

16 June 2025

At the conclusion of the Community Services and Facilities
Committee

Innovation, Business and Economy Committee

Agenda

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- 2. Statement of Ethical Obligations and Disclosures of Interest**
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Item 1.

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the following meetings of the Innovation, Business and Economy Committee are submitted for confirmation:

Meeting of 9 December 2024

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.

Disclosures of Interest

Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice and the City of Sydney Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to disclose and manage both pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting.

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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 annual Grants and Sponsorship programs have 2 main rounds: Summer and Winter with a small number of other programs open for the entire year. The Summer round was open from 4 February to 11 March 2025. This report covers the following funding programs:

- Business Sector Support Grant program
- Innovation and Ideas Grant program
- Haymarket Activation Grant program
- Dixon Street Improvement Grant program

For the Business Sector Support program, 27 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 18 grants to a total value of \$581,405 in cash and \$7,997 value-in-kind for payment in the 2025/26 financial year.

For the Innovation and Ideas Grant program, 75 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of 9 grants to a total value of \$335,450 in cash and \$2,196 value-in-kind for payment in the 2025/26 financial year.

For the Haymarket Activation Grant program, 5 eligible applications were received. This report recommends a total of one grant to a total value of \$200,000 in cash for payment in the 2025/26 financial year.

For the Dixon Street Improvement Grants, 3 eligible applications were received consisting of 4 separate projects. This report recommends a total of 4 grants to a total value of \$160,000 in cash 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 Business Sector Support 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 Business Sector Support program as shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program as shown at Attachment C to the subject report;
- (D) 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 D to the subject report;
- (E) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Haymarket Activation Grant program as shown at Attachment E to the subject report;
- (F) Council note the applicants who were not recommended in obtaining a cash grant or value-in-kind for the Haymarket Activation grant program as shown at Attachment F to the subject report;
- (G) Council approve the cash and value-in-kind recommendations for the Dixon Street Improvement grant program as shown at Attachment G to the subject report;
- (H) Council note that all grant amounts are exclusive of GST;
- (I) 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
- (J) 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.

Attachments

Attachment A.	Recommended for Funding - Business Sector Support Grant Program
Attachment B.	Not Recommended for Funding - Business Sector Support Grant Program
Attachment C.	Recommended for Funding - Innovation and Ideas Grant Program
Attachment D.	Not Recommended for Funding - Innovation and Ideas Grant Program
Attachment E.	Recommended for Funding - Haymarket Activation Grant Program
Attachment F.	Not Recommended for Funding - Haymarket Activation Grant Program
Attachment G.	Recommended for Funding - Dixon Street Improvement Grant Program
Attachment H.	Data Report on Outcomes of Funding - Business Sector Support Grant Program
Attachment I.	Data Report on Outcomes of Funding - Innovation and Ideas Grant Program
Attachment J.	Data Report on Outcomes of Funding - Haymarket Activation Grant Program
Attachment K.	Data Report on Outcomes of Funding - Dixon Street Improvement 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 4 February 2025, the City announced the grants program as being open for application on the City's website, with grant applications closing on 11 March 2025. This was for a period of 5 weeks (in 2024 it was a 4-week period).
3. The 4 funding programs with key outcomes for the economic pillar are:
 - (a) Business Sector Support Grant program
 - (b) Innovation and Ideas Grant program
 - (c) Haymarket Activation Grant program
 - (d) Dixon Street Improvement Grant program
4. The Business Sector Support Grant program is open to eligible not-for-profit organisations and incorporated associations.
5. The Innovation and Ideas Grant program is open to eligible not-for-profit organisations, incorporated associations, corporations, co-operatives and trustees of a trust.
6. A total of 33 eligible applications were received from for-profit organisations through the Innovation and Ideas program and the following 2 for-profit organisations are recommended in this report:
 - (a) Indigenous Entrepreneur Network Ltd
 - (b) Michelle Tabet Pty Ltd
7. The Haymarket Activation Grant program is open to eligible not-for-profit organisations, incorporated associations, corporations, co-operatives and trustees of a trust.
8. A total of 4 eligible applications were received from for-profit organisations through the Haymarket Activation Grant program and the following one for-profit organisation is recommended in this report:
 - (a) Bespok3 Pty Ltd
9. The Dixon Street Improvement Grant program is open only to eligible properties within a designated area of Dixon Street.
10. A total of 4 eligible applications were received from for-profit organisations through the Dixon Street Improvement Grant program and the following 3 for-profit organisations are recommended in this report:
 - (a) Eastern Cafe Pty Ltd & E Lai
 - (b) Elegant Dixon Property Pty Ltd

(c) Gatsby Brothers Catering Management Pty Ltd

Grants assessment process

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. The assessment criteria for the Grant programs was:
 - Need – why is it needed? This is where you describe what you are doing, why it is important and what will happen as a result of you doing this project.
 - Experience – how will you create the project, your skills and ability and your experience in doing projects. This may include a project plan.
 - Community benefit – who will benefit from your project, how will they benefit and how have you included the diverse communities in the local area.
 - City of Sydney funding priorities – your project should consider one of the funding priorities as these are identified areas that need assistance.
14. The assessment meetings for the Business Sector Support Grant program and the Innovation and Ideas Grant program were held on 15 April 2025, the assessment meetings for the Haymarket Activation Grant program and the Dixon Street Improvement Grant program were held on 7 April 2025 and 7 May 2025 respectively. All applications were assessed against the relevant publicised assessment criteria. The assessment panels consisted of City staff from City life and across the organisation, with input also from First Nations Leadership.
15. Once Council approves recommended applications, a contract is developed which includes conditions that must be adhered to and acquitted against.
16. It is expected that all successful applicants will work cooperatively with relevant City staff throughout the project for which they have received funding.
17. All grants and sponsorships are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant.
18. Attached to this report is a high-level summary on the outcomes of the funding if the recommendations are approved. This provides insight into what the applicants have identified as what they can achieve if they receive the funding.

Business Sector Support

19. The applications recommended for the Business Sector Support Grant program are outlined in Attachment A to this report.

20. The Business Sector Support Grant program budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2025/26	\$832,500	
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$80,000	
Total cash available 2025/26	\$752,500	
Recommended in Summer Round 2025/26	\$581,405	
Cash remaining 2025/26	\$171,095	
2025/26	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$1,172,715	\$7,997
Total recommended	\$581,405	\$7,997
2026/27	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$442,000	\$9,529
Total recommended	\$131,600	\$8,829
2027/28	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$322,500	\$10,411
Total recommended	\$35,000	\$0

Innovation and Ideas

21. The applications recommended for the Innovation and Ideas Grant program are outlined in Attachment C to this report.
22. The Innovation and Ideas Grant program budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2025/26	\$1,100,000	
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$461,294	
Total cash available 2025/26	\$638,706	
Recommended in Summer Round 2025/26	\$335,450	
Cash remaining 2025/26	\$303,256	
2025/26	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$2,856,540	\$7,685
Total recommended	\$335,450	\$2,196
2026/27	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$931,594	\$5,000
Total recommended	\$99,680	\$-
2027/28	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$730,341	\$-
Total recommended	\$99,680	\$-

Haymarket Activation

23. The applications recommended for the Haymarket Activation Grant program are outlined in Attachment E to this report.

24. The Haymarket Activation Grant program budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2025/26	\$200,000	
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$0	
Total cash available 2025/26	\$200,000	
Recommended in Summer Round 2025/26	\$200,000	
Cash remaining 2025/26	\$0	
2025/26	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$1,000,000	\$-
Total recommended	\$200,000	\$-
2026/27	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$-	\$-
Total recommended	\$-	\$-
2027/28	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$-	\$-
Total recommended	\$-	\$-

Dixon Street Improvement

25. The applications recommended for the Dixon Street Improvement Grant program are outlined in Attachment G to this report.

