

2026-27 - Magnetic Places Grant - Round 1

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Magnetic Places Grant

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 and include:

- Cambridge Park
- Colyton
- Cranebrook
- Kingswood
- Kingswood Park
- Llandilo
- Londonderry
- North St Marys
- Oxley Park
- Penrith (excluding CBD)
- St Marys
- Werrington

This grant is open once a year – see penrith.city/grants for relevant dates. All proposed activities must align with principles of access, inclusion, and equity.

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

Before completing the application form, please ensure you read the [Guidelines](#) in full. Should you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Neighbourhood Renewal team 4732 7777 or neighbourhoodrenewal@penrith.city

Please note: an organisation may only submit one grant applications per grant round, unless acting as an auspice. Applicants that possess the same ABN will be regarded as coming from the same organisation. This form is designed to be filled out by the auspicee, not the organisation acting as the auspice. Please contact Council if your auspice arrangement stipulates that the auspice should complete the application form.

Applicant Details

* indicates a required field

Applicant Details

Applicant *

Individual Organisation

Organisation Name

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Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.
Tell us about your creative practice.

Supporting Documentation

Attach a file:

Please upload some supporting information e.g., artist bio/CV, images of your work, links to website, social media, etc.

Additional Supporting Information (optional)

Add links to website, social media, etc.

ABN Details

* indicates a required field

In order to be eligible, please confirm the applicant *

- Is not a school or other government agency. However, groups associated with schools for example Parent & Friend Committees are eligible to apply.
- Does not have overdue progress or acquittal reports for previous Penrith City Council grants.
- Does not have outstanding debt with Penrith City Council.
- Is not submitting more than 1 grant applications in this grant round.

At least 4 choices must be selected.

Not-For-Profit Status

Is your organisation/community group a registered not-for-profit with NSW Fair Trading or ASIC? *

- Yes
- No

ABN Lookup

Applicant ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register
ABN
Entity Name

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ABN Status	
Entity Type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Auspice Details

As you are an unincorporated group or collective you are required to have an auspice organisation.

Please provide details of your auspice organisation. If you require assistance to find an auspice organisation please get in touch with Neighbourhood Renewal team 4732 7777 or neighbourhoodrenewal@penrith.city

Auspice *

Organisation Name

Auspice ABN *

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ABN	
Entity Name	
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Entity Type	
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Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Contact Person *

Provide details of the contact person at the auspice organisation.

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Auspice Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.

Auspice Contact Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

If providing a landline number be sure to include area code e.g., (02) 4732 7777

Auspice Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Evidence of Auspice *

Attach a file:

Please provide evidence of auspice agreement.

Funding Requirements

* indicates a required field

Acknowledgement

By continuing with this application you acknowledge that the applicant is:

- willing and able to acquire and demonstrate evidence of all required insurance, licenses and approvals.
- willing to enter into an agreement with Penrith City Council and be solely responsible for the delivery of the activity and expenditure of funds.

Ineligible Activities

Will funds be used for any of the below activities:

- reimbursements for activities already undertaken.
- operating costs associated with running an organisation e.g. salaries and office or computer equipment.
- activities and events that duplicate existing activities of Penrith City Council.
- activities previously funded through other Penrith City Council funds.
- activities that cannot be delivered within 12 months from receipt of funding agreement.
- activities with the sole purpose of fundraising.

Will funds be used for any of the above activities? *

Yes

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No

Multiple Applications

Have you submitted, or do you plan to submit another application for this grant, in this grant round? *

- Yes
 No

Applicants may submit one application per grant round.

Previous Grant Funding

Have you previously received funding from Penrith City Council? *

- Yes
 No

Do you have any outstanding reports and/or money with Penrith City Council as a result of previous funding? *

- Yes
 No

Have you already received a Penrith City Council grant for the proposed activity? *

- Yes
 No

You may not receive more than one Penrith City Council grant for the same activity. However, applications may be considered if they expand or develop an existing funded activity e.g include a new location or focus community.

