CITY OF SYDNEY

9 November 2026

At the conclusion of the Community Services and Facilities Committee

Innovation, Business and Economy Committee

Agenda

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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 19 October 2026

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 - Economic Grants

File No: S117676

Summary

The Economic grants program supports projects that help create vibrant local economies that are inclusive, sustainable and innovative. It encourages proposals that bring economic benefits such as improving local areas, supporting important skills development and creating partnerships to attract long-term local investment.

It consists of 2 categories:

Precinct and place activation

This category supports projects that will activate places and precincts with economic benefits, such as workshops, pop-ups, street performances, installations, live music and local festivals.

Innovation and business capacity building

This category supports projects that grow the skills, capability and capacity of local businesses, promote sector-wide innovation and connect businesses to networking opportunities. For example, upskilling programs, pilot projects, proposals that test new approaches, advocacy and research.

This report recommends a total of 13 grants across these 2 funding categories for a total multi-year value of $252,945 in cash and $75,476 value-in-kind. These grants will be paid over a period of 3 years. Further information on these recommendations is detailed within this report and its attachments.

If all recommendations are approved, the 2026/27 budgets for the Economic grants program will be exhausted.

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 Economic grants program as shown at Attachments A (Precinct and place activation) and C (Innovation and business capacity building) to the subject report

(B) Council note the applicants not recommended for funding as shown at Attachments B (Precinct and place activation) and D (Innovation and business capacity building) 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 under terms consistent with this resolution and the Grants Policy

(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.

Attachments

Attachment A. Recommended for funding - Precinct and place activation

Attachment B. Not recommended for funding - Precinct and place activation

Attachment C. Recommended for funding - Innovation and business capacity building

Attachment D. Not recommended for funding - Innovation and business capacity building

Attachment E. Grant program budget allocation - Economic grants

Attachment F. Data report on outcomes of funding - Economic grants

Background

1. On 28 April 2026, Council adopted the Grants Policy and Grants Guidelines under which this grant program has been delivered.

2. The City's grants program provides the City with a platform to support cultural, economic, environmental and social initiatives from the communities and business, within the local area.

3. The grant programs consist of Economic, Environmental, Creative and Social and Community grants. This report covers the recommendations for the Economic grants program which includes the Precinct and place activation and Innovation and business capacity building categories.

Grant program opened	21 July 2026	
Grant program closed	1 September 2026	
Eligible applicant types	As per Grant Guidelines	
Eligible applications received and cash amount requested in 2026/27		
Precinct and place activation	38	$1,373,950
Innovation and business capacity building	66	$2,272,137
Total	**104**	**$3,646,087**
Number of applications from for-profit organisations and/or sole traders	63	
Applications recommended and cash amounts recommended for 2026/27		
Precinct and place activation	5	$107,945
Innovation and business capacity building	8	$145,000
Total	**13**	**$252,945**
If recommendations are approved, the 2026/27 budget for the Economic grants program will be fully expended.		
For-profit organisations and/or sole traders recommended	2 applications: • Precinct and place activation: Trading Blak Pty Ltd • Innovation and business capacity building: Tech Week Pty Ltd	

4. Each funding round the City receives over 100% more applications than it can fund within its allocated funding budget. Not all quality applications can be funded therefore the City applies a rigorous assessment process to ensure that recommended projects align with the City's strategies and priorities.

5. In assessing the applications, the assessment panel may recommend an amount less than what the applicant has requested. The main reasons why the panel may do this are:

   (a) the applicant has not made a case for full funding

   (b) the applicant has requested funding for items that the City does not support

   (c) the panel wishes to support the project but does not have sufficient budget to provide the full request and therefore recommends a lower amount.

6. If an applicant does not receive the full amount requested they will have the opportunity to vary their project accordingly. If the panel has concerns about the applicant's capacity to achieve the objectives of their project, the panel may request a revised budget prior to contracting.

7. This program is assessed under the grants assessment process and against the criteria as detailed in the approved Grants Policy and Grants Guidelines.

8. Attached to this report at Attachment F are high level summaries on the anticipated outputs and outcomes of the funding if the recommendations are approved for this program. This provides insight into what the applicants have identified they hope to achieve if they receive the City's funding.

Key implications

Strategic alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

9. 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 program is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:

   (a) 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.

   (b) Direction 8 - A thriving cultural 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.

   (c) 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.

