

11 November 2024

At the conclusion of the Community Services and Facilities  
Committee

**Innovation, Business and Economy  
Committee**

## **Agenda**

- 1. Confirmation of Minutes**
- 2. Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**
- 3. Grants and Sponsorship - Economic Grants**

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**Item 1.**  
**Confirmation of Minutes**

There are no Minutes of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee for confirmation.

**Item 2.****Statement of Ethical Obligations**

In accordance with section 233A of the Local Government Act 1993, the Lord Mayor and Councillors are bound by the Oath or Affirmation of Office made at the start of the Council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of the City of Sydney and the City of Sydney Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the Local Government Act 1993 or any other Act, to the best of their ability and judgement.

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## Item 3.

### Grants and Sponsorship - Economic Grants

File No: S117676

#### Summary

The City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Program supports initiatives and projects that build the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of the city. To achieve the objectives of the Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision, genuine partnership between government, business and the community is required.

The provision of grants and sponsorships is a mechanism to further the aims identified in the City's social, cultural, economic and environmental policies. Applications are assessed against these policies and against broad City objectives and plans. In this way, the City and the community act collaboratively to achieve the goals of Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision.

The City advertised the Innovation and Ideas Grant program in the annual Grants and Sponsorship Programs.

A total of 74 eligible applications were received. This report recommends 17 grants with a total value of \$655,049 in cash and \$556 value-in-kind for payment in the 2024/25 financial year.

On 22 August 2022, Council adopted a Grants and Sponsorship Policy. All grants in this report were assessed in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy, the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the priorities set out in Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision and various other relevant City strategies and action plans.

All grant recipients will be required to sign a contract, meet specific performance outcomes and acquit their grant. All figures in this report exclude GST.

**Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve the cash and value in kind recommendations for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment A to the subject report;
- (B) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (D) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for a grant or sponsorship under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants and Sponsorship Policy; and
- (E) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to correct minor errors to the matters set out in this report, noting that the identity of the recipient will not change, and a CEO Update will be provided to Council advising of any changes made in accordance with this resolution.

**Attachments**

**Attachment A.** Recommended For Funding - Innovation and Ideas Grant Program

**Attachment B.** Not Recommended For Funding - Innovation and Ideas Grant Program

## Background

1. The City of Sydney's Grants and Sponsorship Program supports residents, businesses and not-for-profit organisations to undertake initiatives and projects that build the social, cultural, environmental and economic life of the city.
2. On 23 July 2024, the City announced that the Grants and Sponsorship Programs Winter round was open for application on its website, with grant applications closing on 20 August 2024.
3. Information about these grant programs (such as application dates, guidelines, and eligibility criteria) was made available on the City's website. The City actively promoted the grant programs through the corporate website, e-newsletters, advertising through paid social ads, paid LinkedIn, AdWords, Radio and an ArtsHub partnership. Email campaigns were utilised to target interested parties who have applied previously for grants at the City or who have expressed an interest in the City's programs.
4. As per the Grants and Sponsorship Program Guidelines, the Innovation and Ideas Grant program is open to not-for-profit organisations and for-profit organisations (incorporated association, corporation, co-operative, and trustee of a trust).
5. A total of 32 eligible applications were received from for-profit organisations through the Innovation and Ideas Grant program and the following nine for-profit organisations are recommended in this report:
  - (a) BCMP Pty Ltd;
  - (b) Creative Plus Business Group Pty. Ltd;
  - (c) Edge Environment Pty Ltd;
  - (d) Forward Thinking Design Pty Ltd;
  - (e) Haymarket HQ Pty Ltd;
  - (f) Innovillage Pty Ltd;
  - (g) Owners Corporation Network of Australia Ltd;
  - (h) Remix Summits Pty Ltd; and
  - (i) Rocket Seeder Ltd.

