



South Western Sydney District

Local Priorities

For the ClubGrants 2025

SWS District

- Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities
- Parents/ carers, families & communities experiencing vulnerabilities (includes DFV, homelessness, transport, financial hardship), including 12 – 18 Youth Homelessness
- Children, young people and family members affected by mental health condition.
- Children and young people at risk of disengagement from school community and family
- 0-5-Year-olds (First 2000 Days) have connection to key services
- CALD children and young people, families and communities have access to culturally safe services.
- Children with additional needs such as disabilities, not meeting developmental milestones

Council – Priorities

Children and Families

- Co-design initiatives that work in the best interests of the child that include:
 - Culturally sensitive practice
 - Inclusive practice for persons that identify as LGBTQIA+ and people with disability
 - Supporting children’s participation, rights and safety.
- Use innovative, cultural and age-appropriate methods to increase understanding and build capacity on issues such as child protection, child cyber safety, family and domestic violence, mental health, parenting, children’s transition points, and participation.
- Improve access to services and facilities by showcasing and facilitating partnerships that result in more effective service delivery

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)

- Raise awareness of available services and what’s happening in the community
- Education and awareness to break cultural differences and barriers
- Social events and activities that bring people from diverse cultures and of different ages together

Community Safety and Crime Prevention

- Increase programs to support homeless persons, particularly people sleeping rough and link them to relevant support services
- Increase early intervention and prevention programs to educate and address domestic and family violence
- Increase early intervention and prevention programs to educate and address alcohol and drug use

Disability

- Improving community knowledge about child development and identifying needs for early intervention.
- Increasing awareness, providing training and education around accessible events and disability language for service providers in the community
- Creating more social networks and opportunities for people with a disability within Canterbury-Bankstown.

First Nations

- Increased First Nations cultural education and training opportunities for the community
- Increase visibility of First Nations culture across the City to support Reconciliation
- Increase employment opportunities for individuals who identify as part of the First Nations community

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex Asexual (LGBTQIA+)

- Increase provision for inclusion of LGBTQIA+ communities in programs, including children and seniors
- Increase awareness of LGBTQIA+ support, programs and initiatives in a way that is culturally acceptable, in particular, working with faith and community leaders to achieve this.
- Provision of training and education to the community about LGBTQIA+ individuals to reduce stigma and deepen understanding and awareness to create a unified community reducing division on social issues.

Seniors

- Increase community awareness of Dementia, particularly for the CALD community and the increased need for Dementia support services
- Increase opportunities to address social isolation for Seniors

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- Increase community awareness of Elder Abuse and Scams to prevent Seniors being victims.

Youth

- Programs to provide young people with structural activities that increase social connections with other young people
- Initiatives which connect families, agencies and young people to services and referral pathways
- Increased unity and inclusiveness within our community; breaking down stereotypes and barriers within our community towards marginalised groups.