report supports Council’s vision of Adelaide as the most liveable City in the world. The Community Impact Grants support the delivery of the Thriving Communities outcomes in the City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan.</p>
Policy	The recommendations in this report align with the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Guidelines [Link 1 view here]. The Guidelines were updated following Council decision on 22 August 2023.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report.
Resource	Not as a result of this report.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Grant recipients are required to provide public liability insurance, sign a grant agreement that identifies the key deliverables of the project and satisfactorily acquit their grant on project completion, inclusive of required approvals.
Opportunities	The Community Impact Grants extend the community value achieved by Council by enabling community organisations to deliver City of Adelaide’s strategic priorities according to individual and community needs and opportunities.
23/24 Budget Allocation	Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships budget allocation is \$688,000 in total with \$167,017 allocated to Round One of Community Impact Grants.
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Allocation of \$70,000 from 2024/25 Community Impact Grants budget.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Grant recipients are funded on an annual basis and must acquit within two years. If multi-year funding is approved, then the projects must run in consecutive years.
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report.
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report. Physical assets created as a result of this funding are maintained by the applicant who is responsible for the lifecycle costs of the asset.
Other Funding Sources	Other grant funding contributors, co-contributions and in-kind support from applicants will usually be included in applications for grants.

DISCUSSION

1. The purpose of the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program (CIGSPP) is to provide financial support to eligible clubs, groups, educational institutions, organisations, and residents to deliver on the following Strategic Plan 2020-2024 outcomes:
 - 1.1. increase community use of and access to the Adelaide Park Lands
 - 1.2. safe and welcoming community spaces
 - 1.3. healthy and resilient communities
 - 1.4. support initiatives to achieve functional zero homelessness
 - 1.5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures strongly represented in city life
 - 1.6. beautiful, surprising places
 - 1.7. celebration of diverse community and collaborations.
2. At its meeting on 23 May 2023, Council requested a review of the CIGSPP Guidelines, in particular addressing the Assessment Criteria and reporting and communication processes.
3. On 22 August 2023, Council approved the current Guidelines for the CIGSPP and delivery of Round One of the Community Impact Grants.
4. Administration committed to delivering recommendations for Round One of City of Adelaide's 2023/24 Community Impact Grants, in November 2023 to enable eligible community applicants to seek support through the Community Impact Grants program to deliver programs early in 2024.
5. The CIGSPP has a budget through the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget of \$688,000, across five funding categories:

Funding Category	Allocations	23/24 Approved Budget	23/24 Budget Expended	Recommendations in this report	
				2023/24	2024/25
Quick Response Grants	up to \$2,000	\$60,000	\$27,910	NIL	NIL
Community Impact Grants					
- Community Events	between \$2,000-\$25,000	\$292,750	\$27,525	\$139,492	\$70,000
- Program of activities					
Youth Led Grants	up to \$5,000	\$20,000	-	NIL	NIL
Community Infrastructure Grants	up to \$100,000	\$94,000	-	NIL	NIL
Strategic Partnerships	up to \$50,000 per year for three years	\$221,250	\$221,250	NIL (budget expended)	NIL (budget expended)
Total 2023/24 CIGSPP Budget		\$688,000	\$276,685	\$139,492	\$70,000

6. \$276,685 of the 2023/24 CIGSPP budget has been expended. This includes an allocation of \$221,250 towards multi-year Strategic Partnerships. This funding category is expended and will not be opened for applications in the 2023/24 financial year.
7. If Council approves the recommendations in this report, the 2023/24 CIGSPP expended budget will total \$416,177 and there will be \$271,823 remaining in the CIGSPP budget for the 2023/24 financial year.
8. The report recommendations include allocations totalling \$70,000 in financial year 2024/25 for multi-year agreements, as outlined in paragraph 13.

Recommendations for Funding of Over \$10,000 in Round One of 2023/24 Community Impact Grants

9. Round One of the 2023/24 Community Impact Grants was open from 28 August to 25 September 2023.
10. 21 applications were received in this round with requests totalling \$344,145. All applications were received through the online grants management platform, SmartyGrants.

11. Seven applications are recommended for funding in this report (as listed in Attachment A) and summarised in the following table:

Summary of funding recommendations

Organisation Name	Project Description	Project Beneficiaries	Amount Recommended in 23/24	Amount Recommended in 24/25
Chinatown Adelaide	Lunar New Year Street Party 2024 and 2025	- Culturally and linguistically diverse peoples - Chinatown traders	\$25,000	\$25,000
YMCA Community Programming	City Skate Park annual community skate lessons and tournament	- Young people - Users of the City Skate Park	\$25,000	\$25,000
The Art Bus	Building Community through Art classes	- International students - Older people (55+)	\$25,000	N/A
Adelaide Tamil Association	Adelaide Pongal – Harvest Festival 2024 and 2025	- Culturally and linguistically diverse peoples - Families	\$20,000	\$20,000
Royal Life Saving South Australia	Adelaide’s Community Lifesavers – upskilling community for water emergencies	- Culturally and linguistically diverse peoples - Families	\$16,492	N/A
Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation	Mediterranean Garden redevelopment with Karna consultation	- Karna Community - School children	\$15,000	N/A
One Culture Football	Community Women's World Cup	- Culturally and linguistically diverse peoples - Women in sport	\$13,000	N/A
		Total:	\$139,492	\$70,000