26. The Dixon Street Improvement Grant program budget is set out below:

Total budget for 2024/25	\$400,000	
Less: Total cash committed to previously approved applications	\$0	
Total cash available 2024/25	\$400,000	
Recommended in 2024/25	\$160,000	
Cash remaining 2024/25	\$240,000	
2024/25	Cash	VIK
Total requested	\$160,000	\$-
Total recommended	\$160,000	\$-

Key Implications

Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

27. 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
28. 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.

Risks

29. This recommendation is within the City's risk appetite, which states:
- (a) We make decisions that align with our corporate objectives, policies and strategies and are committed to conducting our activities in full compliance with applicable laws, regulations and relevant industry standards.
 - (b) We foster a culture of ethics, integrity and responsible behaviour across our organisation. By creating a strong ethical foundation, we aim to minimise the likelihood of reputation-damaging incidents and enhance our ability to respond effectively when challenges arise.
 - (c) The City has a responsibility to ensure that it has sufficient resources in the short, medium and long term to provide the levels of service that are both affordable and considered appropriate by the community.

Social / Cultural / Economic / Environmental

30. 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

31. There are sufficient funds allocated in the 2024/25 and 2025/26 grants and sponsorship budgets and included in the City's approved operating budgets for 2024/25 and 2025/26 to support the recommended grants. Details and total values are provided in the tables above.

Relevant Legislation

32. 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.
33. 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 following programs:
 - (i) Business Sector Support Grant program
 - (ii) Innovation and Ideas Grant program
 - (iii) Haymarket Activation Grant program
 - (iv) Dixon Street Improvement Grant program
 - (b) the details of the programs were included in the Council's adopted operational plan for the financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26
 - (c) each program's proposed budget does not exceed 5% of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26 and
 - (d) these programs apply to a significant group of persons within the local government area

Critical Dates / Time Frames

34. The funding period for the funding programs is for activities taking place 12 months from the project start date. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting.

Public Consultation

35. During February 2025, online and in-person briefing sessions took place where potential applicants were notified about the grant programs and how to apply. Separate online briefing sessions were delivered for each program, to enable people who were interested in more than one program to attend each.
- (a) Across all programs, a total of 528 attendees participated in the online sessions. This represents a 214% increase on the number of attendees to the online information session that took place for the previous Summer Round of grant programs in February 2024.
 - (b) Two in-person sessions for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community were held in Redfern (5 February 2025) and Glebe (10 February 2025). A total of 20 attendees participated in these sessions, the same number of attendees for similar sessions that took place for the previous Summer Round of grant programs in February 2024.

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Attachment A

**Recommended for Funding
Business Sector Support Grant Program**

Business Sector Support Grant – Summer round 2025/26

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Australian Fashion Council Ltd	AFC Academy	An industry-led training program, held online and at the Powerhouse Museum, to upskill the local fashion workforce in innovative digital technologies and circular business practices.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	\$40,600 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$35,600 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	Nil
Catalysr Foundation Ltd	AI Business Growth Program	A program, held in Haymarket, empowering underrepresented entrepreneurs with hands-on AI workshops, expert guidance, and community support to enhance business efficiency and growth.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Street banner pole hire of \$700 per year for 3 years	\$47,000 (Year 1 only)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$700	Applicant to submit a revised budget and project plan
CBD Sydney Chamber of Commerce Limited	Evolve to Prosper, Growing More Successful Women-led Businesses, CBD EXPO'26	Project 1: Evolve to Prosper - support to navigate the challenges Project 2: Growing more successful women-led CBD businesses Project 3: CBD EXPO'26 - networking, skills & collaboration on show	\$41,260	Nil	\$41,260	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Clothing Stewardship Australia Limited	Australian Circularity Directory	A project to develop an interactive online directory connecting clothing brands with consumers and the supply chain to promote circular outcomes, delivered by Seamless in Sydney and Melbourne, with support from agencies in Redfern and South Australia.	\$49,350 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$24,500 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	\$35,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil
Darlinghurst Business Partnership Incorporated	VESPA	A project in Darlinghurst and Eastside Sydney to support local businesses through marketing strategies, online activations, networking nights, and way-finding guides.	\$50,000	Nil	\$35,000	Nil	Nil
Hollywood Quarter Incorporated	Hollywood Quarter Inc	A project in Hollywood Quarter, to support businesses through networking, collaborations, and marketing initiatives, positioning the precinct as a premier destination for dining, culture, and creativity.	\$50,000	Nil	\$35,000	Nil	Applicant to submit a revised budget and project plan
Music NSW Incorporated	Wamarra First Nations Music Business Lab	A one-week incubator program at the First Nations Community Cultural Space in Redfern to empower First Nations-led music businesses through skills development, fostering sustainable success in the music industry.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	\$45,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$35,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$35,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Night Time Industries Association Incorporated	Night Pulse	A data-driven initiative to survey consumers about night-time economy offerings in the City of Sydney LGA, providing actionable insights and recommendations for businesses, industry development, and government support.	\$36,400	Nil	\$35,000	Nil	Applicant to submit a revised budget.
NSW Business Chamber Limited	Sydney Business Awards 2025	An awards program to be hosted at a Sydney CBD venue celebrating business excellence and providing a platform for small to large businesses to showcase their achievements to the Sydney community.	\$42,500 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$42,500 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$42,500 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$7,297 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$8,829 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$9,711 (Year 3 - 27/28)	\$32,500 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$32,500 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$7,297 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$8,829 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil
Paddington Business Partnership Incorporated	Digital Upgrades plus Networking Opportunities	A project in Paddington to expand and digitize the Paddo Trails journal, enhancing visitor access to the area's retail, dining, and cultural scene, and offering local businesses networking opportunities.	\$50,000	Nil	\$9,545	Nil	Nil
Pride Business Association (NSW) Incorporated	Buy Rainbow	A business fair on Oxford Street exclusively showcasing LGBTQIA+ businesses during Small Business Month, featuring engaging activities and a marketplace to support queer entrepreneurs.	\$35,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$35,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	\$28,500 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$28,500 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Pymont - Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc	The Peninsula Engagement Project	A project in Pymont, Ultimo and Darling Harbour to connect local businesses and improve economic participation through various business initiatives, fostering direct connections between businesses, stakeholders, and the community.	\$43,960	Nil	\$35,000	Nil	Nil
Regen Sydney Ltd	Regen Champions	A program at Impact Story Lab in Darlinghurst to showcase place-based regeneration by activating Regen Sydney's network to roadmap and implement regenerative projects and foster local green economic transformations.	\$50,000	Nil	\$50,000	Nil	Nil
Social Enterprise Council of NSW & Act (Secna) Ltd	Advocacy and support for Social Enterprises	A project in the local area as well as online advocating for social enterprises, gaining support from businesses and governments, and providing peer mentoring for tackling social and environmental challenges.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	\$30,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
The Australian Retailers Association	Safe Retail	A virtual training program to help Australian retailers prevent, manage, and respond to retail crime and abusive behaviour, enhancing safety and resilience across Sydney's retail sector.	\$20,000	Nil	\$20,000	Nil	Nil
The Master Builders Association of New South Wales	Building Safe Workplaces	A training program in Forest Lodge for SMEs in the building and construction industry to equip workplace leaders with skills to recognise, respond to, and prevent domestic violence (DFV).	\$17,000	Nil	\$17,000	Nil	Applicant to submit a revised project and engagement plan.
The Rainbow Precinct Incorporated	Rainbow Precinct	A marketing and activations strategy in Sydney's Rainbow Precinct to unite businesses and community while honouring LGBTQIA+ history and culture.	\$45,000	Nil	\$35,000	Nil	Funding to go towards the Pride Charter and Ask for Angela safety initiative.
Welcome to Country Ltd	Supporting Jobs and Economic Empowerment of Australian First Nations Peoples	A project in Glebe, to empower First Nations businesses through a culturally safe online e-commerce platform and shopfront for sharing products and cultural education.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	\$10,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil

