

Identity, Inclusion and Connection Grants

Identity, Inclusion and Connection Grants are expected to contribute to 'a sense of community identity, inclusion and connectedness between Wyndham residents' (CP Objective 1.1) and to 'a resilient community that supports good mental health and emotional wellbeing' (CHWSP Priority 4). It is anticipated that projects will deliver outcomes such as: community members freely and respectfully expressing, celebrating and sharing their identities and perspectives with each other, and having an increased appreciation of the diverse perspectives, experiences and histories that make up the Wyndham community.

Max project duration	12 months
Max grant amount	\$5,000
Min applicant contribution	\$1 in cash or in-kind for every \$2 in grant funding
Round frequency	Quarterly
Eligible applicants	Non-profits

Typical projects

Projects that build a sense of community identity, inclusion and connectedness between Wyndham residents, such as:

- development of an arts-focused social activity group
- cultural festivals promoted to the wider community
- projects which reduce isolation amongst specific groups
- a life skills program for disengaged young people.

Case study

Over the previous months asylum seekers from Sri Lanka have been settled in Wyndham while awaiting the outcome of their asylum claims. New legislation has meant that

they are not eligible for work and many asylum seekers report that they feel isolated and disconnected from the community. Two men approach a local community service organisation with an idea for a Sri Lankan cultural celebration. The local organisation works with Council officers to discuss the feasibility of the event and then applies for an Identity, Inclusion and Connections Grant. A planning group is formed with the Sri Lankan men leading the organisation with input from Council and the service organisation. The event is held and attended by 120 people from the Sri Lankan community as well as a broad range of community leaders, settlement professionals and Councillors. In the evaluation of the event it is noted that the cultural festival is also celebrated by people from Bangladesh and parts of India and plans are made to widen the event for people from those countries in future years.

Expected outcomes

Projects are expected to contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:

- People freely and respectfully express, celebrate and share their identities and perspectives with each other.
- People have an increased appreciation of the diverse perspectives, experiences and histories that make up communities in Wyndham.
- People have increased networks and feel supported by family, friends and neighbours.
- Arts projects demonstrate a clear creative or art form specific outcome.

Multilingual support



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Assessment Criteria	Weighting
Extent to which the project activities are likely to contribute toward one or more expected outcome(s)	50%
Demonstrated applicant intent, capacity and readiness to deliver the project	30%
An effective and appropriate approach to attracting participants and project partners	20%