10. The directions above are those that relate most closely to this grant program, however the City acknowledges that many of the grants recommended under this report will support projects with outcomes and impacts that reach beyond these directions.

Organisational impact

11. All grants are recommended on the condition that any required approvals, permits and development consents are obtained by the applicant.

12. All grant recipients will be required to sign a contract, meet specific performance outcomes and acquit their grant. The management of grant contracts 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

13. 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.

Financial implications

14. A financial summary of the recommendations for this program is at Attachment E. This details the proposed cash and value-in-kind allocations for the current financial year and any future financial years (where relevant). If the recommendations are approved there will be no further budget available for this program in the current financial year.

15. There are sufficient funds allocated in this financial year's operational budget to support the recommended grants. The forward multi-year proposed recommendations are included in the long-term financial plan.

16. Value-in-kind support has been recommended for selected applicants as detailed in the Attachments. The value-in-kind budget is approved each year as part of the grants budget and there is sufficient budget to support these recommendations.

Relevant legislation

17. 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, and section 377(1A) permits the delegation of the granting of financial assistance in certain circumstances.

18. Sections 356(3)(a) to (d) with respect to providing grant funding to for profit organisations, and sections 377(1A)(a) to (d) with respect to the delegation of the granting of financial assistance, are satisfied because:

    (a) the funding is a part of the Economic grants program

    (b) the details of the program were included in the Council's adopted operational plan for this financial year

    (c) each programs' proposed budget does not exceed 5% of Council's proposed income from ordinary rates for this financial year

    (d) these programs apply to a significant group of persons within the local government area.

Critical dates / Time frames

19. The funding period for this grant program is for activities taking place 12 months from each project start date. In this report there are also recommendations of funding for future financial years to support activities for multi-year projects. Contracts will be developed for all successful applications after Council approval to ensure their funding is released in time for projects starting.

Public engagement

20. At the opening of the annual grant program, the City of Sydney delivers a number of community focused online, telephone and in-person information sessions designed to share more details of the opportunities and support prospective applicants. Details of the type and number of sessions and attendees, are included in the table below:

Type of information session	Number of sessions	Number of attendees
Economic program webinar	1 (22 July 2026)	64
All other program webinars	3 (various dates)	324
Telephone bookings (15-minute sessions)	416 (all programs)	416 (all programs)
In-person meetings (20-minute sessions)	61 (all programs)	61 (all programs)

21. As per the Grants Guidelines, all applicants - whether successful or unsuccessful - have the opportunity to contact the City of Sydney's Grants team directly to arrange an appointment for feedback on their application. This feedback, delivered orally, provides applicants with a greater understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of their submission that were identified by the assessment panel.

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Attachment A

Recommended for funding
Precinct and place activation

Economic grants program - Precinct and place activation 2026/2027

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Office Limited	Supply Nation Connect 2027 - Indigenous Business and Procurement Event	An Indigenous business and procurement event at ICC Sydney connecting Indigenous businesses with corporate and government buyers through a knowledge forum, tradeshow, networking opportunities and a gala awards dinner.	**$50,000**	**$5,400**	**$15,000**	**$5,400**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	Applicant to provide an updated detailed budget.
Climate Action Foundation Limited	Climate Action Week Sydney 2027: Citywide Climate Action Festival	A week-long festival activating multiple local precincts through multiple events connecting government, industry, climate technology, investors, researchers, creatives and communities.	**$50,000**	**$19,411**	**$30,000**	**$19,411**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Inner City Eora NAIDOC Family Fun Day	An Aboriginal-led NAIDOC event celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through live performances, dance, music, Elders' activities, children's activities, catering and community services in the local area.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$50,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$30,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
MP District Inc	MP District Presents	A free quarterly program of public activations that will enliven the MP District through after-work live music, curated precinct trails and a First Nations commission.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$50,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$20,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Trading Blak Pty Ltd	Trading Blak - 107 Activation	A project to establish an Aboriginal-led retail and cultural hub in Redfern, delivering weekly activations that showcase Aboriginal businesses, artists and culture while driving visitation and local economic activity.	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$12,945**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Total					**$107,945.00**	**$24,811.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	