Attachment B

**Not Recommended for Funding
Business Sector Support Grant Program**

Business Sector Support Grant – Summer round 2025/26

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Australian Information Security Association (AISA) Limited	Cyberlift Sydney	A targeted Cyber SME Communication Masterclass Program that will transform how cybersecurity businesses engage with Sydney's small business community to drive better cybersecurity practices.	\$48,500	Nil
Rule of Law Education Centre Incorporated	Collaboration Space for Not-for-Profits	A project in the inner city providing shared office spaces to foster collaboration, innovation and knowledge sharing among non-profit organisations.	\$37,500 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$30,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$30,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil
Simna Limited	Impact Measurement	A workshop at the Aerial Function Centre, University of Technology, to develop social impact measurement skills for diverse organisations, enhancing reporting and demonstrating community benefit.	\$12,495	Nil
Social Traders Ltd	Elevate - Responsible Business Program	A program in inner city to help small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) integrate sustainable practices, enhance competitiveness, and drive social impact through responsible operations.	\$48,750	Nil
The Co-Operative Federation Ltd	Growing and Strengthening Co-operative Economy	A comprehensive program on Pitt Street offering best-practice advice and support for new and existing co-operatives, including formation guidance, capacity-building, governance workshops and strategic planning.	\$40,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$40,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil
The Master Builders Association of New South Wales	Masterclass Series for SMEs	A series of masterclass workshops in Forest Lodge to equip small and medium construction businesses with essential knowledge on industrial relations, legal compliance, contracts, insurance, payment security and industry best practices.	\$35,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
The Master Builders Association of New South Wales	Safe Foundations	A training initiative in inner city to empower construction businesses and employees with suicide prevention skills through on-site community development, training and support programs.	\$50,000	Nil
Tribal Warrior Aboriginal Corporation	Ngara Muru Cultural Awareness E-learning	An e-learning program in the inner city and local area to increase cultural competency and business sustainability through cultural awareness training informed by Redfern community elders and leaders.	\$50,000	Nil
Ubuntu Australia Inc.	RJ Fitness and Faith RXD Australia	A program at Glebe, combining Christian spirituality with functional training to promote physical, mental, and spiritual health in a supportive community.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil

Attachment C

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

Innovation and Ideas Grant Program - Summer Round 2025/26

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Better Renting Limited	Sydney Summer Renter Researchers	A citizen science project in the inner city where renters track summer heat in their homes, contribute data for a research paper on high-rise housing, and participate in training and lobby days.	\$20,000	Nil	\$20,000	Nil	Nil
Diversity Arts Australia	Creative Equity at Work Online Learning Program	A program across the local area and online to enhance, expand, and roll out an innovative racial equity training for creative workers and organisations, ensuring cultural safety and sustainable impacts for marginalised communities.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$40,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil	\$30,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil
Green Music Australia	Greener Merch: Transforming Music Industry Standards	A program in Chippendale to unite music businesses, industry leaders, and artists to innovate and improve the environmental impact of music merchandise.	\$35,000	Nil	\$33,000	Nil	Nil
Indigenous Entrepreneur Network Ltd	Funding and Investment Readiness Program for Indigenous Businesses	The Funding and Investment Readiness Program for Indigenous Businesses will prepare Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses to pitch for loans, grants, procurement, and impact investment opportunities.	\$49,680 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$49,800 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$49,060 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil	\$49,680 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$49,680 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$49,680 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil	Applicant to submit an updated project plan with risk management

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Michelle Tabet Pty Ltd	Creating advocacy and professional development platform	A project at Juanita Nielsen Community Centre to establish a peak body for creative space operators, driving recognition and legislative status to influence city-making and cultural infrastructure.	\$34,925	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,196	\$34,925	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,196	Nil
Monash University	Reinventing electrical/electronics repair in the City through innovative models	A project in the inner city to reinvent electrical/electronics repair by co-creating innovative models and an actionable roadmap, extending product lifespans and benefiting the environment and economy through co-creation workshops with stakeholders.	\$50,000	Nil	\$48,500	Nil	Nil
Relove Incorporated	ReLove Desk to Dream	A project in Alexandria to transform recycled office workstations into bed bases, providing them free to individuals and families rebuilding their lives in safe, stable housing.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil	\$50,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil
Thai Town Business and the Thai Community Association Incorporated	Thaitown Haymarket Community and Precinct Research Project	A research project in Haymarket to support Thaitown's placemaking strategies, fostering its growth as a culturally vibrant, inclusive, and thriving 24-hour community hub.	\$38,691	Nil	\$19,345	Nil	Applicant to match funding and submit an updated project plan and budget

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
The Committee for Sydney Incorporated	Sydney Global	A project in the local area to create a unified brand narrative, attracting investment, talent, and visitors, while rekindling local pride through a public-private partnership.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil	Applicant to submit an updated budget and include a City of Sydney representative

