

Attachment B

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

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Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Assisted Community Living Limited	Gig Buddies Community Social App	A research project in the inner-city to promote safe, inclusive community access to events and activities for adults with disability through a new app developed by Gig Buddies.	\$18,000	Nil
Australia China Alumni Association	Green Student Living Challenge	A competition in the local area to promote culturally inclusive, student-led circular economy innovations that address waste, affordability, and social isolation in campus and apartment living.	\$49,500	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,900
Bake House Independent Theatre	BY DESIGN where art and community meet	A visual arts program in Broadway Ultimo to promote emerging artists through curated exhibitions and free events, supporting local engagement, creativity, and cultural development.	\$20,000	Nil
Be The Future Pty Ltd	The Possibility Portal	A digital media activation in the local area during Climate Action Week Sydney 2026 to amplify children's environmental visions and inspire adult climate action pledges for a more equitable and sustainable Sydney.	\$50,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$527
Blue Green Australia Pty Ltd	Floating Living Shorelines	A feasibility study in the local area to promote nature-positive coastal protection using modular floating shoreline systems with 3D-printed eco-concrete and native plants, restoring habitat and enhancing public space.	\$50,000	Nil
BXS Business Exit Specialists Pty Ltd	Better in Business: Local Support Platform Built by Business Owners	A grassroots support program in the local area to promote thriving local businesses through peer-led events, tools, and mentoring, built by business owners, for business owners.	\$25,000	Nil
Community Youth and Development Organisation Incorporated	Multicultural Media and Storytelling Hub	A multicultural storytelling project in Redfern using digital media to promote inclusion, preserve heritage, and celebrate diverse voices, culminating in a community event with awards.	\$20,000	Nil

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Consent Labs Ltd	Innovative Consent Education for Tertiary Students and Institutions	A co-designed pilot program in Ultimo delivering innovative, scalable consent education for tertiary institutions to address sexual violence, aligned with incoming national regulations and supported by interactive evaluation.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Delectro Pty Ltd	DELOCA	A hyper-local, low-carbon digital marketplace in Redfern using live carbon intensity data to connect businesses and households, promoting sustainable choices and community-driven climate action.	\$18,000	Nil
Diversity Arts Australia	Luminas Gala Event	A prestigious gala at Circular Quay celebrating culturally and racially marginalised and First Nations trailblazers in arts and media, spotlighting their impact on diverse storytelling in Australia.	\$50,000	Nil
Electronic Music Conference Pty Ltd	EMC Toolkits 6, 7, 8, 9 (First Edition)	A digital toolkit project in the inner-city supporting emerging music creatives with self-paced resources on marketing, funding, and audience development, breaking down barriers through practical advice and community support.	\$37,521	Nil
Ez Courier Pty Ltd	Impact of Refined Hub-and-Spoke Logistics and Transparent Environmental Analytics	A showcase at Martin Place featuring world-leading zero-emissions logistics data and innovative environmental analytics, with events and promotions fostering diverse community engagement around sustainable urban transport.	\$50,000	Nil
Forever Foundation Limited	Farming for Tomorrow Coffee Cup	A world-first climate initiative at Martin Place transforming coffee cups into climate solutions, engaging consumers and cafés to support emission-reducing farming practices through biodegradable, educational packaging and public participation.	\$50,000	Nil
Forward Thinking Design Pty Ltd	Design With Us: Reimagining Built Environment Waste	A community design project in George St empowering local area priority community members to create solutions for everyday spaces using waste as a resource, fostering sustainability and local innovation.	\$45,300 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$14,325 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil

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Green Building Council of Australia	Transform Conference	An annual industry conference in the inner-city advancing sustainability in the built environment, featuring global and local leaders sharing insights, innovations, and actionable solutions across two days of curated programming.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Haymarket Alliance Inc	Haymarket Arts and Culture Precinct Research Project	A research project in Haymarket investigating its cultural landscape to identify shared goals and challenges, culminating in a strategic report, cultural strategy, and formation of a collaborative cultural association.	\$30,000	Nil
Health Consumers NSW Inc	Co-Creating Connection: First Nations Youth-Led Training for Non-Indigenous Service Engagement	A co-designed training project in the inner-city partnering with First Nations young people to pilot respectful engagement courses for non-Indigenous health and community services working with First Nations youth.	\$50,000	Nil
Hollywood Quarter Incorporated	HospoDECLARE: Driving Practical Sustainability Across Sydney's Hospitality Sector	A sustainability program in Surry Hills equipping hospitality venues with tools, training, and peer networks to reduce waste, electrify operations, and improve energy efficiency, building scalable, resilient, low-impact businesses.	\$38,000	Nil
It's Hot AF Pty Ltd	Handbag Restoration Classes	A training program in Redfern launching courses in handbag and leather restoration, empowering hobbyists and professionals with sustainable skills to support circular fashion and new career pathways.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Koji Culture Pty Ltd	Grounds to Greatness	A circular economy project in Zetland transforming café waste into value by capturing fresh coffee grounds to brew koji-infused cold brew, piloting a hygienic system and engaging community through education and sampling.	\$15,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$30,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Lema Education Pty Ltd	Unplugged Tech Incursions: Play-Based, Screen-Free Digital Literacy for Children	A play-based education program in Ultimo delivering screen-free tech incursions to schools, teaching coding, robotics, and cybersecurity through movement and storytelling to support children's wellbeing in an AI-powered world.	\$20,000	Nil