Attachment B

Not recommended for funding
Precinct and place activation

Economic grants program - Precinct and place activation 2026/2027

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name
Alliance Francaise De Sydney Cultural Foundation Limited	Alliance Française French Film Festival - L'Apéritif
Australian Gin Distillers Association Incorporated	Daylight Masterclasses: Making Sydney Venues More Accessible
Bad Friday Pty Limited	Add New Anchor Outdoor Stage: Erskineville (Crawl Music Festival 2027)
BBR Agency Pty Ltd	Bastille Festival 2027 - 2029
BBR Agency Pty Ltd	Jolly Market-Sydney's Biggest Night Market
Cicada Innovations Pty Ltd	Open Cicada: Public Activations in Tech Central
Digimed Australia Pty Ltd	Stint - The Sydney Talent Link for International Students
El Indio Darlinghurst Pty Ltd	El Indio Darlinghurst
Franklin Audio Devices Pty Ltd	Franklin Audio Makers Meet
Griffin Theatre Company Ltd	Re-Opening Street Party Celebration of the New Griffin Theatre
Haymarket Alliance Inc	Haymarket Moon Festival
Hollywood Quarter Incorporated	Awesome Black X HQ
Joel Eitan Rosenzveig Holland	Officina: South King Street Sessions
JWK Group Holdings Pty Ltd	Jin Wu Koon's 50th Anniversary - Lion Dance Festival
Maree Anne Sckaff	MSSKIN Glow District: Sydney Pop-Up
Mary's Entertainment Quarter Pty Ltd	Mary's EQ | Fortnightly Music Activation
Metro Theatre Sydney Pty Ltd	Metro Air: Growing Audiences and Supporting Artists
Michael Muscat	Camperdown Sound Grassroots Music and Culture Program
Mixmag Aus/NZ Pty Ltd	Mixmag Lab Australia
Nicholas Hurrell	Vibe Rise: Monument Raves
Offmode Pty Ltd	OffMode Harbour Nights
Piera Francesca Mazza	Pinch Precinct Expansion: Semi-permanent Fashion Events for Independent Sydney Designers
Pyrmont - Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc	Pyrmont Community Food and Wine Festival (2028 and 2029)
Qtopia Ltd	Qtopia Sydney: Substation Saturdays
Queer Screen Limited	2027 Mardi Gras Film Festival
Rachel Eliopolo	Rhythm Republic Third Space Dance Project
Rising Food Pty Ltd	Eight O's: A Woolloomooloo Street Music Festival
Rohan Willard	Oxford and Foley Streets Public Seating Project
Sarah Barber	World After Midnight
Soul Of Chinatown Incorporated	Chinatown Culture Club
Sydney Comedy Festival Pty Ltd	Sydney Comedy Festival's Tumbalong Park Comedy Series
Thai Kee Grocer Pty Ltd	Lunar New Year Food and Cultural Festival
The Ethics Centre Limited	Building Economic Resilience Through Ethical AI Engagement

Attachment C

Recommended for funding
Innovation and business capacity building

Economic grants program - Innovation and business capacity building 2026/2027

Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
Clothing Stewardship Australia Limited	Clothing to Construction: Unlocking New Markets for Recycled Australian Textiles	An industry event in the local area showcasing how unwanted clothing can be transformed into new products, supporting circular economy practices, innovation and local economic opportunities.	**$47,557**	**$2,065**	**$0**	**$2,065**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Creative Production Spaces NSW Incorporated	Creative Production Spaces NSW	A project to build the collective capacity of independent creative production space operators in the local area through sector coordination, research, knowledge sharing and advocacy.	**$49,700 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$49,700 (Year 2 2027/28)**	**$0**	**$15,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
NSW Business Chamber Limited	Sydney Business Awards	A business awards program and gala event in the local area celebrating business excellence and Sydney's diverse economy, with opportunities for award recipients to progress to state-level recognition.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$50,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$20,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Pride Business Association (NSW) Incorporated	Buy Rainbow	A business development initiative supporting LGBTQIA+ owned businesses across the local area through a business showcase, promotion, partnerships and networking to increase visibility, connections and economic opportunities.	**$25,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$25,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$25,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$25,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	Applicant to provide detailed project plan.