Attachment D

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

Innovation and Ideas Grant Program - Summer Round 2025/26

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Accessible Arts	Access Ideas and Insights: Hybrid Forum Series	An activity in the local area to facilitate hybrid access to four live-streamed discussion panels from iconic cultural institutions, promoting digital knowledge, best-practice access, and inclusion for artists and arts industry professionals.	\$36,200 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$35,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
ACON Health Limited	Insights: LGBTQ+ Workplace Inclusion eLearn Series	An initiative in Surry Hills to create eLearning modules and toolkits that enhance skills and build capacity for LGBTQ+ inclusion in local businesses and communities.	\$19,650 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$19,881 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$19,861 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Actors Kit Pty Ltd	The AI Scene Partner Strengthening Sydney's Creative Workforce & Storytelling	A project in Redfern to develop Linus, an AI-powered, adaptive scene partner that helps actors rehearse effectively, refine performances, and strengthen cultural and creative sector through impactful storytelling and innovation.	\$49,061	Nil
After AU Pty Ltd	The After Market - A Textile Innovation and Impact Hub	An activity in Alexandria to prototype and showcase innovative textile upcycling methods, collaborate with creative partners, and pilot circular pathways for developing the textile recycling ecosystem.	\$50,000	Nil
Bella App Pty Ltd	USYD International Student Engagement and Community Program	A local area program at Sydney Uni featuring wellness, tech, and business events to support international students, fostering inclusion and enhancing their on-campus experience.	\$20,000	Nil
Benevolence Group Australia Pty Ltd	AI-Powered Grocery Savings Tool	A project on York St to develop an AI-powered tool for automating grocery price comparisons, pre-filling carts, and suggesting healthier, sustainable alternatives to help residents save money and shop sustainably.	\$50,000	Nil
Cerebral Palsy Alliance	Remarkable Tech Summit 2025	A summit in the local area to advance Disability Tech innovation and investment, bringing together delegates to promote inclusive technology and showcase the region as a tech innovation hub.	\$50,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Cicada Innovations Pty Ltd	Cicada 25 Year Anniversary	A series of events in the inner city to celebrate 25 years of Cicada Innovations, showcasing its impact on Australia's deep tech ecosystem and looking ahead to the future of deep tech innovation.	\$20,000	Nil
Consent Labs Ltd	Piloting Innovative Consent Education for Tertiary Students and Institutions	A project in Ultimo to co-design, pilot, and evaluate scalable consent education for tertiary institutions, aligning with new national regulations to combat sexual violence.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Creative Caring Pty Ltd	Who Cares	An activity in the local area and online to support eight artists working in care spaces, exploring inclusive, person-centred care through the arts, involving diverse communities and professional practices.	\$19,421	Nil
DB Media Pty Ltd	Reverberate	A documentary project in Glebe to explore the Gay and Lesbian Choir's name change, highlighting its impact on diversity, inclusion, and advocacy while reflecting on its 30-year legacy in queer culture.	\$30,000	Nil
Eat & Smile Pty Ltd	Tiffin-E AI-Powered Reusable Catering System for a Circular Economy	A project at Ipoh Food Group HQ to develop an AI-powered reusable food packaging system for the catering sector, replacing single-use containers with stainless steel alternatives to reduce waste and support a circular economy.	\$47,500	Venue hire fee waiver \$764
EZ Courier Pty Ltd	EZCircle	A project in the inner city to develop an AI-powered delivery-share platform and social enterprise for commercial bikes, promoting ethical, flexible work and supporting the circular economy.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$30,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Flare Access Pty Ltd	Access Compass Pilot Project: Navigating Accessibility with Confidence	A pilot project in the local area to implement a business accessibility tool, helping businesses assess, improve, and manage accessibility for people with disabilities through audits, tailored reports, resources, and consultation.	\$50,000	Nil
Flippable Pty Ltd	Flippable - filling the missing middle	A project in the inner city to expand Flippable's platform, helping homeowners and investors become small-scale housing developers through feasibility assessments, partner matching, and access to pre-vetted industry partners.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$17,500 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$17,500 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Forward Thinking Design Pty Ltd	Circular Construction/ Fitout Implementation	A program online and in the local area to provide expert 'drop-in' advisory services and training, helping the construction/fitout sector implement circular economy practices and bridge waste reduction skills gaps.	\$47,600 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$16,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
Generational Guide Pty Ltd	Generational Guide	A curated guide and awards in the local area to showcase exceptional businesses that have served customers for generations, featuring retail and service businesses with over forty years of high-quality service.	\$50,000	Nil
Global Trade Professionals Alliance Ltd	e-Commerce Masters	A project in the inner city to develop a strategic game teaching businesses and individuals how to succeed in the global e-commerce space through hands-on, team-based learning.	\$50,000	Nil
Green the Chain Operations Pty Ltd	Sydney's Sustainable Procurement Hub	A demonstration project at Greenhouse Tech Hub to test an innovative approach for overcoming ethical and sustainable sourcing challenges, supporting businesses in sourcing sustainable products and services, and driving circular economy adoption.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Habitat for Humanity Australia	Habitat Healthy Homes	A pilot project in Haymarket to improve housing conditions for low-income households through repairs and maintenance, enhancing thermal performance, water usage, and overall wellbeing.	\$50,000	Nil
IGC Marketing Pty Ltd	Local Business Treasure Hunt	An activity in the local area to facilitate a real-life treasure hunt with promotions from local vendors, incorporating strategic treasure locations to benefit business operators and visitors.	\$10,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$10,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
ImpactInstitute Pty Ltd	Offers and Needs Market at Social Impact Summit 2025	A project at the University of Technology Sydney to host a cross-sector social and economic sustainability workshop within the Social Impact Summit 2025, fostering connections, resource sharing, and networking opportunities through the Offers and Needs Market.	\$18,822	Nil
Inzer Pty Ltd	Tech Accessories for Fitness Equipment.	A project in Bondi Beach to develop AI-powered fitness-tech accessories that integrate with gym equipment, delivering personalized workouts, injury prevention, and social connectivity features to enhance safety and reduce member churn across NSW facilities.	\$50,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
JOC Consulting Pty Ltd	Creative Spaces Network: A Local Government capacity building initiative	A project at East Sydney Community & Arts Centre to empower local councils in delivering sustainable cultural infrastructure through co-design workshops and a Community of Practice.	\$30,000	Nil
Legal Liaison Ltd	The Missing Lens	A project in the inner city offering free, confidential workshops to empower individuals and businesses in navigating lawyer-client conflicts, managing legal risks, and promoting ethical legal awareness.	\$20,000	Nil
Lext Australia Pty Limited	Policy Hub	A project in the local area to create a tool that makes policies on the CoS website search queryable, empowering users to ask questions and receive pinpoint references, improving navigation for staff and community members.	\$50,000	Nil
M87 Pty Ltd	I Was There: A Digital Collectibles Platform for Live Events	A project in the inner city to develop a blockchain-powered digital collectibles platform for live events, enabling artists, venues, and audiences to engage in a new revenue model directly linked to event attendance and participation.	\$39,071	Nil
Meydit Pty Ltd	Meydit Mendin Pop-In	A project at the East Sydney Community and Arts Centre to empower citizens through slow fashion, skill-building, and creative opportunities, reducing textile waste and fostering an equitable, inclusive, and resilient community.	\$17,370 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$18,370 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$4,725 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$5,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27)
Next Generation Construction (Nexgen) Ltd	NexGen - Build Your Future Program	A program in the inner city to inspire, educate, and empower students by showcasing real construction careers, connecting them with industry for high-paying, future-proof jobs.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Ocean Impact Organisation Ltd	INNOVOCEAN: Inspiring a Sustainable Blue Economy Across Asia Pacific	An event in Darling Harbour to unite Asia-Pacific stakeholders in advancing ocean health solutions, fostering collaboration, innovation, and leadership in the sustainable blue economy.	\$48,950	Nil
Physical Disability Council of NSW Incorporated	Building an Inclusive, thriving economy	A project in Glebe to guide and benchmark disability inclusion efforts of 10 leading organisations, fostering mutual benefits for people with disabilities and local businesses.	\$48,500	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
PlantingSeeds Projects Limited	Bees, Birds & Biodiversity (B&B) Highway Project	A project in the local area to create regenerative and educational green spaces, supporting threatened pollinators and educating locals through the Flagship B&B Highway program.	\$24,946 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$10,846 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
Refugee Council of Australia Inc	Insight Refugee Hub	A project in the inner city to redesign the Refugee Council of Australia's website, making it a user-friendly hub to counter misinformation and support refugees and the community.	\$49,917	Nil
Ripper Corporation Pty Ltd	Drone In a Box Automated Thermal Monitoring Alert System (ATMAS)	A local area project to develop an automated drone-based thermal monitoring system with advanced sensors, cloud management, and AI-driven alerts for fire-risk management and asset surveillance.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$25,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Rocketshot.TV Pty Ltd	City Style Fashion Festival	A project in the inner city to create the City Style Fashion Festival, an inclusive celebration of fashion, design, and culture, elevating mid-level retailers and emerging designers.	\$45,000	Nil
Sefa Partnerships Limited	Enhancing social enterprise through shared value real estate	A research project in the local area to co-design mechanisms with Sydney businesses and social purpose organisations, enabling social enterprises to thrive and revitalise existing office space.	\$43,738	Nil
SHER Foundation Ltd	Migrants Museum	An activity in the inner city to share migrant stories via everyday objects, building community connection, reducing isolation, and improving mental health through interactive storytelling that celebrates cultural diversity.	\$37,500	Nil
Something Ventured Pty Ltd	Built in Sydney, Built by Women	An online project to promote women-founded startups through a digital magazine and interactive directory, enhancing visibility, networking, and knowledge-sharing in the startup ecosystem.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Songlines to Sovereignty Ltd	Songlines to Sovereignty	A project in the inner city to build the capability of an organisation to record Indigenous Elders' oral traditions in video format for posterity and wider community communication.	\$19,007	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Start Some Good Foundation Limited	Diverse Perspectives: Supporting First Nations and Migrant Social Entrepreneurs	A start-up program in Haymarket to empower migrant, refugee, and Indigenous entrepreneurs with mentorship, workshops, and crowdfunding support, helping them launch social enterprises and gain employment.	\$49,280 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$49,280 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$49,280 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
Steps Retreats (Australia) Limited	The Sydney Retreat Garden Centre	A social enterprise in Newtown providing paid employment, skills training, and recovery support for people overcoming addiction, helping them transition into sustainable long-term employment.	\$50,000	Nil
Streetkind.co Ltd	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Enabled Digital App for Streetkind Safe Base	A project in the inner city to develop AI for StreetKind's outreach program, maximizing time spent on critical interventions and assistance to enhance safety in Sydney's nightlife hotspots.	\$50,000	Nil
Sydney Co-Housing Incorporated	Feasibility study for mixed-income limited-equity housing co-operatives	A research project in the inner city to develop replicable financial models for limited-equity rental co-ops, providing long-term non-profit housing for City residents, including at least 25% on very low incomes.	\$39,000	Nil
TenantVoice Pty Ltd	Tenant Voice	A project in the local area to develop a renter-led platform for transparent, affordable rental solutions, allowing tenants to review properties and landlords, and property owners to manage leases and hire tradies for maintenance.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
The Bower Re-Use and Repair Centre Co-Operative Limited	Bower Marketplace: A Circular Economy Digital Platform	A digital platform in the local area to match availability and demand for pre-loved household items in real-time, reducing landfill waste and fostering a circular economy with AI technology and optimized logistics.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
The Ethics Centre Limited	The Ethics Centre Tune Up	A series of events in the inner city to develop ethical literacy, train facilitators, and promote equitable and inclusive dialogue, empowering individuals and businesses to make ethically responsible decisions.	\$17,570	Nil
The House That Dan Built Incorporated	Lantern4.6 by the house that Dan built	A project in Haymarket to develop LANTERN4.6, a portable, scalable artistic technology for capturing complex multichannel audio and creating immersive sound-based artworks.	\$25,000	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
The University of Sydney	Hearing from locals using AI	A research project in the local area to develop an AI-powered system for automatically analysing community submissions and highlighting local diversity.	\$18,900	Nil
The University of Sydney	USYD High School Outreach Program	An outreach program in the inner city to introduce high school students to Generative AI applications, tools, and responsible usage, fostering early university education exposure.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil
University of New South Wales	Air Quality Monitoring	A project in the local area to deploy an Internet of Things (IoT) based air quality monitoring system in council-managed parking and pedestrian underpasses, enhancing ventilation and ensuring a healthier environment through real-time monitoring and data-driven decisions.	\$18,988	Nil
University of New South Wales	Workplace Flexibility: The emergence of co-working spaces and their future	A research project in the local area to model the industry and locational characteristics of evolving co-working spaces using AI, based on the Floor Space and Employment Survey (FES) dataset.	\$34,500	Nil
University of New South Wales	Branching Out	A project in Pirrama Park, Ultimo to provide playground shade using leftover tree branches, highlighting circular materials and connecting to country.	\$20,000	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Happy Streets: Mapping Sydney through People's Eyes	A project in the local area to map streets based on perceived happiness, quietness, and beauty, revealing preferred walking and cycling routes to guide infrastructure investments and enhance pedestrian and cyclist experiences.	\$49,590 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$49,917 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$49,640 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	GenAI for community engagement and placemaking	A pilot project in Ultimo to address barriers in government-community interactions through GenAI-assisted engagement, leading to more effective and inclusive public services.	\$49,617	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Visualising the Creative Industries	A project in the inner city to create a digital map showcasing the tech, media, and design industries in Ultimo and Chippendale through participatory mapping with community members.	\$31,755	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
University of Technology Sydney	Tech Central Precinct through Students' Perspectives	A research project in the local area to enhance the Tech Central precinct, making it vibrant, engaging, and inclusive through insights from Sydney's student community.	\$16,102	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Creative Home	A research project in the local area to develop a model for sustainable, affordable, and fit-for-purpose housing for creative professionals, aligning with City of Sydney strategies and initiatives.	\$48,060	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Catalysing Communities of Practice for place-based innovation in Tech Central	A co-design initiative and research project in Tech Central to connect businesses, academic institutions, and local communities, fostering collaboration, inclusivity, innovation, and a sense of belonging.	\$46,095	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Inclusive Security Design	A local area project to investigate how people with disability experience protective security measures in public places, aiming to improve accessibility and inclusivity.	\$49,975	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Renewable energy for business: Buyers' Group Stages 2 and 3	A local area project to facilitate a business buyers group for delivering a renewable energy PPA project and developing a scalable group buying model without ongoing Council management.	\$50,000	Nil
University of Technology Sydney	Overcoming Barriers to Circular Economy in Commercial Fit-Out Waste Management	The research project aims to enhance circular economy adoption in fit-out waste management in Sydney CBD, analysing supply chain perspectives to identify opportunities for enhancing material recovery in commercial projects.	\$12,027	Nil
Velocity Empowerment Pty Ltd	Safe Space SEA	A program at UTS to educate Southeast Asian students on gender-based violence, coercive control, and healthy relationships through targeted sessions and workshops.	\$20,000	Nil
Vibewire Youth Services Inc	onRamp	A program in Surry Hills to help young people gain confidence and enterprise skills for entering or advancing in the workforce.	\$20,000	Nil
Western Sydney University	Resilient Sydney: Innovative Housing for Social Sustainability and Affordability	A pilot feasibility study and survey in the local area to explore modular housing solutions for the housing crisis, social sustainability, and resilience, fostering collaboration between government, industry, and universities.	\$35,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$35,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27)	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
World Product Imports Pty Ltd	Worm Compost Bin Pilot Program	A pilot program in the inner city to test an innovative worm compost bin for small living spaces, aiming to reduce waste materials like organic scraps, cardboard packaging, and paper bags.	\$14,532	Nil
Yaala Pty Ltd	Ancient Wisdoms shared in a modern beverage	A local area project to enrich the community by providing healthier beverages, supporting Indigenous suppliers, promoting cultural storytelling, and championing sustainability.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 2025/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 2026/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 2027/28)	Nil

