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# Mayoral Message

Dear Residents



Helping local organisations deliver for the community!

That is what our Community Grants and Events Sponsorship program is all about. A program providing financial support to assist local community-based organisations develop and implement initiatives that enhance community wellbeing.

And it was an honour to witness the 112 successful applicants receive funding for their remarkable programs and initiatives at the recognition ceremony last week. In total, Council supported these local groups to the tune of nearly half a million dollars to help them continue their crucial work in the community.

There was a wide range of organisations receiving funding, from neighbourhood and community centres to youth, family and senior service providers, religious groups, multicultural organisations, disability support services and sporting clubs.

Among them was the Somali Welfare and Culture Centre, which will use the funds to provide food safety supervisor training to disadvantaged

women in Canterbury-Bankstown, supporting locals to create food catering businesses.

While Recreation Sports and Aquatics Club Incorporated will develop the Taiko Drumming Program, which teaches beneficial drumming skills to people with disabilities.

And Shepherd Centre will fund their Hear For You program, a group mentoring program developing life, social and emotional skills for young people with hearing loss in our City.

The successful applicants were selected based on how their projects would benefit residents, particularly the most vulnerable.

I look forward to seeing the projects and initiatives grow, and working together with these organisations to make a real difference in the community.

Yours sincerely,



Clr Khal Asfour  
**MAYOR**