## Grants assessment process

6. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program is highly competitive. Applications that are not recommended have either not scored as highly against the assessment criteria as the recommended applications or have incomplete or insufficient information. The City's Grants and Sponsorship team provides feedback to unsuccessful applicants.
7. The assessment process includes advice and recommendations from a suitably qualified assessment panel. The applications are scored against defined assessment criteria for each grant program as well as the integrity of the proposed budget, project plan, partnerships, contributions and connection to the local community and industry sectors.



8. The assessment criteria for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program requesting up to \$20,000 cash per year are:
  - evidence of the need for the project and proposed outcomes;
  - capacity and experience of the applicant to deliver the project; and
  - evidence of diversity, inclusion and equity in the planning and delivery of the project.
9. Applicants who requested more than \$20,000 in cash per year are also assessed against the following additional assessment criteria:
  - how the project delivers against the funding priorities.
10. The assessment meeting for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program was held on 16 September 2024 to ensure grant applicants were assessed against the relevant assessment criteria.
11. The assessment panel consisted of City staff from the Strategy and Urban Analytics, City Business and Safety and Sustainability Programs Teams, with specialist input from staff from the City Access and Transport, City Cleansing and Resource Recovery, City Greening and Leisure, City Infrastructure and Traffic Operations, Creative City, Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, Strategic Planning and Urban Design and Social City Teams.
12. Once recommended applications are approved by Council, a contract is developed which includes conditions that must be adhered to and acquitted against.
13. It is expected that all successful applicants will work cooperatively with relevant City staff throughout the project for which they have received funding.
14. All grants and sponsorships are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant.

**Innovation and Ideas Grant program**

- 15. The applications recommended for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program are outlined in Attachment C to this report.
- 16. Additional funds for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program were made available due to an underspend in the Business Sector Support Grant program.
- 17. The Innovation and Ideas Grant program budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2024/25	\$1,175,000
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$631,891
Plus: Funds reallocated from Business Sector Support Grant program 2024/25 underspend	\$111,940
Total cash available	\$655,049
Total number of eligible applications this allocation	74
Total cash value requested from applications	\$3,068,829
Total value-in-kind support requested from applications	\$10,271
Total number of applications recommended for cash and/or value in-kind support	17
Total amount of cash funding recommended for payment in 2024/25 (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2025/26 - \$224,744) (Future-year funding recommended for payment in 2026/27 - \$69,994)	\$655,049
Total amount of value in-kind support recommended for 2024/25 (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2025/26 - \$579) (Future-year value in-kind support recommended in 2026/27 - \$602)	\$556
Cash amount remaining for payment in 2024/25	\$0

## Key Implications

### Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

18. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This grant is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
- (a) Direction 2 - A leading environmental performer - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to the City's endeavours in improving environmental performance of our residents and businesses by supporting new and innovative approaches to delivering sustainability outcomes and strengthening community resilience.
  - (b) Direction 6 - An equitable and inclusive city - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to community development and support active participation in civic life. They empower the community to address issues that matter to them and drive projects to create a more inclusive and resilient city.
  - (c) Direction 8 - A thriving cultural and creative life - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to supporting artistic and creative endeavours in our city, helping foster initiative, experimentation and enterprise by creative workers and providing new opportunities for audiences to engage in the city's cultural life.
  - (d) Direction 9 - A transformed and innovative economy - the recommended grant projects in this report contribute to helping stimulate business and promote economic activity. They encourage partnerships with other organisations on business development and assist groups of businesses to work together for the collective benefit.

### Organisational Impact

19. The grants and sponsorships contract management process will involve key staff across the City of Sydney. Identified staff set contract conditions and performance measures for each approved project, and review project acquittals, which include both narrative and financial reports.

### Social / Cultural / Economic / Environmental

20. The City's Grants and Sponsorship Program provides the City with a platform to support cultural, economic, environmental and social initiatives from the communities and business, within the local area.

### Financial Implications

21. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2024/25 grants and sponsorship budget to support the recommended grants. Details and total values are provided in the table above.