Attachment E

**Recommended for Funding
Haymarket Activation Grant Program**

Haymarket Activation Grant Summer Round 2025-26

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Bespok3 Pty Ltd	Asia Live	A program in Dixon Street to celebrate multi-Asian cultures through food, arts and music, driving foot traffic, creating unique experiences and promoting Haymarket as Asia Town while showcasing its heritage.	\$200,000	Nil	\$200,000	Nil	Nil

Attachment F

**Not Recommended for Funding
Haymarket Activation Grant Program**

Haymarket Activation Grant Summer Round 2025-26

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested
Camie Fleur Pty Ltd	Lanterns and Blooms - A Floral Journey Through Asian Heritage	A festival in Haymarket transforming Chinatown into a vibrant hub of Asian floral artistry, culture, and community, featuring large-scale installations, interactive workshops, and local collaborations to foster connection, inclusion, and economic growth.	\$200,000	Street banner pole hire to the value of \$545
Choy Lee Fut Sydney Pty. Ltd.	Fenghuang Festival: The Spirit of Chinatown	A series of cultural events in Chinatown, featuring lion dance, Qigong, Kung Fu, and hands-on activities, to revitalise Haymarket, celebrate Chinese heritage, and foster community inclusion, located on Sussex and Dixon Streets.	\$200,000	Nil
Haymarket Alliance Inc	Asia Fashion Month	A month-long activation in Haymarket transforming it into a dynamic hub of culture and creativity, celebrating Asian Australian fashion through catwalks, popup markets, designer collaborations, and cultural storytelling.	\$200,000	Nil
Louder World Pty Ltd	Shor - The Sound of Diwali	A high-energy Diwali festival at Belmore Park, uniting the South Asian diaspora and Sydney through music, dance, art, and immersive experiences, celebrating culture, joy, and community spirit.	\$200,000	Nil

Attachment G

**Recommended for Funding
Dixon Street Improvement Grant Program**

Dixon Street Improvement Grant 2024-25

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Eastern Cafe Pty Ltd & E Lai	47 Dixon Street (Ground Floor)	A project that proposes an upgraded shopfront and separate entry to the upper floors, installation of a neon-style illuminated sign, and the modifications of the existing awning to match the other traditional Chinese-style decorative green tile awnings along Dixon Street	\$20,000	Nil	\$20,000	Nil	Nil
Eastern Cafe Pty Ltd & E Lai	47 Dixon Street (Upper Storey)	A project to restore the upper facade, including the repair of brickwork, restoration of painted Chinese signage, relocation of air conditioning unit to the roof, and replacement all existing windows on Levels 1 and 2.	\$60,000	Nil	\$60,000	Nil	Nil
Elegant Dixon Property Pty. Ltd.	82-84 Dixon St	A project to restore the upper-storey facade of the heritage-listed building, including the restoration of window openings and stone sills, repair facade stone, brickwork, and render, and the replacement of aluminium windows with timber double-hung windows and low-e glass.	\$60,000	Nil	\$60,000	Nil	Nil