Activity Details

* indicates a required field

Details of Proposed Activity

Activity Title *

Activity Type *

- Exhibitions: of arts and objects of all forms
- Performances: of performing arts of all forms
- Publications in all media
- Conferences, lectures, seminars and public talks
- Guided tours or pathways, or 'open-house'
- Gathering, celebration or ceremony
- Commissioning of public art
- Creative community development

At least 1 choice must be selected.

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Select which of the following best describes your proposed activity type. You may select more than one if applicable.

Short Activity Description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Provide a short description of your proposed activity.

Activity Start Date *

Must be a date and between 15/10/2026 and 31/10/2027.

Activity End Date *

Must be a date and no later than 31/10/2027.

Please note that the proposed activity must end within 12 months of the funding agreement.

Additional Comments

This space can be used to provide further details on activity dates e.g., multiple workshops, unconfirmed date, etc

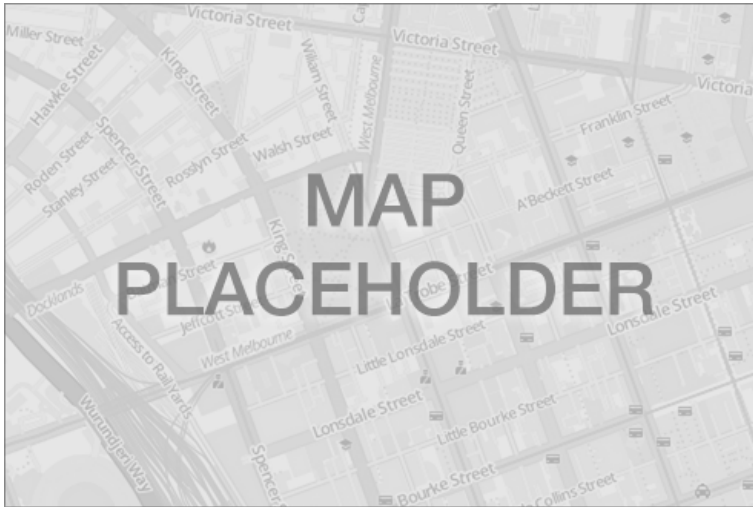
Please select at least one of the following key neighbourhoods in which the proposed activity will take place: *

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambridge Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Londonderry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colyton | <input type="checkbox"/> North St Marys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cranebrook | <input type="checkbox"/> Oxley Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kingswood | <input type="checkbox"/> Part of Penrith |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kingswood Park | <input type="checkbox"/> St Marys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Llandilo | <input type="checkbox"/> Werrington |

Please specify the exact location where the proposed activity will take place. *

Address

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required.

If your proposed activity will take place in more than one location, please provide details.

Name of Venue/s *

E.g., Jamison Park, Jordan Springs Community Centre, etc. Write N/A if not applicable.

What type of art form do you propose to deliver? *

- Architecture
- Dance
- Digital Art
- Film
- Literature
- Music
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Theatre
- Other:

Select all that apply.

How will your proposed activity share and celebrate local stories through art projects co-authored with the community? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

How will your proposed activity increase and broaden participation of community in arts and cultural projects? *

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Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

How will your proposed activity activate, transform and/or animate public spaces? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Proposed date of final public activation or celebration event *

Must be a date and between 15/10/2026 and 31/10/2027.
Public facing activation, transformation and/or animation of public space/s

How will your proposed activity generate positive experiences and support new and stronger community connections? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Who is the focus community of your proposed activity? *

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Socio-economically disadvantaged |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young people | <input type="checkbox"/> First Nations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Women |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQI+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Culturally and linguistically diverse | <input type="checkbox"/> Local community (suburb, village, street, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> People with disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |

No more than 3 choices may be selected.

How does your proposed activity address the specific needs of your focus community? *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

How many people from Neighbourhood Renewal suburbs do you anticipate will benefit as a result of your proposed activity? *

Must be a number.
Note more people does not lead to better outcomes.

Outcome and Evaluation

* indicates a required field

An outcome is a specific and measurable short-term effect. It is the changes and benefits - the step-changes to achieve an ultimate goal.