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
Social Enterprise Council of NSW & ACT (SECNA) Ltd	Knowledge Sharing, Networking and Support	A program supporting social enterprises across the local area through free resources, networking, tailored mentoring and events to strengthen business sustainability, community connections and positive social and environmental impact.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$50,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$3,600 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$3,600 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$3,600 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$15,000**	**$3,600**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Tech Week Pty Ltd	Tech Week Sydney	A series of technology and innovation events across the local area, connecting communities, businesses and industry to strengthen Sydney's technology ecosystem, talent, collaboration and investment opportunities.	**$50,000**	**$45,000**	**$30,000**	**$45,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	Requested		Recommended						Additional Conditions
			Cash	VIK	Cash 2026/27	VIK 2026/27	Cash 2027/28	VIK 2027/28	Cash 2028/29	VIK 2028/29	
The Social Outfit Incorporated	The Social Outfit Retail Training and Work Integration Program	A paid, work-integrated retail training program supporting refugee and migrant women in the local area to build retail skills and create pathways to sustainable employment while addressing sector skills shortages.	**$50,000**	**$0**	**$20,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	
Wildflower, Gardens for Good Limited	Landscaping Supplies	An Aboriginal-led initiative establishing a landscaping supply depot in the local area, strengthening Aboriginal supply chains and supporting economic opportunities for Aboriginal businesses and communities.	**$50,000 (Year 1 2026/27)** **$50,000 (Year 2 2027/28)** **$50,000 (Year 3 2028/29)**	**$0**	**$20,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	Applicant to provide confirmation of project location and suitability.
Total					**$145,000.00**	**$50,665.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	

Attachment D

Not recommended for funding
Innovation and business capacity building

Economic grants program - Innovation and business capacity building 2026/2027

Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation Name	Project Name
Asian Australian Artists Association Incorporated	Asian Fashion Futures
Ausglass (The Australian Association of Glass Artists) Limited	Making Space - 2027 Ausglass Conference
Australian Fashion Council Ltd	Australian Fashion and Textile Industry Economic Impact Report 2027
Australian Gin Distillers Association Incorporated	World-Class Professional Development for Sydney's Young Hospitality Workers and Subject Matter Experts
Auto Assessments Pty Ltd	AI Pilot program for Sydney Vocational Education and Training Providers
Blue Moon Marketing Pty Ltd	Blue Moon AI and Digital Growth Accelerator
Catalysr Foundation Ltd	Diverse Perspectives: Supporting Migrant and First Nations Social Entrepreneurs
Cicada Innovations Pty Ltd	Scaling from Sydney
Creative Plus Business Group Pty. Ltd.	THRIVE - Creative Sustainability for Sydney's Arts Professionals
Creative Plus Business Group Pty. Ltd.	Mentor Makers: Empowering Cultural Leaders to Become Excellent Mentors
Cultivate Sponsorship Pty. Ltd.	Connecting Potential: Giving Sydney's Overlooked Talent Visible Pathways to Progression
Darlinghurst Business Partnership Incorporated	Eastside Sydney
Dulk Pty Ltd	Shelf Ready: Retail Readiness Program for Local Food Businesses
Enrique Claridades	Sydney Parking Insight Pilot
Euclideanai Pty Ltd	Local Business AI Growth Program
Forward Thinking Design Pty Ltd	Bridging Sydney's Furniture Reuse Trade Gap
Founders Edge Group Pty Ltd	Founders Edge
Giuseppe Calabrese	Growing Waste
Hayes Theatre Co Ltd	Hayes Technical Internship
Impact Collective Australia Limited	Circular Value Chain Accelerator: Innovation, Collaboration and Ecosystem Building
Innovationaus.Com Pty. Ltd.	InnovationAus Awards for Excellence 2027 – Sydney Access Program
Jade Ellen Bell	AI, Actually: Practical AI for Women in Business
Kesewa Opoku Agyemang	Battery Recovery Readiness Pilot
Keval Keshav Tiwari	Explif - Sydney Peer-to-Peer Knowledge Marketplace Pilot
Mad Ones Films Pty Ltd	Micro Film Development Programme
Mar Mar Aye	Digital Bookkeeping Skills Program for Sydney Microbusinesses
Meydit Pty Ltd	More Making, Better Business: Slow Fashion Pilot
Music NSW Incorporated	New Wave: Business Wisdom for First Nations Artists
Night Howl Pty Ltd	Project Evie's Run Club: Redfern Community Activation
Night Time Industries Association Incorporated	Night Pulse: Sydney Patron Sentiment Study
Night Time Industries Association Incorporated	Confident Compliance
Paddington Business Partnership Incorporated	Visit Paddington: Digital Destination Platform and Precinct Activation
Phillied Pty Ltd	Sydney Hospitality Workforce Initiative
Potts Point Village Incorporated	Potts Point Village