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Gatsby Brothers Catering Management Pty Ltd	63-69 Dixon Street	A project to upgrade the shopfront of Tenancy 2, including the replacement of exterior wall tiling, additional tiling to achieve a better interface with adjoining tenancies and the upper-level facade, installing new skirtings, and modifications to the two window openings either side of the main entry.	\$20,000	Nil	\$20,000	Nil	Nil

Attachment H

Data Report on Outcomes of Funding – Business Sector Support Grant Program
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Business Sector Support - June 2025

Cash Recommended FY25/26	VIK Recommended FY25/26
\$581K	\$8K
Cash Recommended FY26/27	VIK Recommended FY26/27
\$132K	\$9K
Cash Recommended FY27/28	VIK Recommended FY27/28
\$35K	\$0

Total Cash and VIK Recommended

44

\$765K

representing 28% of the total project value of

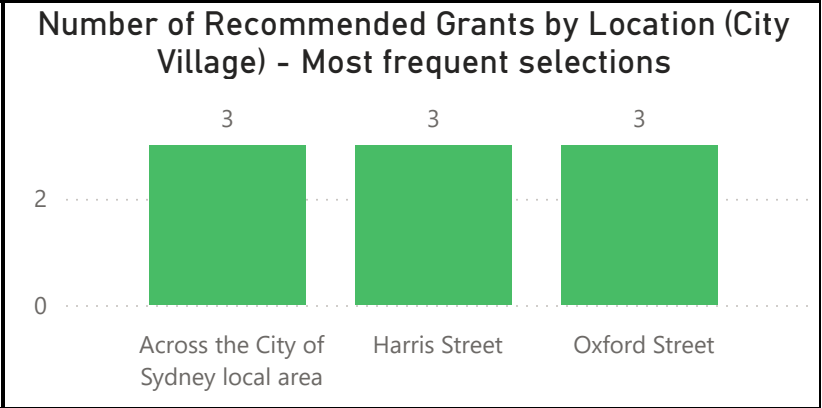
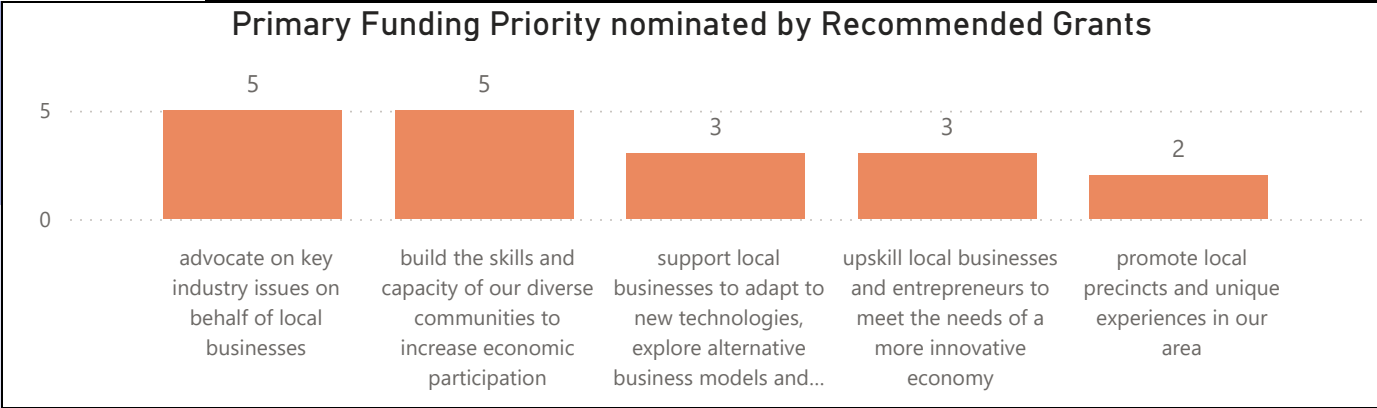
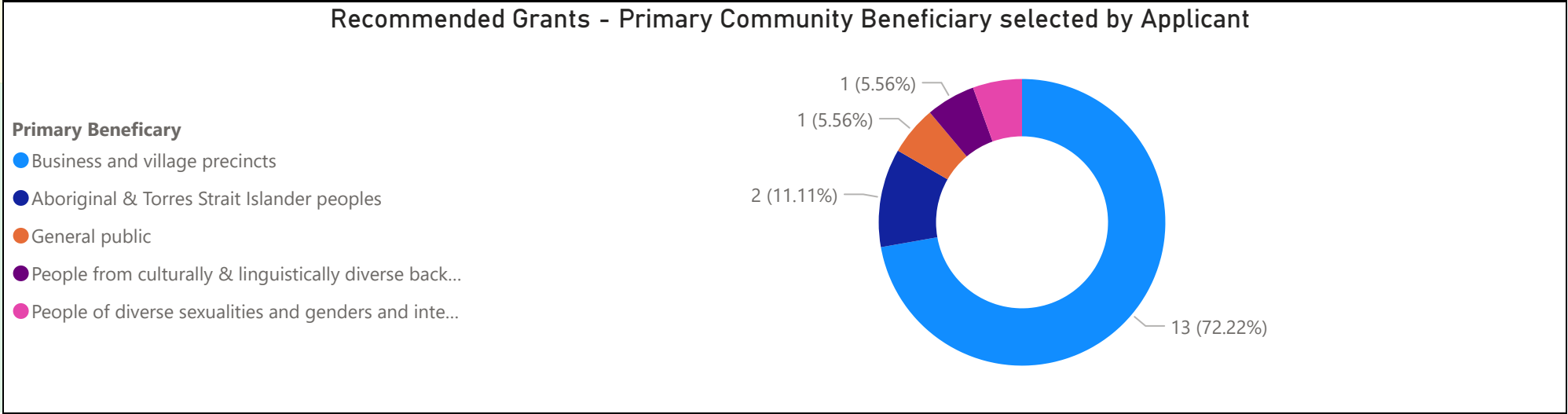
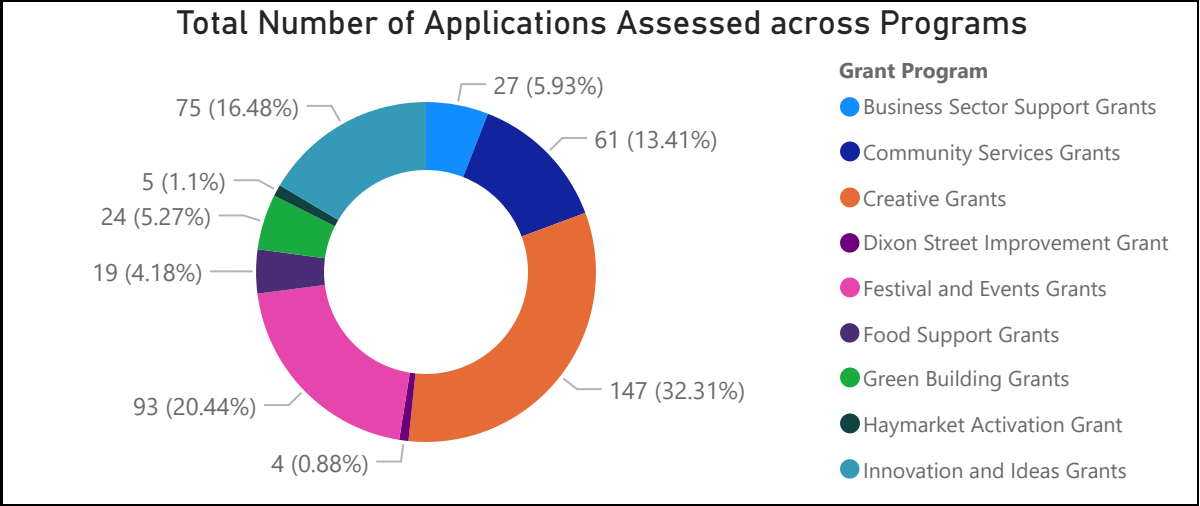
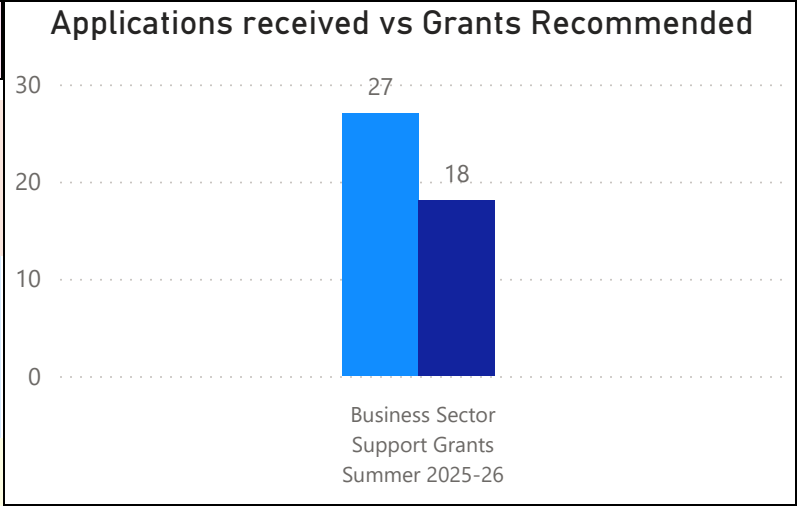
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Number of Staff employed by Applicant Organisations to deliver projects

