

Policy for the Community Use of Trust Land and Buildings

1. For the purposes of this policy, “Community Use” is defined as:

“a use which makes a significant contribution towards the objectives of the Trust”

A “significant contribution” means the fulfilment of one or more Trust objectives well beyond levels normally required by the Trust. Examples of Trust objectives are:

- uses which promote public access to Trust sites
 - uses which preserve or promote an understanding of the environmental, cultural and heritage values of Trust sites
 - uses which enhance the amenity of Trust sites and the Sydney Harbour region
2. The Trust supports Community Use of its land and buildings. In order to support Community Use, the Trust offers a Community Use Subsidy to qualifying applicants, who may be organisations or individuals. A Community Use Subsidy is a discount from the commercial leasing, licensing or hire rates normally applicable to that use.
 3. Community Use applicants must be able to demonstrate that they could not carry out the proposed use without a Community Use Subsidy. As such, “for profit” organisations will generally not qualify for a Community Use Subsidy.
 4. The total volume of Community Use Subsidies offered by the Trust will not generally exceed 5% of its gross annual revenues from leasing, licencing and hire activities.
 5. In order to maximise the number of subsidy beneficiaries, subsidies will be offered for fixed amounts and a limited period. Subsidy amounts and periods will be decided on a case-by- case basis and will vary according to the strength of the application, the financial circumstances of the Trust and the number and volume of Community Use Subsidies outstanding at the time of the application.
 6. Applications must also meet any usage and site-based criteria as issued from time to time by the Trust. These criteria will be posted on the Trust’s website.
 7. Applications for Community Use Subsidies may be submitted to the Trust at any time. Where applications are submitted under a Trust formal leasing process such as an Expression of Interest or a Request for Proposals,

applicants must clearly state in their application that they are applying for a Community Use Subsidy.

8. Decisions on Community Use Subsidies are made by the Trust's Tenant Selection Committee, with reference to the Board or Minister as required under the Trust's Leasing of Land and Building Policy. All decisions are final.

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