Should your application be successful, you will be required to report on the outcome/s in your acquittal.

Focusing on one intended outcome enables us to design our activity around the priority that we especially want to achieve. It is likely that over the course of delivering the activity, there will also be unexpected outcomes. This is great and valuable and can still be measured and discussed at the end of the activity. Designing an activity around too many outcomes can over-complicate things and/or dilute its focus.

The more evaluations you receive the better you can determine the success of your activity.

Proposed Outcomes

What is the primary anticipated outcome for your proposed activity? *

- Creativity is stimulated
- Aesthetic enrichment is experienced
- Knowledge, ideas and insights are gained
- There is an appreciation for the diversity of cultural expression
- Sense of belonging to a shared cultural heritage has deepened

Select one cultural outcome to measure at the completion of your proposed activity.

Nominate a secondary outcome you wish to measure *

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Creativity is stimulated | <input type="radio"/> Wellbeing (physical &/or mental) is improved |
| <input type="radio"/> Aesthetic enrichment is experienced | <input type="radio"/> Social connectedness is enhanced |
| <input type="radio"/> Knowledge, ideas and insights are gained | <input type="radio"/> Experience feeling valued |
| <input type="radio"/> There is an appreciation for the diversity of cultural expression | <input type="radio"/> Increased access to beneficial networks and other resources |
| <input type="radio"/> Sense of belonging to a shared cultural heritage has deepened | <input type="radio"/> Agency and voice is enabled |

Cultural activities can deliver outcomes that are not just limited to the cultural domain - they may also have social, economic, environmental or governance impacts. Select only one more outcome to be measured at the completion of your proposed activity.

How will you measure these outcomes? *

- Structured interview: directly asking structured outcome questions
- Unstructured interview: storytelling about most significant change
- Questionnaire: written survey
- Focus group: a sample group to conduct in depth interview with
- Intercept survey: short interventions often in public spaces
- Observation: a statement based on something one has seen, heard or noticed
- Other:

What method/s of engagement will best suit the activity, participants, and your resources?

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Who will you ask to provide this information? *

- Participants
- A proxy (people with knowledge of the participants i.e., parents, carers)
- An expert, staff or facilitator (people with knowledge about the activity type and intended outcomes)
- Other:

Activity Budget

* indicates a required field

How much funding are you seeking from Penrith City Council? *

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 15000.

Please enter the amount of grant funding you are applying for. For the Magnetic Places Grant, applicants may apply for a grant up to a total funding amount of \$15,000 excluding GST.

What is your total activity budget? *

Must be a dollar amount.

Please provide the total projected cost to run your activity.

What are the in-kind contributions being made to your proposed activity? *

Answer N/A if none. In-kind contributions refer to the value of resources, services or support that are provided to an activity at no cost (e.g. volunteer labour, donated materials, free use of facilities).

Are you applying to other funding bodies for this activity? *

- Yes
- No

If yes, how much additional external funding are you seeking for your activity? *

Must be a dollar amount.

Sample Budget of Grant Funding Expenditure

It is important to ensure that grant assessors can clearly understand what your requested funds will be spent on as part of your activity. In the table below, please indicate what items the requested Penrith City Council grant funds will be expended on, and the expense amount for each item.

The total expenditure amount will auto populate based on the amounts provided in the table. The total grant funding expenditure amount should be the same as the amount of funding you are seeking from Penrith City Council provided above.

EXAMPLE:

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Funding being sought from Penrith City Council: \$3500

Expense Item

Expense Amount (\$)

Stage hire

\$2500

MC fee

\$500

Speaker hire

\$500

Total grant funding expenditure amount: \$3500

You are also requested to supply your full activity budget and any accompanying quotes in the file upload sections below to provide further context for the grant funding requested.

Grant Funding Expenditure

Please indicate each of the expense items and their amounts (excluding GST) requested from Penrith City Council.

This video can help you prepare your budget, including in-kind items [Grant Writing - Preparing the budget for a grant application](#).

