



Community Funding Program – Magnetic Places Grant

Overview

The Magnetic Places Grant funds creative arts projects that magnify resident stories, provide opportunity for creative expression and activate locations across key neighbourhoods.

Key neighbourhoods are those identified as part of the Penrith Neighbourhood Renewal Program ([hyperlink](#)) and include:

Cambridge Park, Colyton, Cranebrook, Kingswood, Kingswood Park, Llandilo, Londonderry, North St Marys, Oxley Park, part of Penrith, St Marys, and Werrington.

Grant Objectives

The aim of the Magnetic Places Grant is to fund creative arts projects that magnify resident stories, provide opportunity for creative expression and activate locations across key neighbourhoods, through projects that:

- share and celebrate local stories through art projects co-authored with the community.
- increase and broaden participation of community in arts and cultural projects.
- generate positive experiences and support new or stronger community connections.
- activate, transform and/or animate public spaces through creative projects.

Proposed projects must meet all objectives of the grant.

All proposed projects must align with principles of access, inclusion, and equity.

We encourage applications from First Nations groups, organisations, artists, and collectives, and those that support and celebrate First Nations individuals, communities and culture in Penrith.

Available Funding

The total amount of funding available for the Magnetic Places Grant is **\$50,000**.

Applicants may apply for a grant up to a total funding amount of **\$15,000**

excluding GST.

Grant Timelines

This grant is open once a year. For relevant dates and information please find details on XXX.COM (placeholder)

Successful recipients of this grant are required to:

- conduct activity within 12 months of signing funding agreement.
- Throughout the activity, any proposed changes to the scope as outlined in the grant application must be negotiated with Council and confirmed in writing.
- Mark the end of the project by hosting a gathering or event which involves participants, and if appropriate their community.
- Upon completion of the activity, submit a final acquittal report.

Failure to acquit the grant will affect any future funding requests.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must:

- be one of the following:
 - professional artist or creative entities with an ABN;
 - an incorporated group, collective or organisation;
 - an unincorporated group or collective that has evidence of auspice from an incorporated organisation and has an ABN.
- be able and willing to acquire and demonstrate evidence of all appropriate insurance, licenses and approvals.
- submit a complete application before the closing date, with all relevant information provided in full.
- adhere to the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 and other relevant legislation.
- be willing to enter into an agreement with Penrith City Council and be solely responsible for the delivery of the project and expenditure of funds.
- acknowledge the Magnetic Places grant on promotional material or in press releases.

Local artists are encouraged to apply.

Ineligible Applicants

Applicants must not:

- be a school or other government agency.
- have overdue progress or acquittal reports for previous Penrith City Council grants.
- have outstanding debts with Penrith City Council.
- submit more than one grant applications.

Eligible Activities

All funded projects must be delivered in key neighbourhoods as outlined by Council.

- Practice across various art forms to including visual arts, performance, digital media, sculptures, installations, and more.
- Projects led by artists with experience, or an interest, in community engaged practice.
- Place-based projects in collaboration with community.
- Projects that creatively integrate art and culture into everyday public spaces.
- Creative arts workshops leading to an activation event or series of events.
- Projects that are free for the community to participate in.

Ineligible Activities

Funding cannot be used for:

- reimbursements for activities already undertaken.
- operating costs associated with running an organisation e.g. salaries, general programming.
- activities, events, and programs that duplicate existing activities of Penrith City Council.
- activities previously funded through Penrith City Council Community Funding Program grants.
- activities that cannot be delivered within 12 months from receipt of funding agreement.

Reporting and Acquittal requirements

As custodians of public funds, Council needs to know that recipients can manage funds and prioritise financial accountability. As such, all grant recipients are required to report on and acquit their projects as detailed in the funding agreement.

Report templates are available and are required to be submitted through the SmartyGrants platform.

Applicants are required to report on the success of the project in terms of the agreed outputs and outcomes, and relevant data that has been collected.

Detailed financial reports will also be required, and grant recipients will be required to provide documentation and evidence of expenditure.

Assessment Criteria

Grant applications must be submitted on time and meet grant eligibility requirements. If eligibility is met, the application will be assessed against the assessment criteria below.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	
Category	Criteria
Capacity	Grant application demonstrates the capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the proposed activity.
Co-authorship	Grant application outlines how the proposed project will share and celebrate local stories through co-authored art projects with the community.
Participation	Grant application demonstrates how the proposed project will increase and broaden community participation.
Public outcome	Grant application outlines how the proposed project will activate, transform and/or animate public spaces.
Connections	Grant application outlines how the proposed project will generate positive experiences and support new and stronger community connections.