### Relevant Legislation

22. Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides that a council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions.
23. Section 356(3)(a) to (d) is satisfied for the purpose of providing grant funding to for profit organisations because:
  - (a) the funding is part of the Innovation and Ideas Grant program;
  - (b) the details of the programs have been included in the Council's draft operational plan for financial year 2024/25;
  - (c) the program's proposed budgets do not exceed 5% of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for financial year 2024/25; and
  - (d) these programs apply to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

### Critical Dates / Time Frames

24. The funding period for the Innovation and Ideas grant program for financial year 2024/25 is from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting in January 2025.

### Public Consultation

25. During July 2024, online and in person briefing sessions took place where potential applicants were notified about the grants and how to apply. For this Winter round of grants, separate online briefing sessions were introduced for each program, to enable people who were interested in more than one program to attend each:
  - (a) An online briefing session for Innovation and Ideas grants program was held on 24 July 2024. A total of 88 attendees participated in the session.
  - (b) An in-person briefing session for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community was held at 119 Redfern St Community Centre on 23 July 2024. A total of 6 attendees participated in the session.
  - (c) An in-person briefing session for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community was held at Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Woolloomooloo on 29 July 2024. A total of one attendee participated in the session.

26. The combined number of people engaged in online and in person briefing sessions for Winter round is 205, which is an increase of 17 compared to the summer round grant sessions earlier in the year.

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# **Attachment A**

**Recommended for Funding  
Innovation and Ideas Grant Program**

# Innovation and Ideas Grant Program - Winter Round - 2024/25

## Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Accessible Arts	Access Ideas and Insights: Podcast Series	A series of six podcasts exploring innovative ideas towards access and inclusion in The Rocks.	\$49,515	Nil	<b>\$49,515</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Arts Law Centre of Australia	Knowing Your Rights: Empowering Artists to Build Thriving Cultural Businesses	Five workshops offering culturally engaged legal support to diverse artist communities working in the local area complemented by individualised legal help sessions.	\$10,000	Nil	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Asian Australian Artists Association Incorporated	4A Incubator Lab	An incubator and gathering arts space focused on platforming, experimentation and innovation, pushing the boundaries of digital culture in Haymarket.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$48,656</b> (Year 2 - 25/26)	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
BCMP Pty Ltd	Children, Nature, and Place: Art Ventures in Sydney	An initiative to develop a new methodology for children's public programming that positions kids as central agents in the creative experience and that builds resilience in Redfern, Surry Hills and Erskineville.	\$49,994 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$49,994 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$49,994 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$49,994</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$49,994</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$49,994</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	<b>Nil</b>	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Boomerang Labs Limited	Circular Economy Club Sydney	A 10 week circular economy program and event based in Chippendale for investment-ready circular startups exploring diverse capital raising pathways, to enhance fundraising capabilities and longevity of these innovation solutions.	\$48,300	Nil	<b>\$48,300</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Creative Plus Business Group Pty. Ltd.	THRIVE - Creative Sustainability for Sydney's Arts Professionals	A hybrid in-person and online experience designed to enhance the professional viability and wellbeing of Sydney's arts professionals and help build the capacity of the city's creative sector.	\$49,300 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$28,100 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$28,100 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$44,500</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Edge Environment Pty Ltd	Circular Business Toolkit and Implementation Guidance for Hospitality SMEs	A project to develop a circular business toolkit and provide implementation guidance to a wide network of small to medium hospitality enterprises to reduce the impact of packaging and organic waste.	\$35,013 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$29,594 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$35,013</b> <b>(Year 1 - 24/25)</b> <b>\$29,594</b> <b>(Year 2 - 25/26)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Toolkit to be co-branded and accessible for City of Sydney use
Forward Thinking Design Pty Ltd	De-fit Waste Metrics and Circularity Fitout Guidelines for Sydney Retail/Hospitality	A project to measure waste systems and circular fitouts for the retail and hospitality industry in the local area.	\$21,800 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$31,000 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$21,800</b> <b>(Year 1 - 24/25)</b> <b>\$31,000</b> <b>(Year 2 - 25/26)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Haymarket HQ Pty Ltd	Building a Sustainable Sydney: Greentech Connector Program	A virtual project which connects global green tech companies to help solve environmental issues and explore Ecotech opportunities in the Haymarket area.	\$40,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$40,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$40,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$40,000</b> <b>(Year 1 only)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil



Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Innovillage Pty Ltd	Accelerating the Green Economy Transition by Catalysing Sustainable Finance	A project to boost sustainable finance opportunities for climate tech and circular economy infrastructure in the local area.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$30,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>\$45,596</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$30,000</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$20,000</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	Nil
Owners Corporation Network of Australia Ltd	Get Strata Prepared! Embedding Emergency Response Plans into Strata Living	A project supporting City residential strata communities to increase preparedness for emergencies and disasters by developing Emergency Response Plans and embedding preparedness into strata living by the owners themselves.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b>	Nil	Nil
Remix Summits Pty Ltd	REMIX Business of Culture Incubator and Creative Entrepreneurship Course	A program of creative entrepreneurship support, including workshops, mentoring and an investor pitch day in Glebe and Surry Hills.	\$49,170 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$49,170 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$49,170 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$556 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$579 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$602 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil	<b>Venue hire fee waiver to the value of</b> <b>\$556</b> (Year 1 - 24/25) <b>\$579</b> (Year 2 - 25/26) <b>\$602</b> (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Rocket Seeder Limited	Rocket Seeder Expansion: Bringing Agrifood Acceleration to Sydney	An innovation ecosystem project in Chippendale providing specialist support to startups in the Agrifood and AgriTech fields.	\$45,800	Nil	<b>\$45,800</b>	Nil	Nil
Spark Festival Limited	Spark Festival 2025	A series of investment forums and business support event which bring Sydney's diverse innovation community together.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$50,000</b>	Nil	First Nations stream to be delivered in partnership with First Nations Business representative groups

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW)	CHEX Community Gift Cards Digital Expansion	A community currency and gift cards project to create a more connected and sustainable Sydney across Ultimo, Darling Square and Pymont.	\$50,000	Nil	<b>\$36,606</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
The University of Sydney	Raising the Bar	A free talks program to quench the public's thirst for big ideas by bringing 20 lectures from university researchers and entrepreneurs across ten local venues in one night.	\$35,500 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$35,500 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil	<b>\$35,500</b> <b>(Year 1 - 24/25)</b> <b>\$35,500</b> <b>(Year 2 - 25/26)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
University of New South Wales	Are Public Open Spaces in The City of Sydney Neurodiverse-Friendly?	Exploring the accessibility of public open spaces in the local area for neurodivergent users to identify areas of strengths and improvement, to inform future policies and guidelines.	\$42,425	Nil	<b>\$42,425</b>	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
<b>Total Amount Recommended for allocation in 2024/25</b>					<b>\$655,049</b>	<b>\$556</b>	

