

Arts & Cultural Grant Guidelines



Please read the General Information for Applicants before completing this application form. Preferences for funding will be given to projects that address a high priority area as identified in the follow funding areas. Applications will be assessed according to guidelines and criteria outlined below.

Priority funding areas

- Consider the needs of older residents and families with young children when developing cultural programs and services.
- Develop and foster cultural programs that promote the benefits of interculturalism, encourage access, inclusion and understanding and celebrate difference.
- Promote projects that foster the celebration and appreciation of Australia's Indigenous heritage.
- Promote and foster the ongoing development of arts and cultural pursuits in Ku-ring-gai.
- Focus on cultural tourism.

Economic and social development

- Provide a platform for creative expression in Ku-ring-gai and harness the artistic skills and talents of the local community.
- Foster the economic development of the creative sector through provision of public art and creation of cultural precincts.
- Develop a framework to strengthen the connection between local heritage, cultural sites and other local attractions.

Grants are available in this category for up to \$5,000.

Due to the number of applications received grants of this amount are not guaranteed and part funding may be distributed as an option.

Please note: Local businesses are eligible to apply only under the "Economic and Social Development" priority funding areas in each category.

General guidelines

Preference will be given to applicants who submit innovative arts/cultural development projects that meet Cultural Plan targets. Requests for contributions to ongoing operational costs will not be considered.

Priority is given to applicants with a reasonable level of volunteer involvement.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have actively sought funds from other sources (i.e. fundraising, government grants, sponsorship and foundation grants) and that they will be contributing towards the overall cost of the project.

Financial assistance will be used only for purposes as detailed in the original application.

If equipment is required as part of the funding proposal, estimated prices of individual items of equipment should be included in the application, with a quote attached where possible.

Applicants successful in obtaining financial assistance will publicly acknowledge Council's contribution on their promotional material where appropriate.

An acquittal form must be submitted, including a breakdown of how the grant was spent with receipts where possible.

Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed according to the following assessment criteria:

1. Relevance to Ku-ring-gai priority funding areas

- The project has clearly identified community outcomes
- The project/proposed service addresses an issue outlined in the priority funding areas

(Note: this relates to the actual project for which funding is being sought, not for the organisation as a whole)

2. Promotes and incorporates sustainability principles and social capital

- Actively involves the community in the delivery of the project
- Develops the skills of the community and stakeholders
- Will have long term benefits to the community

3. Artistic merit, creativity and innovation

4. Compliance with the General Guidelines

- The applicant and project are eligible for funding under the guidelines
- All financial and supporting information has been provided

5. Project management

- The project has been properly researched and is feasible/viable
- The applicant has demonstrated a capacity to meet identified time frames