125

Number of Volunteers engaged to deliver projects

104



Attachment I

Data Report on Outcomes of Funding – Innovation and Ideas Grant Program

Innovation and Ideas - June 2025

Cash Recommended FY25/26

\$335K

Cash Recommended FY26/27

\$100K

Cash Recommended FY27/28

\$100K

VIK Recommended FY25/26

\$2K

VIK Recommended FY26/27

\$0

VIK Recommended FY27/28

\$0

Total Cash and VIK Recommended

46

\$537K

representing 22% of the total project value of

\$2.45M

Number of Staff employed by Applicant Organisations to deliver projects

47

Number of Volunteers engaged to deliver projects

580

Applications received vs Grants Recommended

Category	Value
Innovation and Ideas Grants Summer 2025-26 (Applications received)	75
Innovation and Ideas Grants Summer 2025-26 (Grants Recommended)	9

Total Number of Applications Assessed across Programs

Grant Program	Count	Percentage
Business Sector Support Grants	28	6.14%
Community Services Grants	61	13.38%
Creative Grants	147	32.24%
Dixon Street Improvement Grant	4	0.88%
Festival and Events Grants	93	20.39%
Food Support Grants	19	4.17%
Green Building Grants	5	1.1%
Haymarket Activation Grant	24	5.26%
Innovation and Ideas Grants	75	16.45%

Recommended Grants - Primary Community Beneficiary

Primary Beneficiary	Count	Percentage
Business and village precincts	4	44.44%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples	1	11.11%
Artists	1	11.11%
General public	1	11.11%
People experiencing homelessness	1	11.11%
People from culturally & linguistically diverse backgrounds	1	11.11%

Number of Recommended Grants by Pillar

Pillar	Count
Environmental	4
Cultural	3
Economic	2

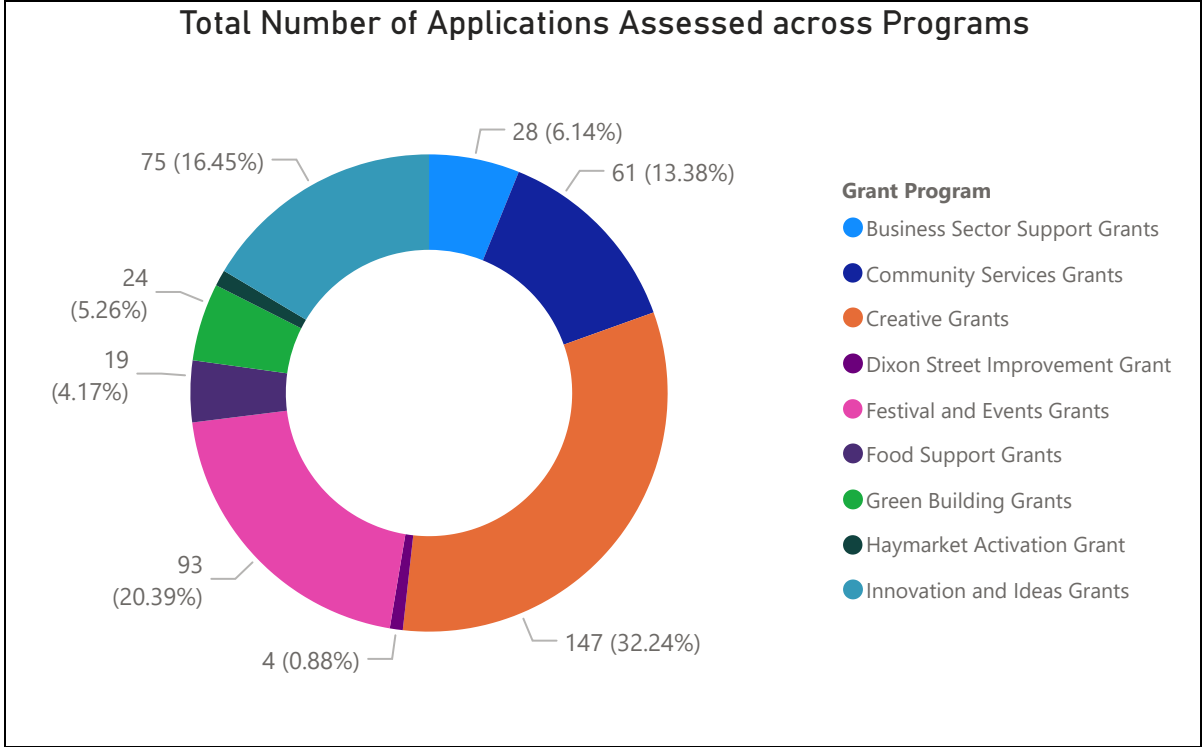
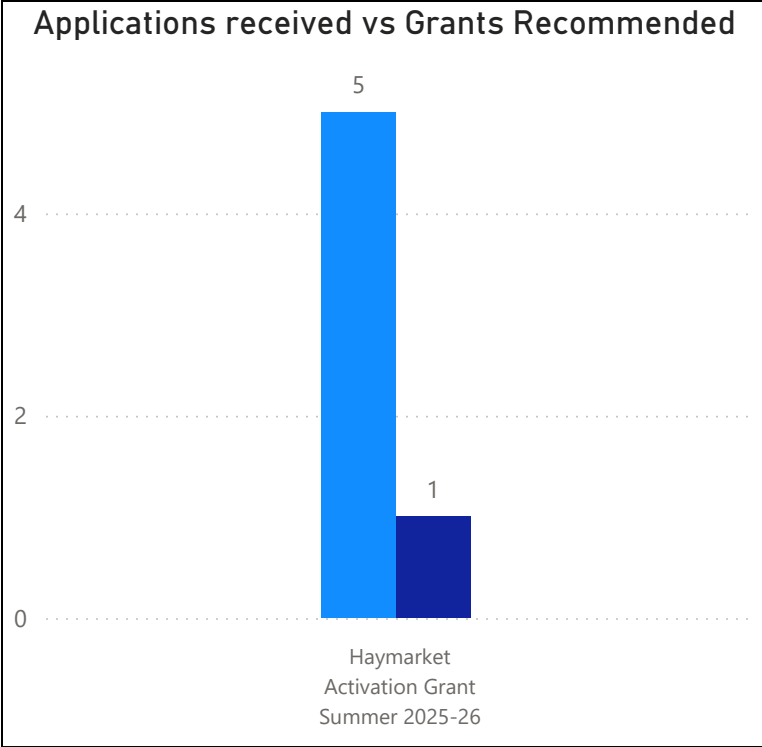
Primary Funding Priority nominated by Recommended Grants