## **Attachment B**

**Not Recommended for Funding  
Innovation and Ideas Grant Program**

# Innovation and Ideas Grant Program - Winter Round - 2024/25

## Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Albon Capture Pty Ltd	ALBON Photobioreactor Scale up	An urban sustainability project which aims to address key climate change and environmental degradation issues in Camperdown.	\$10,000	Nil
Art Pharmacy Pty Ltd	Public Art Impact Tool	A public art project focusing on social cohesion and community well-being across the local area.	\$48,355	Nil
Asian Australians for Climate Solutions Ltd	Asian Australian Climate Voices: Navigating Challenges and Change	A project to survey Asian Australians' climate views and challenges aiming to increase climate change voices in the local Asian Australian community.	\$50,000	Nil
Australian National Maritime Museum Foundation	Sustainability and Storytelling - Living Pilings at the Maritime Museum	A reimagine wharf pylon project providing artificial rockpools and habitat modules into new and existing wharf developments in Darling Harbour.	\$49,880 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$36,143 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$25,285 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Barco International Pty Ltd	Enhancing Financial Literacy through Innovative Education and Technology	An education to strengthen financial literacy among young adults across the local area to improve resilience during the cost of living crisis.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
Barnardos Australia	Barnardos Australia's Prenatal App for Vulnerable Women	A care delivery model in Ultimo to reduce barriers to accessing prenatal care for vulnerable and underserved women connecting them to tailored health, crisis and safety support throughout their pregnancy.	\$50,000	Nil
Bill Will Pty Ltd	Digital Inclusion Summit	A business leaders project to address digital inclusion in the city's elderly, disability and Indigenous communities in the local area.	\$30,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$3,037
Bird & Hill. Pty Ltd	Whattle	A online fashion and accessory exchange project which reduces landfill, builds stronger communities and helps people through the cost of living crisis in the local area.	\$50,000	Nil
Blockhouse Bay Rd Pty Ltd	Flavouriq - The AI for your Taste Buds	An innovative dining experience project to help find Sydney's best Food and drink locations using AI in Haymarket.	\$50,000	Nil
Brightstar Communications Pty Ltd	Innovator Public Speaking and Comedy Program	A project training for young innovators in public speaking project and comedy to enhance business skills and networks in the Newtown area.	\$12,200	Nil
Brightstar Communications Pty Ltd	Production Training for Emerging Artists	A program providing training and development for 20 emerging artists through a series of workshops covering how to design and promote their own show in Surry Hills.	\$10,900	Nil
Button Technology Pty Ltd	The Help Button: Making Sydney Safer	The development of a digital tool to enhance public safety and accessibility, for people living with a disability, gender diverse and women.	\$22,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Charopy Pty Ltd	Installation of Charopy Smart Interactive Bins at Scape Student Accommodation	A project to increase awareness of recycling practices through the installation of smart bins at a student accommodation in Redfern.	\$50,000	Nil
Cobalt Engagement Pty Limited	From Amenity to Essential Infrastructure	A Green infrastructure project to support the ongoing pressures of city growth with sustainable solutions to facilitate fair value and efficient use of resources across all levels of government	\$49,648	Nil
Co-Hive Hub Pty Ltd	Honey-Co	An inclusive upskilling project in the local area providing neurodivergent young girls with less visible disabilities a place to connect, learn how to develop meaningful relationships and important life skills.	\$49,317 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Design Declares Pty Ltd	8 Acts of Emergency Workshop Series	A project for designers and agencies to learn how to design for planet and enhance greater sustainability, to be released as best practice guides for sustainable design.	\$50,000	Nil
Detour House Inc	Give to the Girls Program	A School based fundraising project supporting homelessness and domestic and family violence early intervention in Glebe.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$15,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Elevator Mate Pty Ltd	Linkedin for Loading Docks	An online road and loading dock platform focusing on traffic efficiency and pollution reduction in the local area.	\$46,000	Nil
Encapsulator Pty Ltd	Encapsulator - Recovery and Beyond Video Journal Program	A pilot project which uses videos and journals to enhance self-awareness and stronger coping mechanisms to reducing recidivism in Camperdown.	\$10,000	Nil
Enosi Australia Pty Ltd	Local Government Matched Electricity Supply Agreement	A new clean energy power tracer combining energy procurement, consumption and customer loads to unlock matching clean energy in the local area.	\$50,000	Nil
Feedback Organic Recovery Limited	'Circular' Quay	A pilot project in Circular Quay about circular food systems, mitigating waste, activating the city's community, to establish the City as a leader in sustainable urban food systems.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Fishburners Limited	Empowering Sydney SMEs & Start-Ups with AI-Driven Innovation	A project to empower local small-to-medium enterprises and startups with AI and advanced startup methodologies to create greater business opportunities in the local area.	\$46,771	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Get Skilled Access Pty Ltd	Sport4All Program	A project to support schools and recreation centres to become more inclusive, enabling people with disability to have choice and control over when and how they participate in sport.	\$40,857 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$39,246 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
