

## Community Grant Program Guidelines

The WestConnex Community Grant Program has been established to effectively support and deliver positive and lasting outcomes for communities located within close proximity to WestConnex.

The program provides grants for community initiatives delivering a sustainable legacy with lasting benefits to the local economy, community or natural environment.

Our Community Grant Program is aligned to the WestConnex Sustainability Strategy and supports initiatives focused on delivering outcomes in:

- Health and safety
- Environment, sustainability and cultural heritage
- Education and economic development.

### Funding

Grant funding of up to \$10,000 is available.

Applicants must demonstrate in their application their ability to raise the remaining required funds should their initiative cost more than \$10,000 to deliver or if partial grant funding is, only provided through our program.

There are limited funds available, so not all applications that meet the criteria will receive funding. Preference will be given to first time applicants.

Eligible organisations and groups can only receive grant funding from the program once per financial year. An application can seek funding for one initiative only. Unsuccessful applicants are welcome to reapply in future rounds if the organisation and initiative satisfies the eligibility requirements.

Grant funds must be expended within six months of the grant being awarded unless otherwise agreed with WestConnex.

### Key dates

Please refer to our website for funding rounds [westconnex.com.au/community/](https://westconnex.com.au/community/)

### Previously successful grants

Visit [westconnex.com.au/community/](https://westconnex.com.au/community/) for case studies on some of the worthwhile community initiatives we have supported through the Community Grant Program.

We encourage you to contact us to discuss your initiative ideas before starting the application process.



The Children's Hospital at Westmead received a grant to invest in iSimulate equipment, which is vital for education and training in the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit. Through this real life simulation, both medical and nursing staff can learn how to respond in situations and improve practice.

## Application process

Applications for a grant must be made by completing the online application form.

This will be made available via our website once a grant round opens.

Applicants will receive an email confirming receipt of their application once it has been submitted.

Applications must be submitted by 3pm AEST on the closing date. Submissions made after the closing time and date will not be accepted.

## Assessment and notification process

Applications will be assessed through a two-step process:

### 1. Screening

Initial screening of applications will be undertaken to check the organisation and initiative meet the eligibility criteria.

### 2. Assessment

Applications will be assessed against the assessment criteria.

Any application that does not meet the requirements of step one will not proceed to step two.

Applicants may be required to meet with WestConnex representatives to discuss their application during the assessment process.

Applicants will be notified via email of the outcome of their application within 12 weeks of the round closing date.

## Eligibility

The Community Grant Program is for grassroots organisations only. To be eligible for funding:

- The applicant must be a:
  - ✓ Community trust
  - ✓ Incorporated community association
  - ✓ Not-for-profit
  - ✓ Social enterprise
  - ✓ Charity
  - ✓ Public Benevolent Institution
  - ✓ School.
- The initiative must directly benefit communities located within close proximity to WestConnex. Refer to the adjacent list for eligible suburbs. Your initiative must benefit communities in one more of these suburbs.

## Eligible suburbs

- ✓ Abbotsford
- ✓ Alexandria
- ✓ Annandale
- ✓ Arncliffe
- ✓ Ashbury
- ✓ Ashfield
- ✓ Auburn
- ✓ Balmain
- ✓ Bardwell Park
- ✓ Bardwell Valley
- ✓ Beverly Hills
- ✓ Bexley
- ✓ Bexley North
- ✓ Birchgrove
- ✓ Breakfast Point
- ✓ Burwood
- ✓ Burwood Heights
- ✓ Cabarita
- ✓ Camperdown
- ✓ Campsie
- ✓ Canada Bay
- ✓ Canterbury
- ✓ Chiswick
- ✓ Clemton Park
- ✓ Clyde
- ✓ Concord West
- ✓ Concord
- ✓ Croydon
- ✓ Croydon Park
- ✓ Drummoyne
- ✓ Dulwich Hill
- ✓ Enmore
- ✓ Earlwood
- ✓ Enfield
- ✓ Erskineville
- ✓ Eveleigh
- ✓ Five Dock
- ✓ Flemington
- ✓ Forest Lodge
- ✓ Granville
- ✓ Glebe
- ✓ Haberfield
- ✓ Harris Park
- ✓ Holroyd
- ✓ Homebush
- ✓ Homebush West
- ✓ Hurstville
- ✓ Kyeemagh
- ✓ Lakemba
- ✓ Leichhardt
- ✓ Liberty Grove
- ✓ Lidcombe
- ✓ Lilyfield
- ✓ Marrickville
- ✓ Mascot
- ✓ Merrylands
- ✓ Mortlake
- ✓ Narwee
- ✓ Newington
- ✓ Newtown
- ✓ North Strathfield
- ✓ Parramatta
- ✓ Petersham
- ✓ Rhodes
- ✓ Rockdale
- ✓ Rodd Point
- ✓ Rosehill
- ✓ Roselands
- ✓ Russell Lea
- ✓ Rozelle
- ✓ Silverwater
- ✓ Stanmore
- ✓ St Peters
- ✓ Strathfield
- ✓ Summer Hill
- ✓ Sydenham
- ✓ Sydney Olympic Park
- ✓ Tempe
- ✓ Turrella
- ✓ Wareemba
- ✓ Wentworth Point
- ✓ Wolli Creek

## Not eligible for funding

- ✗ Individuals
- ✗ For-profit organisations, including businesses
- ✗ Government departments (excluding schools)
- ✗ Social group and clubs
- ✗ Licenced clubs with gaming facilities
- ✗ Political or socially-divisive groups, initiatives or events
- ✗ Religious organisations
- ✗ Events, including fundraisers, performances, conferences, symposia and sports competitions
- ✗ Initiatives that may involve a conflict of interest or probity issue for procurement
- ✗ Chairs, endowments or scholarships sponsored by academic or non-profit institutions
- ✗ Administration and operating costs
- ✗ Initiatives that have already occurred or are taking place
- ✗ Initiatives not directly benefiting communities located within close proximity to WestConnex.

## Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

### 1. Contribution to our sustainability focus areas

Ability of the initiative to deliver positive community outcomes in at least one of the following focus areas:

- **Health and safety:**  
Initiatives delivering health, wellbeing and safety outcomes
- **Education and economic development:**  
Initiatives delivering education, skills building, local procurement, economic development and employment access outcomes
- **Environment, sustainability and cultural heritage:**  
Initiatives delivering place making, environmental, conservation, sustainability, arts and cultural heritage outcomes.

### 2. Connecting communities

Ability of the initiative to connect people with their community and encourage community participation and new volunteers.

### 3. Legacy

Ability of the initiative to deliver a sustainable legacy with lasting benefits to the local economy, community or natural environment.

## 4. Helping people within close proximity to our work

Ability of the initiative to deliver lasting benefits to communities located within close proximity to WestConnex.

Additional consideration will be given to initiatives that support disadvantaged or underprivileged people within the eligible communities, as well as the proximity of the community benefiting from the initiative to the WestConnex project.

Consideration will also be given as part of the assessment as to whether an applicant has previously received funding through the Community Grant Program.

## Terms and conditions

Applications and subsequent funding through the Community Grant Program is subject to Terms and Conditions, which are available on our website [westconnex.com.au/community/](https://westconnex.com.au/community/)

Please carefully read the Terms and Conditions before applying. In applying, applicants are deemed to have accepted the Terms and Conditions.

## Application support

Applicants must submit a well considered and developed application that addresses all criteria, answers all questions and provides the documentary evidence and support required.

We are committed to supporting applicants through the application process. Please contact us if you require assistance or guidance.

We may initiate discussions with groups or organisations regarding initiatives potentially eligible for grant funding. These initiatives will still be put through the assessment process to ensure transparency in funding decisions.

## For more information

### Phone

1800 660 248 (toll-free)

### Email

[communityconnections@westconnex.com.au](mailto:communityconnections@westconnex.com.au)

### Local information centres

#### Visit us at:

- **New M5: 27 Burrows Road, St Peters**
- **M4-M5 Link Tunnels: 201-205 Parramatta Road, Haberfield**

## Swim, Survive and Socialise



WestConnex is proudly supported 'Swim, Survive and Socialise', which gives the children of East African migrants and refugees living in western Sydney the opportunity to participate in a free, safe and fun program, learning crucial skills to help keep them safe in the water.

Run through the Horn of Africa Relief and Development Agency (HARDA), the grant funding has enabled the expansion of their swim program, which is also indirectly benefiting around 500 children, parents and carers from Homebush West and Auburn and other parts of Western Sydney.

**“ Now these children are living Australia, where we're surrounded by water, if they don't know how to swim they can get into trouble. Through this program, children become better swimmers, gaining vital life skills which allow them to integrate with others in the community, and participate in water activities without fear.”**

Fiona Carr, HARDA volunteer

## Skills for Life at Lilyfield Community Services Hub



Sunnyfield is a member based, registered not-for-profit charity with over 65 years of experience delivering services to support people with intellectual disability in NSW and ACT.

WestConnex provided a grant to Sunnyfield to fund a range of additional kitchen and garden resources for their 'Garden to Plate' program, and an interactive SMART Board, opening up the channels for communication and supporting clients to acquire foundational life skills.

**“ The SMART Board has been a huge hit with the clients, supporting them to communicate their personal choices via images, drawing and maintaining cognitive skills by playing memory games.”**

Michael Gapps, Support Worker

**If you need an interpreter to learn more about the Community Grant Program, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450.**

### ARABIC

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### CHINESE

如果您需要通过传译员了解更多关于“社区补助计划”的信息, 请拨打“笔译及传译服务”电话 131 450

### GREEK

Αν χρειάζεστε διερμηνεία για να μάθετε περισσότερα σχετικά με το Πρόγραμμα Κοινωνικών Επιχορηγήσεων (Community Grant Program), καλέστε την Υπηρεσία Μετάφρασης και Διερμηνείας στον αριθμό 131 450.

### HINDI

यदि आपको कम्यूनटी ग्राँट स्कीम के बारे में और अधिक जानने के लिए दुभाषाए की आवश्यकता है तो अनुवाद व दुभाषाया सेवा को 131 450 पर फोन करें।

### ITALIAN

Se avete bisogno di un interprete per saperne di più sullo schema di sussidi comunitari Detto Community Grant Program, telefonate al servizio telefonico interpreti, Translating and Interpreting Service, al numero 131 450.

### KOREAN

커뮤니티 보조금제도에 대한 자세한 내용문의로 통역사가 필요하시면, 통/번역 서비스 131 450으로 연락주시시오.

### VIETNAMESE

Nếu cần thông dị chi việu để tìm hiểu thêm về Chương Trình Tài Trợ Cộng Đồng, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại cho Ban Phiên Dịch và Thông Dịch (TIS) ở số 131 450.