



2026–2027

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Quick Information Guide

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Applications

Open 9 Feb 2026 | Closes 11 Mar 2026

Apply online via SmartyGrants (no late or hard copy applications).

Purpose

Supports local not-for-profit organisations delivering programs and events that build a creative, caring, healthy community and celebrate culture and diversity.

Who Can Apply

- Incorporated not-for-profit or charitable organisations (or auspiced by one).
- Must serve Sutherland Shire residents.
- ABN, bank account, proof of not-for-profit status required.

Funding Tiers

- Tier 1: Up to \$20,000 – Programs improving health, wellbeing, and community connections.
 - Tier 2: Up to \$10,000 – Events/projects promoting creativity and cultural diversity.
 - Tier 3: Venue hire subsidy for Council operated community venues.
- (Max two applications per organisation across all tiers).

2026 Key Dates

April–May: Assessment

June: Application outcomes

July: Funding released

Sept: Recognition event

Eligibility

The program or event needs to benefit Sutherland Shire residents. Excludes core business costs, retrospective funding, political/for-profit groups, major building works, and national charities.

Assessment Criteria

- Alignment with program outcomes
- Community need/participation
- Organisational capacity
- Access & inclusion
- Budget accuracy

Important

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) use in applications must be declared.
- Successful applicants sign a Funding Agreement and submit an Acquittal Report.
- Failure to acquit from 2025/2026 = ineligibility for future funding.

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More info: <https://www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/living-here/community-support/grants/community-grants-and-subsidies-program>