Note: if you are applying as an organisation, grant funding cannot be used to cover staff wages or salaries.

Expense Item	Expense Amount (\$)
	Must be a dollar amount.

Total Grant Funding Expenditure Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Excluding GST. This amount should be the same as the amount of funding you are seeking from Penrith City Council provided above.

Total Activity Budget

Provide a copy of your full activity budget *

Attach a file:

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File Upload

Provide any quotes or information to support budget.

Attach a file:

GST

Are you registered to receive GST? *

- Yes
- No

Participant Cost

If your proposed activity involves participants, will there be any costs associated for participants? *

- Yes
- No
- N/A if no participants

Will people need to pay to be part of your proposed activity? Magnetic Places grant activities must be free for participants.

Partial Funding

If your proposed activity only received part of the requested funding, could your activity still go ahead in some capacity? *

- Yes
- No

Sometimes Council is not able to provide all applicants with the full amount of funding requested. Please detail if your proposed activity could proceed with partial funding.

Minimum amount required for your proposed activity to go ahead (\$). *

Must be a number.

Specify the minimum amount of Penrith City Council grant funding required for your activity to go ahead.

Please provide a short overview of how your proposed activity would change if you received partial funding. *

Payment Details

* indicates a required field

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If application is successful, the details provided in the section below are required for payment of funds. Should you have an auspice, answer questions with auspice details.

Please note, Council is not liable for lost payment due to incorrect details.

Council standard payments terms are 30 days from funding approval subject to all paperwork being filled out correctly and EFTSURE performing mandatory check with the company prior to being registered with Council as a supplier. Remittance advice will be emailed to the email address provided when the payment has been made.

Bank Account *

Account Name

BSB Number

Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

If an auspice is engaged, details for auspice should be provided.

Supporting Documentation & Declaration

* indicates a required field

Supporting Documentation

*

Attach a file:

Applicants must supply a copy of their Public Liability Insurance (PLI) for a minimum of \$10 million upon submission of the Application Form. If you have an auspice, you will need to provide a copy of your auspice's PLI. If the applicant does not have PLI, the applicant may use grant funds to cover the cost of obtaining PLI. However, quotes from insurers for PLI for a minimum of \$10 million must be included and reflected in the Application Form budget. Please also attach any other required supporting documentation including insurances, licenses and approvals.

Declaration

I declare that:

- The information contained in this application is true and correct.
- I am an authorised representative of the applicant, legally empowered to enter into contracts and commitments on behalf of the applicant.
- I have read, understood and agree on behalf of the applicant to abide with the Magnetic Places Grant guidelines
- I am authorised by the applicant to submit this application.
- I give consent to Penrith City Council to make public the details of the applicant and the funding received, should this application be successful.

I understand and agree to the declaration above *

Yes

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No

Full Name *

Position *

Application Date *

Must be a date.

Survey

* indicates a required field

How satisfied are you with the following:

1 = not at all satisfied, 5 = very satisfied

Information about grants e.g. grants webpage, grant guidelines etc. *

1 2 3 4 5

Community Funding Program *

1 2 3 4 5

Grants on offer.

Application Form *

1 2 3 4 5

Did you attend a grants writing workshop offered by Council? *

Yes
 No

Did you discuss your idea with a Council officer? *

Yes
 No

How satisfied were you with the support from the Council Officer? *

N/A 1 2 3 4 5

How did you hear about Penrith City Council's grants? *

Council website
 Network/Interagency
 Word of mouth
 Social media
 Other:

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Would you apply for another Penrith City Council grant? *

- Yes
- No

Do you wish to receive email correspondence on Council matters which may or may not include grants? *

- Yes
- No

Additional Comments

Please Contact Council

* indicates a required field

Based on your answers to previous questions you are not eligible to apply for this grant or your proposed activity is ineligible. Please get in touch with Penrith City Council to discuss your applicant type and/or proposed activity. Neighbourhood Renewal team 4732 7777 or neighbourhoodrenewal@penrith.city *