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Lipstudio Pty Ltd	IN/EX	A multi-sensory installation in Surry Hills combining sound, light, and sustainable materials to create a transformative artwork within a hybrid cultural space, fostering conscious experience and environmental awareness.	\$20,000	Nil
Luxi Health Pty Ltd	Sydney Light Health Pilot: Luxi for Children	A health-focused pilot in Glebe using wearable light-tracking and app-based coaching to support children at risk of myopia and neurodiverse challenges, increasing outdoor time through school and community partnerships.	\$50,000	Nil
Macquarie University	Dark Matters: Managing Light Pollution	A research and feasibility study in the local area developing novel, scalable maps of light pollution to support biodiversity, protect Indigenous cultural connections to dark skies, and raise awareness of urban dark infrastructure.	\$43,460	Nil
Maison Toure Pty Ltd	Maison Touré Gallery Launch Celebrating African Art and Culture in Australia	A new African art gallery launching in 2026 in Zetland, presenting exhibitions and public programs that celebrate African creativity and foster cultural dialogue in Sydney's contemporary arts landscape.	\$40,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$4,704
Moving Forward Together Association Inc.	Stop the Hate Mate	A program in Kensington promoting 'We Are ONE' by fostering mutual respect and understanding among diverse cultural, religious, and social groups through inclusive initiatives that build a sustainable culture of harmony.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
MyGivingCircle Pty Ltd	The Rest is Travel Destination Podcasts	An innovative podcast series in Surry Hills using Sydney's unique locations for immersive storytelling and sleep narration to inspire inbound tourism and generate income for the local tourism ecosystem.	\$20,000	Nil
NotCentralised Pty Ltd	Ideas to Impact: Sydney AI Challenge	A multi-stage AI-driven program in Martin Place uniting diverse local communities to co-create impactful solutions, supported by a bespoke innovation platform and targeted mentorship for sustainable development.	\$40,000	Nil
OpenPasskey Pty Ltd	Smart Pass Pilot: Apple/Google Wallet-Based Loyalty and Identity for SMBs	A pilot project in the inner-city trialling a wallet-native NFC and passkey platform with cafes, replacing stamp cards and ID checks with secure, blockchain-backed digital credentials via Apple/Google Wallet.	\$50,000	Nil

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Ovolo Woolloomooloo Wharf Pty Limited	Intelligent System for Sustainable Tourism	A project in Woolloomooloo integrating digital guest services with intelligent HVAC systems at Ovolo to enhance guest experience, support local events, and become a leading environmental performer.	\$31,900 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$8,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$8,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Paddington Business Partnership Incorporated	Paddo Trails Digital — Interactive Paddington Discovery Guide	An interactive, mobile-first Progressive Web App for Paddington guiding domestic and international tourists through unique trails, promoting local businesses, culture, and history with immersive content and real-time updates.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
People with Disability Australia Ltd.	PWDA Language Guide: A Guide to Language About Disability	A project in the inner-city promoting disability awareness and inclusion through the People with Disability Australia (PWDA) Language Guide, a resource written by people with disability to educate others on respectful language practices.	\$42,500	Nil
Pocket City Farms	Worm Carers Program	A project in Camperdown and Glebe demonstrating a small-scale circular economy through community-run worm farms that transform food waste into nutrient-rich produce for donation to local food relief initiatives.	\$11,216	Nil
Proto Axiom Pty Ltd	Challenger Pitch for Health	An event at Darlinghurst offering incubation support to turn health innovations into real solutions, especially for underserved communities, addressing the challenge of translating research into outcomes beyond traditional funding pathways.	\$50,000	Nil
Redfern Legal Centre Ltd	Getting your Bond Back: A Self-Help Tool	A project in Redfern using AI technology to help private renters - especially disadvantaged groups - understand their rights and reclaim bond entitlements through a self-help tool hosted on RLC's website.	\$18,000	Nil
Reverse Garbage Co-Operative Ltd	Activating Circular Thinking: Scaling Impact Through Reuse Education/Play at Festivals	A project in the inner city expanding creative reuse activations at local events, engaging all ages in circular economy learning and waste reduction through hands-on activities led by Reverse Garbage.	\$29,701 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$18,913 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil

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RK Collective Pty Ltd	Sitting With Stories: A Material Storytelling Pilot	A pilot project in Ultimo using co-creation, circular material innovation, and cultural storytelling to embed migrant women and under-represented voices into public space through a replicable, community-driven design model.	\$50,000	Nil
RNTR. Pty Ltd	The Flip Side	A project in Alexandria promoting circular fashion and reducing waste through an online initiative that fosters inclusive economic participation, skill-building, and collaboration to prevent unnecessary landfill using community, technology, and commerce.	\$47,080 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$48,492 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$49,947 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Solutions2you Pty Ltd	Financial Literacy and Mindset Workshop for Women	A project in Glebe empowering women with financial literacy by transforming their relationship with money, addressing gender-based inequality through practical, confidence-building tools grounded in lived experience and community engagement.	\$20,000	Nil
Songlines To Sovereignty Ltd	Songlines to Sovereignty - Organisation Capability Building	A capability-building activity in Circular Quay to enable the video recording of Indigenous Elders, preserving oral traditions for future generations and wider community engagement.	\$20,000	Nil
Steps Retreats (Australia) Limited	Feasibility Study: Social Enterprise at The Sydney Retreat	A research and feasibility study in Stanmore to identify social enterprise models aligned with the Sydney Retreat's mission, values, and capacity for sustainable community impact.	\$20,000	Nil
Sydney Arts Management Advisory Group Incorporated	Skills for a Thriving Sydney Creative Sector	A skills development program in Redfern offering presentations, workshops, panels and networking to equip arts practitioners with innovative tools for thriving in a challenging arts environment.	\$17,750	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$1,363
Sydney Times Media Pty. Ltd.	Hyper-Local News Publishing	A publishing-focused activity in Edgecliff to address local resident and community issues by employing a City reporter, trainee journalist or interns to strengthen community storytelling.	\$10,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$10,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil

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Tech Ready Women Pty Ltd	1 to 1000 Customers - Sydney	A customer growth program in Barangaroo supporting women entrepreneurs through online sprints, mentoring, and showcase events to help attract, retain and monetise customers over three years.	\$40,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$40,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$40,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
THDR Group Pty Ltd	AI Fashion Technology Platform for Sustainable Personalised Garment Design	A digital innovation activity in Surry Hills developing advanced AI models and infrastructure to scale personalised fashion design, eliminating size exclusion and garment waste through on-demand manufacturing.	\$20,000	Nil
The Bower Re-Use and Repair Centre Co-Operative Limited	Pass it On - An Innovative Re-Use Marketplace	A technology-driven activity in Redfern using AI to connect Sydney donors with frontline agencies, enabling instant repurposing of goods to reduce waste and support a smarter circular economy.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
The Energy Laboratory Limited	Event Series: A Decade of EnergyLab Entrepreneurial Support	An event series in Haymarket showcasing EnergyLab's decade of work with decarb tech innovators and launching an annual platform to celebrate the startup-driven decarbonisation ecosystem.	\$43,845 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$33,245 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$23,245 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
The House That Dan Built Incorporated	LANTERN 4.6 x International Women's Week by The House	An immersive sound artwork activity in Haymarket using LANTERN4.6 technology to collaborate with diverse women and girls, elevating stories through innovative portable recording, speaker and lighting systems.	\$25,000	Nil
The Performance Space Ltd	Performance Space Archive: Stewarding a Community Asset	A project in Wilson StDarlington enabling community-focused stewardship to open the archive for innovation, inviting diverse communities to contribute future-focused ideas through collaborative ownership and creative engagement.	\$43,235 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$39,946 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
The University of Sydney	Healthy Kitchen, Healthy City: Tracking Air Pollutions in Multicultural Homes	A research activity in Darlington investigating how cooking methods and kitchen ventilation affect indoor air quality in multicultural homes, promoting healthier living through monitoring, education and community engagement.	\$41,855	Nil