Primary Funding Priority	Count
a leading environmental performer	3
a place with a transformed and innovative economy	2
equitable and inclusive	2
thrive culturally and creatively	2

Attachment J

Data Report on Outcomes of Funding – Haymarket Activation Grant Program

Haymarket Activation - June 2025	
Cash Recommended FY25/26	VIK Recommended FY25/26
\$200K	\$0K
Cash Recommended FY26/27	VIK Recommended FY26/27
\$0	\$0
Cash Recommended FY27/28	VIK Recommended FY27/28
\$0	\$0
Cash Recommended FY28/29	VIK Recommended FY28/29
\$0	\$0
Total Cash and VIK Recommended	
48	
\$200K	
representing 80% of the total project value of	
\$250K	



Number of Staff employed by Applicant Organisations to deliver Recommended project

20

Number of Volunteers engaged to deliver Recommended project

15

Total Number of anticipated Attendees - Recommended project

150K

Recommended Grant - Project Description - Bespok3 Pty Ltd - 'Asia Live'

A program in Dixon Street to celebrate multi-Asian cultures through food, arts, and music, driving foot traffic, creating unique experiences, and promoting Haymarket as Asia Town while showcasing its heritage.

Attachment K

Data Report on Outcomes of Funding – Dixon Street Improvement Grant Program

Dixon Street Improvement - June 2025

Cash Recommended FY24/25	VIK Recommended FY24/25
\$160K	\$0K
Cash Recommended FY25/26	VIK Recommended FY25/26
\$0	\$0
Cash Recommended FY26/27	VIK Recommended FY26/27
\$0	\$0

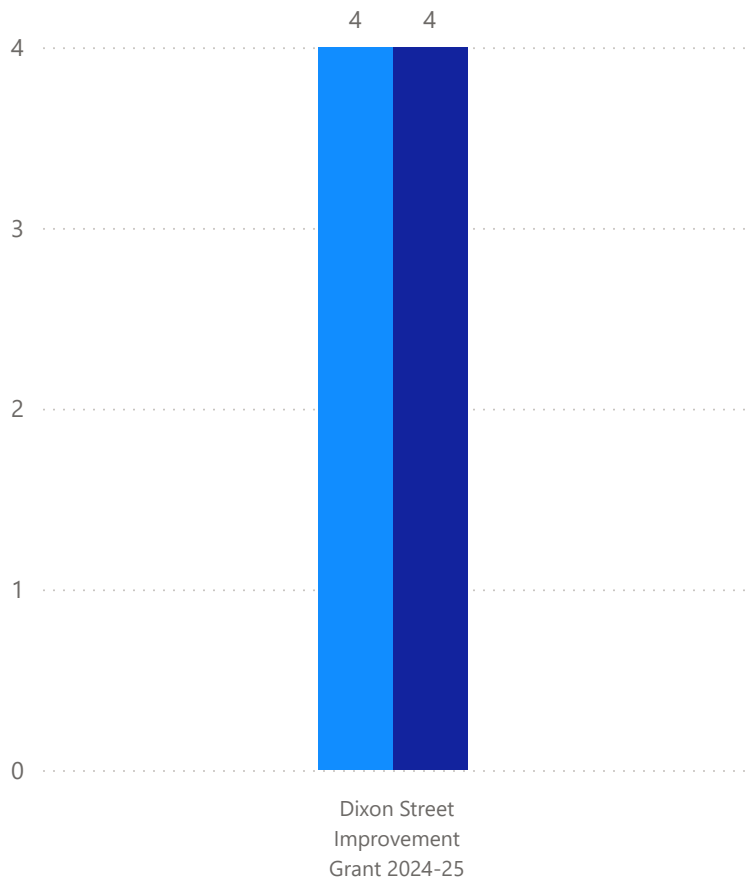
Total Cash and VIK Recommended

50 **\$160K**

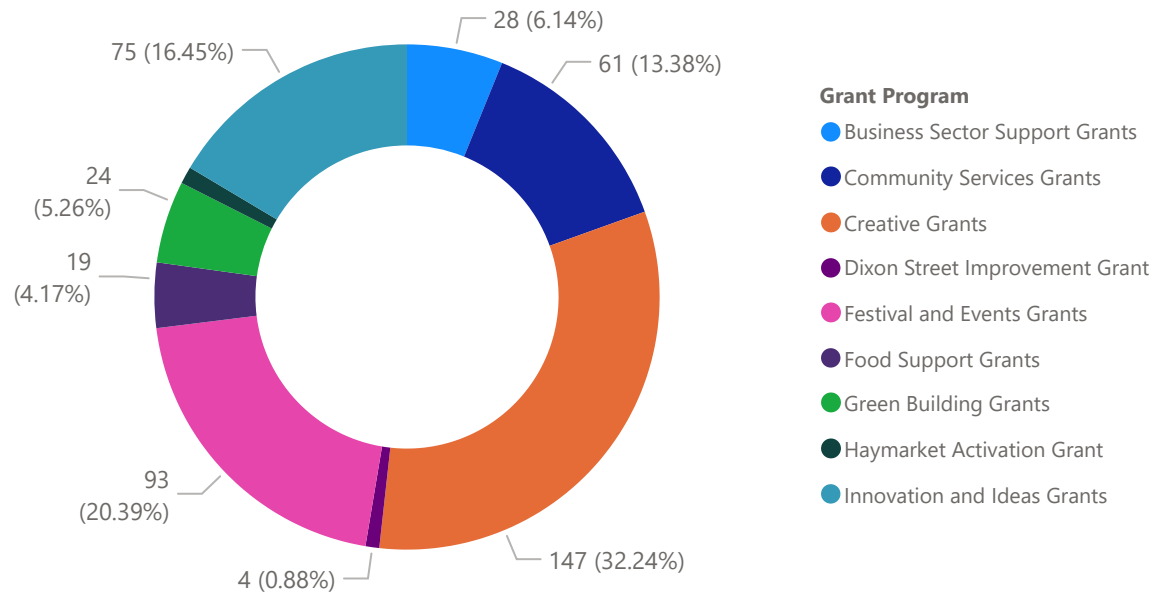
representing 15% of the total project value of

\$1.09M

Applications received vs Grants Recommended



Total Number of Applications Assessed across Programs



Project Title	Sum of \$ REC 25/26	Brief Project Description
47 Dixon Street (Ground Floor)	\$20,000	A project that proposes an upgraded shopfront and separate entry to the upper floors, installation of a neon-style illuminated sign, and the modifications of the existing awning to match the other traditional Chinese-style decorative green tile awnings along Dixon Street
47 Dixon Street (Upper Storey)	\$60,000	A project to restore the upper facade, including the repair of brickwork, restoration of painted Chinese signage, relocation of air conditioning unit to the roof, and replacement all existing windows on Levels 1 and 2.
63-69 Dixon Street	\$20,000	A project to upgrade the shopfront of Tenancy 2, including the replacement of exterior wall tiling, additional tiling to achieve a better interface with adjoining tenancies and the upper-level facade, installing new skirtings, and modifications to the two window openings either side of the main entry.
82-84 Dixon St	\$60,000	A project to restore the upper-storey facade of the heritage-listed building, including the restoration of window openings and stone sills, repair facade stone, brickwork, and render, and the replacement of aluminium windows with timber double-hung windows and low-e glass.
Total	\$160,000	