Glebe Youth Service Inc	Glebe-Connections Local Newspaper: Building Community through Storytelling and Sharing Information	A community connection project in Glebe using the media to share stories to connect people and further strengthen social cohesion.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$47,071 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$43,914 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Green Music Australia	Music Product Stewardship Alliance	A project to activate the Sydney music sector to improve the environmental impact of physical music products in the Ultimo area.	\$50,000	Nil
Griffin Theatre Company Ltd	Griffin Theatre Company: Audience Development Strategy	A project to strengthen local connection for artists in the Darlinghurst Community, promoting diversity and economic resilience.	\$25,300 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$14,300 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
Habitat For Humanity Australia	Habitat Healthy Homes: Improving Well-Being and Addressing Health Inequalities	A project to improve the living conditions of residents by providing practical tips and advice on energy use, heating, moisture control and maintenance to enhance residents' health and well-being.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$48,760 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$48,760 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Honva Holdings Pty Ltd	Sustainable Futures Lab	A pilot early intervention project to educate secondary schools to reduce fashion and beauty wastage across the local area.	\$50,000	Nil
Inner Sydney Regional Council for Social Development Incorporated	High Connections: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness in Vertical Communities	A project reducing the loneliness and social isolation of people living in vertical communities across high rise apartments in the local area.	\$45,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$45,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$45,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
Lucy's Project Ltd	Pawsitive Pathways to Safety and Healing	A project aiming to improve support for people and animals experiencing domestic and family violence (DFV) through education and promoting collaborations between DFV, homelessness, community, animal welfare and veterinary services.	\$50,000	Nil
Macquarie University	Reducing Renter-Homeowner Gaps in Household Energy Investments and Costs	A project determine the subsidies available to renters to address the growing disparity in energy outcomes, such as solar panel access, between renters and homeowners, and to support policy reform.	\$30,000	Nil
Magharehabed Pty Ltd	The New Era of Luxury: Diamonds, Technology, and Modern Elegance	A program to educate Sydney's business professionals on the fusion of lab-grown diamonds, technology and luxury.	\$21,200	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Midnight Basketball Australia	Midnight Basketball Sustainability Innovation Labs	A project to bring together local teenagers and designers to develop sustainable singlets and other sporting kits for use by teenage participants of Midnight Basketball Tournaments.	\$50,000	Nil
Pact Centre for Emerging Artists Incorporated	Feasibility Study: Futureproofing Experimental Performance Spaces	A theatre infrastructure innovation project aimed at future proofing creative workspaces in the Erskineville area.	\$27,500	Nil
Penny LLC Pty Ltd	AI-Powered Women's Financial Literacy Platform and Homebuying Community	An AI digital platform empowering Gen Z and millennial women with financial literacy to achieve their homeownership goals.	\$49,965	Nil
Polisin Pty Ltd	Mobile Washpod Development to Service Sustainable Events	A project to reduce single use plastic consumption at large events by using mobile wash pods to wash and redistribute food and beverage containers.	\$47,750	Nil
Spinal Cure Australia	Reducing Barriers for Paraplegic and Quadriplegics Participation in City-Based Trials	A neurostimulation clinical trial for rural paraplegic and quadriplegics helping designed to improve individuals vital body organs in St Peters.	\$49,800	Nil
Spineless Wonders Publishing Pty Ltd	Bring Your Own Headphones	An incubator project promoting interactive design and audio work in Haymarket.	\$36,580	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$6,270
Steampop Pty Limited	Inter-Ordinate: Transformations on the Plane	An immersive theatre experience at Darlo Drama in Oxford Street, launching on International Day of Mathematics.	\$38,700	Nil
Superyard Online Pty Ltd	Helping Local Businesses Give Back to the Community using Circularity	A distribution model project to recover and redistribute building materials to local charities and community organisations therefore diverting materials from landfill.	\$50,000	Nil
Sydney Co-Housing Incorporated	Feasibility Study for New Models of Limited-Equity Housing Co-Operatives	Research into the viability and financial sustainability of limited equity co-ops, to provide replicable models of housing for those on very low to moderate incomes in the local area.	\$43,000	Nil
Sydney Institute of Marine Science	Management Strategies to Reduce Impacts of the Pest Didemnum Vexillum	This project will test factors that affect establishment of a priority pest species to inform control and management in Woolloomooloo.	\$25,287 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$24,450 (Year 2 - 25/26)	Nil
The Trustee for Documentary Australia	STTOP Sydney City Council High Schools Climate Action Education Program	Tackling the climate emergency by inspiring high school students in Redfern and their families to be part of the climate movement and reduce their eco-anxiety.	\$44,000	Nil
The Trustee for Generosity Charitable Trust	Replace Outdated Donation Platform	A project to build a Payment Platform in-house allowing people to donations to charities via monthly subscription.	\$15,000	Nil

