

Category One: Local Priorities for Northern Beaches ClubGRANTs Assessments:

As stated in the ClubGrants Guidelines, “eligible Category 1 expenditure is for projects and/or services that contribute to the welfare and broader social fabric of the local community, and are aimed at improving the living standards of low income and disadvantaged people.”

Applications that aim to reduce social disadvantage and have an early intervention focus will be ranked highly by the assessment panel, as well as programs and projects that address the following needs or service gaps:

- Reducing **social isolation** and increasing community connectedness
- Supporting and promoting **mental health**, healthy lifestyles and **wellbeing**
- Enhancing **employment** outcomes, particularly for those that experience barriers to participation in the workforce
- Affordable **housing** initiatives and supporting tenants
- Increase the liveability of **neighbourhoods** and place-based connectedness eg neighbourhood and youth drop-in centres or creative arts/cultural initiatives.
- Preventing **domestic violence**
- Increasing **community safety** and preventing crime eg addressing drug and alcohol-related issues
- Ensuring **public safety** (eg water/surf safety, fires, crime)
- Raising awareness and providing **community education** on a range of important social issues
- Generally support the following groups:
 - o **Children** (0-11yrs)
 - o **Youth** (12-24yrs)
 - o **Seniors** (55yrs +)
 - o People with **disabilities**
 - o People from culturally and linguistically diverse (**CALD**) backgrounds
 - o People from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (**ATSI**) backgrounds
 - o **Veterans**
 - o **Vulnerable** and at-risk children and their families
 - o **Victims of crisis** including domestic violence
 - o Those that identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex (**LGBTI**)
 - o **Homeless** persons or those at risk of homelessness