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The University of Sydney	Updating Official Virtual Assistant with Advanced AI Techniques	A digital innovation activity in Camperdown developing an AI-driven conversational agent to foster equitable and inclusive public engagement through diverse digital interactions on local services.	\$18,900	Nil
The University of Sydney	Designing Energy Justice: Open Computing Platform for Climate-Ready Sydney Homes	A research and feasibility study in Camperdown to model energy use and electrification potential in residential districts, guiding targeted upgrades that reduce energy burden and improve housing equity.	\$48,602	Nil
The University of Sydney	Empowering Vulnerable Communities with Communication Difficulties to Influence Change	A capacity-building activity in Camperdown supporting individuals with communication disability to develop, implement and evaluate their own valued community initiatives by identifying what drives success.	\$46,613 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$48,921 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
The University of Sydney	Developing in Season: Eco-workshops Exploring Sustainable Alternatives to Analogue Photography.	A workshop series in Camperdown teaching participants to transform seasonal organic waste into sustainable photographic developers, promoting low-toxicity artmaking and circular environmental practices.	\$19,980	Nil
Thrivator Pty Ltd	Thrivator	A free support platform in Ultimo using AI to help workers overcome bullying, discrimination, harassment, and overwork, promoting mental wellbeing through expert videos, coaching, and professional referrals.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Trans Pride Australia Incorporated	Trans Joy - I Am Me	A community-led project in Surry Hills to create, perform and document Trans Pride Australia's 2026 Mardi Gras float, promoting visibility, pride and connection for trans and gender diverse communities.	\$12,500	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Adaptive Reuse Stress Test: Reimagining CBD Office Space	A feasibility study in the inner-city to assess commercial buildings' potential for future adaptive reuse, helping owners explore alternative uses as social, economic, and climate factors reshape CBD property demand.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil

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University of Technology Sydney	Aligning for Impact: A Place-Based Outcomes Framework	A community-led project in Pyrmont and Ultimo to co-design and pilot a shared outcomes framework, enhancing collaboration, improving service delivery, and driving measurable, community-led change with local organisations.	\$48,933 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$44,540 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Illuminating Hi Vis Workers: Visibility and Invisibility on Sydney's Streets	A creative project in the inner-city to make hi-vis workers visible by documenting their experiences and contributions, challenging stereotypes and delivering public outputs that reflect their vital role in city life.	\$19,919	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	From Warzones to Classrooms: Building Refugee-Inclusive Universities in Sydney	A project in the local area centring refugee-background students through storytelling, data advocacy, and co-designed learning solutions to challenge systemic barriers and foster inclusive, trauma-aware university environments.	\$17,660	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Decarbonisation of SMEs in Sydney: Challenges, Strategies, Toolkits, and Dashboards.	A research-informed pilot in Ultimo to develop a two-year innovation framework accelerating SME decarbonisation through tailored strategies, practical tools, and a digital platform for measurable climate action.	\$49,973 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$49,598 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
UrbanSpectra Pty Ltd	DesireLines by UrbanSpectra - Communicating and Quantifying Active Transport Access	A software development project in Surry Hills to visualise active transport connectivity gaps, quantify benefits of proposed infrastructure, and improve consultation by demonstrating impacts for specific trips and locations.	\$20,000	Nil
Velocity Empowerment Pty Ltd	Prevent and Protect Pilot	A pilot project in Ultimo to test a holistic, trauma-informed, feminist approach to self-defence, addressing the real-world challenges faced by women and girls beyond typical program models.	\$20,000	Nil
Vivendi Consulting Pty Ltd	Accelerating Delivery of Cycling and Micromobility Projects in Sydney	A pilot project in Martin Place to develop innovative tools, including GIS forecasting and AI-driven sentiment analysis, supporting the effective delivery of safe, inclusive bike networks with the inner City.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil

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Vividhata Pty Ltd	Virtual Reality Micro Trainings to Tackle Bullying on Your Doorstep	A pilot project in Pyrmont to create virtual reality based micro-trainings addressing workplace bullying, delivering headsets to small business staff and evaluating the effectiveness of immersive, accessible learning experiences.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$47,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
Western Sydney University	Sustaining Soil Health in Sydney Parks Under Climate Change Scenarios	A research project in Alexandria investigating the potential of belowground soil amendments to sustain parkland health under future climate scenarios, expanding restoration strategies beyond traditional aboveground approaches like tree planting.	\$20,000	Nil
Western Sydney University	Mapping Sydney's CBD Rooftop Airspace for Affordable Housing	A feasibility study in the inner city to assess commercial rooftop airspace development, producing a toolkit to enable affordable essential-worker housing using Modern Methods of Construction above existing buildings.	\$50,000	Nil
Women's Lantern Ltd.	LightHer Path – Women's Lantern	A community empowerment project in Redfern supporting migrant and culturally diverse survivors through paid solar lantern skills, climate leadership, and enterprise training, culminating in a Lantern Lighting Ceremony for climate-positive change.	\$50,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$3,642
WorkVentures Ltd.	Countering Technology-Facilitated Abuse in the City of Sydney	A project in Surry Hills to create a web-based playbook and training for DFV caseworkers, equipping them with tools to address technology-facilitated abuse and protect victim-survivors.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Yourtern Pty Ltd	Hotel Distribution for Indigenous Info and Tours	A self-guided Indigenous culture and business tour in the local area, accessed via hotel QR codes, promoting local voices, economic development, and inclusive visitor engagement-no app required.	\$50,000	Nil