Organisation Name	Project Name
Prisoners' Aid Association of New South Wales Inc	Second Chance Employment Innovation Lab
Pyrmont - Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc	Pyrmont Ready: AI for Local Business and Local Community Life
Pyrmont - Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc	The Pyrmont Exchange-Connecting Local Business and Community
Raghav Ravisankar	Startup Coffee Social: Sydney Founder Connection and Capability Program
Reco Enterprises Pty Limited	ReCo School of Work: AI Talent Accelerator for Sydney Businesses
Remix Summits Pty Ltd	Remix Summit Sydney: Staging Australia's Flagship Creative Industries Innovation Conference
Sagar Singh Rawat	Sydney Small Business Communication Accelerator
Sang Hoon Sung	Sydney Small Business AI Productivity Program
Scale Investors Pty Ltd	Equity Clear - Show us the Data
Shelter NSW Incorporated	Financial Impact of 30% Height Uplift: A View-Based Analysis
Small Business Network Limited	Financial Thinking for Sydney Business Owners and Founders
Steven Vidler	Focus Engagement Lab
Taste Drinks Pty Ltd	Call it Schorle Market Stall Activation Program
Tech Ready Women Pty Ltd	Innovating Women: One Day Workshop
The Trustee for KVRR Trust	Sydney CBD Leadership Capability and Business Resilience Pilot
The University of Sydney	CommUnity: Building Stronger Communities Supporting Communication
Travengers Au Pty Ltd	Divergence Business: Capacity-Building Incubator for Neurodivergent Women
Travnox Pty Ltd	Sydney-China Tourism Business Innovation Pilot
Two Good Co Pty Ltd	The Skye Gyngell Women in Hospitality Program
University Of New South Wales	Splice 2027: Sydney Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Festival
University Of New South Wales	Last Mile AI Clinic for Sydney Small Businesses
Uptown Sydney CBD Inc	Adapting to AI
Urbanspectra Pty Ltd	Improving Pedestrian Priority: Analysis of Better Intersections Crowdsourced Data
Vantage Point Cyber Pty Ltd	Cyber Front Yard Program: Building Cyber Resilience

Attachment E

Grant program budget allocation
Economic grants

Economic grants

Current budgets, ongoing commitments and recommended allocations

Program	2026/27			
	Total budget	Existing commitment	Cash Recommended (this report)	Cash Remaining available
Economic Grants				
Precinct and place activation	$850,000	$82,500	$107,945	$0
Innovation and business capacity building		$167,955	$145,000	$0
Business Support grants		$366,600	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$850,000**	**$617,055**	**$252,945***	**$0**

*Note an additional $20,000 available due to a returned grant from Summer Round.

Program	2027/28			
	Total budget	Existing commitment	Cash Recommended (this report)	Cash Remaining available
Economic Grants				
Precinct and place activation	$850,000	$50,000	$0	$617,820
Innovation and business capacity building		$182,180	$0	
TOTAL	**$850,000**	**$232,180**	**$0**	**$617,820**

Program	2028/29			
	Total budget	Existing commitment	Cash Recommended (this report)	Cash Remaining available
Economic Grants				
Precinct and place activation	$850,000	$30,000	$0	$820,000
Innovation and business capacity building		$0	$0	
TOTAL	**$850,000**	**$30,000**	**$0**	**$820,000**

Program	Total VIK recommended **		
Economic Grants	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Precinct and place activation	$24,811	$0	$0
Innovation and business capacity building	$50,665	$0	$0
TOTAL	**$75,476**	**$0**	**$0**

** Value-in-kind (VIK) is made up of Street banner support, Venue hire support and major event special cleaning and events related support.

Attachment F

Data report on outcomes of funding
Economic grants

Annual Grants Round 2026/27

Key Insights for all programs

- **785** applications were assessed across **10** funding categories.
- **120** grants were recommended for funding.
- More than **$3.3 million** in cash and value-in-kind support was recommended.
- More than **$800,000** was recommended to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations through multi-year grants.

Economic Grants

- Out of 104 applications, **13** have been recommended.
- Over $**280k** in cash and value-in-kind recommended for 2026/27

If approved, according to the applicants, this will result in:

- Over $**8.8m** of total project value benefiting the City
- Over **120,000** expected participants and attendees
- Over **160 people** working or volunteering on projects funded by the City