12. Applications were for a maximum of \$25,000 per application, per year, for up to two years.
13. Three of the seven applications recommended for Council approval are for multi-year funding. The Council approved Operating Guidelines for the CIGSPP provide for applications for multi-year funding for a Program or Community Event, capped at two years.
- 13.1. To apply for multi-year funding an eligible project must be scheduled to be held across both 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 financial years.
- 13.2. As part of the assessment for multi-year funding, the history and viability of the Program or Community Event is considered.
- 13.3. Applicants who are successful in obtaining approval for multi-year funding are required to complete an acquittal report for the first year of funding received through Community Impact Grants for their Program or Community Event. This acquittal must be received and approved by the City of Adelaide before the applicant can receive the second year of the multi-year funding agreement.

Panel Assessment of Applications in Round One 2023/24 Community Impact Grants

14. Applications in Round One of 2023/24 Community Impact Grants were assessed against the CIGSPP Guidelines eligibility and assessment criteria, last approved by Council at its meeting on the 22 August 2023.

Assessment Criteria	Consideration	Weighting
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Community Benefit	The application identifies a clear benefit for the community, encouraging residents to access, engage and actively participate in their local community.	40%
	The application demonstrates evidence and /or clear reason for why the project was developed	
	A clear plan for identifying the target group is outlined	
Strategic Alignment	The application identifies a clear outcome/s, which is aligned to the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan (2020 – 2024)	25%
	The application achieves at least one of the five Community Impact Program Priorities	
	The application demonstrates consideration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental sustainability (see Environmental Leadership outcomes in the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2020-2024) Inclusiveness of all members of our community and accessibility for all Low or no cost for disadvantaged groups 	
Impact	The application outlines measures that will be used to evaluate the impact the project has on the community	25%
	The application outlines a strategy for supporting participants to continue their participation beyond the project/program	
Financial Risk	The application outlines a plan for delivery – including consideration of risk, integration with other partners and innovation	10%
	The proposal represents good value for money for City of Adelaide	
Total		100%

15. Applications were assessed by a Panel consisting of the following City of Adelaide staff:
 - 15.1. Manager, City Lifestyle
 - 15.2. Team Leaders from Community Wellbeing and Social Planning and Reconciliation
 - 15.3. Project Officers from Community Wellbeing, and
 - 15.4. Grants Officer from the City of Onkaparinga as an external representative.
16. The Panel assessed the applications in the subcategories of Community Events and Community Programs competitively against each other.
17. The Panel unanimously agreed on the recommendations made in this report.

Applications Not Recommended by the Panel

18. Five applications over \$10,000 were unsuccessful and not recommended for funding. A summary of these applications with panel comments is provided here [Link 3 view [here](#)]. The applicants and project titles are:
 - 18.1. Mercury CX, ‘Summer Cinema’
 - 18.2. YouX at the University of Adelaide, ‘Mojo Mondays’
 - 18.3. Australian Young Christian Workers Movement, ‘In Harmony - Building a resilient community’
 - 18.4. Australian Indonesian Association of South Australia, ‘Indonesian Cultural Night’
 - 18.5. The Gold Foundation, ‘Work Ready Project’.
19. One application for funding over \$10,000 was deemed ineligible as it did not meet necessary criteria of the Community Impact Grants:
 - 19.1. Better than Yesterday Initiative, James Alexander – ineligible due to being from a Sole Trader that council has not engaged with before.

Round One Community Impact Grants between \$2,000 and \$10,000

20. The Council approved Operating Guidelines for the CIGSPP provide for delegation to the Chief Executive Officer for determination and approval of Community Impact Grants valued between \$2,000 and \$10,000.

Delegation	Outcome	Number of Applications
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Applications Over \$10,000 – recommended in this report	Successful	7
Applications Over \$10,000 – not recommended in this report	Unsuccessful	5
Applications Under \$10,000 – approved via CEO	Successful	4
Applications Under \$10,000 – approved via CEO	Unsuccessful	4
Ineligible – approved via CEO	Unsuccessful	1

21. A summary of the 2023/24 Community Impact Grants applications \$10,000 and under is provided at Link 2 view [here](#).

Next Steps

22. If the recommendations in this report are approved, \$271,823 of the 2023/24 CIGSPP budget will be remaining to be expended in the 2023/24 financial year.
- 22.1. These funds will be expended through delivery of the following funding categories: Community Impact Quick Response Grants, Youth Led Grants, Community Infrastructure Grants and Round Two of Community Impact Grants.
- 22.2. Strategic Partnerships will not be opened for applications in 2023/24 financial year as the budget has been exhausted on multi-year partnerships.
23. The CIGSPP will be reviewed and brought to Council for consideration in February 2024, for alignment with the Strategic Plan 2024-2028.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - CoA Community Impact Grants - QR and Programs and Community Events - Guidelines 23/24

Link 2 - A summary of the 2023/2024 Community Impact Grants applications \$10,000 and under

Link 3 - 2023/2024 Community Impact Grants applications over \$10,000 – not recommended

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Community Impact Grants 23/24 - Round One Recommendations

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