

Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 16 September 2025

Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation

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Council**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City Finance and Governance Committee considered the following Items at its meeting held on 16 September 2025 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendations for Council determination:

- Item 7.1 – City Community Grants 2025/26
- Item 7.2 – Privacy Policy Review

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Recommendation 1** – Item 7.1 - City Community Grants 2025/26

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the City Community Grants Program for 2025/26, which includes two focus areas – Arts and Culture and Community Impact.
2. Notes the City Community Grants Program Operating Guideline contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of Finance and Governance Committee held on Tuesday 16 September 2025.
3. Notes that the City Community Grants will open to the community in October 2025 with targeted promotions delivered to the cultural and community development sectors.
4. Notes that due to funding availability, multi-year Strategic Partnerships are not considered at this stage but will be reviewed on an annual basis through the Business Plan and Budget process.
5. Notes the Community Grants Program Annual Report 2024/25 contained in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of Finance and Governance Committee held on Tuesday 16 September 2025.

2. **Recommendation 2** – Item 7.2 - Privacy Policy Review

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopts the Privacy Policy as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 September 2025.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to make minor, typographical, syntactical and technical updates to the Privacy Policy as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 September 2025 to finalise the document.

DISCUSSION

1. The City Finance and Governance Committee met at a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday 16 September 2025. The Agenda with public reports for the meeting can be viewed [here](#).
2. Where the resolution of the Committee differs from the recommendation published in the Committee agenda, the Committee's recommendation to the Council is listed first, with the original recommendation provided in grey and italics.
3. The following matters were the subject of deliberation:

3.1. Item 7.1 – City Community Grants 2025/26

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the City Community Grants Program for 2025/26, which includes two focus areas – Arts and Culture and Community Impact.
2. Notes the City Community Grants Program Operating Guideline contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of Finance and Governance Committee held on Tuesday 16 September 2025.
3. Notes that the City Community Grants will open to the community in October 2025 with targeted promotions delivered to the cultural and community development sectors.
4. Notes that due to funding availability, multi-year Strategic Partnerships are not considered at this stage but will be reviewed on an annual basis through the Business Plan and Budget process.
5. Notes the Community Grants Program Annual Report 2024/25 contained in Attachment B to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of Finance and Governance Committee held on Tuesday 16 September 2025.

For ease, Attachments A & B relating to Recommendation 1, Item 7.1, have been included at the end of this recommendation report.

3.2. Item 7.2 – Privacy Policy Review

THAT THE CITY FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Adopts the Privacy Policy as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 September 2025.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to make minor, typographical, syntactical and technical updates to the Privacy Policy as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 16 September 2025 to finalise the document.

For ease, Attachment A relating to Recommendation 2, Item 7.2, has been included at the end of this recommendation report.

4. The Committee received two workshops on AI Policy and 2025/26 Long Term Financial Plan Workshop 2 - Capital Program.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – City Finance and Governance Committee Agenda

ATTACHMENTS

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