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University of New South Wales	'Le Grand Paris': An Incubator Model for Housing?	An incubator project aiming to produce a suite of short-, medium- and long-term solutions for the NSW housing crisis and a framework for measuring impact.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
University of New South Wales	A design, accounting and investment framework for Sydney's nature infrastructure	A project developing an integrated framework for Sydney to account for nature and its benefits, design and support investment for urban nature infrastructure.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
University of New South Wales	Smart Mapping of Freight Flows for Sustainable Urban Access	This project develops a data collection strategy to optimise heavy vehicle movements and freight patterns in Sydney in the coming decades as it expects further significant growth.	\$39,390	Nil
University of New South Wales	Sydney's Future: Urban Air Mobility - Flying Cars Insights	This project will investigate user experience and public perception of urban air mobility in Sydney, aiming to understand how flying cars can reshape city transport and innovation.	\$50,000	Nil
University of New South Wales	Urban Blue-Green Advocates: Engaging Communities in Water Sustainability	This project will raise community awareness for raingardens and wetlands and it's connection to stormwater management to residents in Green Square.	\$36,155	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$408
University of Technology Sydney	Integrated Grey-Green (IGG) Infrastructure Toolkit for Healthy and Inclusive Indoor Environment	A project to demonstrate a toolkit to Sydney property owners and developers, promoting the adoption of Integrated Grey-Green (IGG) infrastructure best practices to enhance inclusiveness and well-being in their buildings.	\$49,737 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$49,594 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$49,640 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$973 (Year 3 - 26/27)
University of Technology Sydney	Sustainable Fashion Masterclass Suite	A training program in Ultimo that puts ten local fashion brands through a series of sustainable fashion short courses to improve their environmental, social and economic impact.	\$40,000	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Testing Toxic Textiles: A Pilot Study to Improve Textile Recycling	A textile recycling project in Ultimo which tests a range of pre- and post-consumer and recycled textiles for hazardous substances to inform textile recycling strategies.	\$47,720	Nil
Wetrun Australia Pty Ltd	2025 WeLearn Community Pilot	A pilot project educating on sustainable, eco-friendly living, promote simple lifestyles and discourage excessive consumption of material goods in the Redfern area.	\$50,000	Nil
With You We Can Ltd	With You We Can Resource Distribution	Dissemination of pamphlets and infographics to vital health organisations and community centres promoting support services to assist victims of domestic and sexual violence.	\$34,000	Nil



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Workventures Ltd.	Cyber Security Assurance	A cyber security assessment and implementation services to reduce significant risk to vulnerable Not for Profit organisations and the clients they serve within the local area.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil
YCK Laneways Association Inc	Accessible YCK Laneways	A project to conduct an Access Audits across all venues to inclusion on the YCK interactive Map, promoting economic participation, community engagement and social inclusion to people with a disability and their families.	\$50,000	Nil
Yomi Everyday Pty Ltd	TiffinE Home Delivery	An environmental sustainability project to minimise food packaging waste through the installation of tiffin bins to numerous restaurants around Roseberry.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 24/25) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 26/27)	Nil