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**Recommended for Funding
Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program**

Festivals and Events Sponsorship Program Summer Round 2025/26

Recommended for Funding: Tier 1 – General Festivals and Events

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Acon Health Limited	ACON's 40th Anniversary	A series of events in the local area celebrating the 40th anniversary and bringing together LGBTQ+ people to explore the past, present, and future of the community.	\$45,000	Nil	\$20,000	Nil	Nil
Australian Design Centre	Sydney Craft Week Festival 2025-26	An annual festival celebrating handmade craftsmanship, showcasing over 200 events, engaging the public with exhibitions, workshops and cultural dialogue.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	Nil
Choulartons Australia Pty Ltd	Taylor Square Night Market	A weekly night market at Darlinghurst celebrating diversity in food and design featuring multicultural cuisine, local artists, and live music in Sydney's Rainbow Village.	\$49,450 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	\$25,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil
Christmas in Pymont Inc	Christmas in Pymont	An annual fair in Pymont supporting local performers, businesses, and charities with live entertainment, food and market stalls, and children's activities.	\$20,500 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$21,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$22,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	\$5,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil

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Cicada Innovations Pty Ltd	Cicada x Tech23 Deep Tech Festival	An annual festival at Jones Bay Wharf showcasing Australia's leading deep tech ventures, celebrating transformational innovation and fostering networking and collaboration.	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	\$20,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$20,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$20,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	Nil
Dance Move Engage Incorporated	National DanceSport Championship	An annual event at Sydney Town Hall bringing together dancers from Australia, NZ, and Asia, enhancing accessibility and stimulating local economic growth.	\$10,000	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$9,272	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$9,272	Nil
Fuzzy Operations Pty Ltd	Harbour Concert Series	A three-night series of musical events at Fleet Steps featuring a diverse lineup of international and local artists across multiple genres, set against the Sydney harbour as a backdrop.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	\$20,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil
History Council of New South Wales Inc	Annual History Lecture and Awards Event	An event in Customs House for a prominent Australian historian to address the importance of history in current issues, followed by the presentation of its annual History Awards.	\$12,236	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,429	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$2,429	Nil
Laura Amy Kent	Joykids Australia	An annual festival at Sydney Town Hall celebrating family unity with live dance and house music, fostering joyous moments and community connections.	\$34,900	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$16,364	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$16,364	Nil

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Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corporation	Mudgin-Gal's Recognition Celebration Dinner	A celebration dinner in Sydney honouring Aboriginal women's achievements and contributions to the community, while fostering connection, gratitude, resilience, legacy, empowerment and acknowledgment.	\$50,000	Nil	\$30,000	Nil	Nil
People with Disability Australia Ltd	A Voice of Our Own – People with Disability Australia	An annual event at Sydney Town Hall and online designed by and for people with disability, celebrating International Day of People with Disability, fostering connections, inclusion, and diversity.	\$44,003	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$3,260	Nil	Venue hire fee waiver to the value of \$3,260	Nil
Pymont - Ultimo Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc	Pymont Community Food and Wine Festival 2026, 2027 and 2028	An annual festival at Pymont creating immense positive impact for local businesses, the visitor economy, and the resident community through a month-long program of food, art, and wine events.	\$50,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	\$30,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$30,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	Applicant to work with the City to ensure all participants have RSA, and support people with alcohol problems
Queer Screen Limited	Queer Screen Film Festival 2025	A festival in the local area celebrating LGBTQIA+ cinema, featuring over 30 films from around the world, including Australian productions, showcasing diverse queer narratives.	\$17,500	Nil	\$10,000	Nil	Nil

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Refugee Council of Australia Inc	Refugee Week 2026	A series of events in Surry Hills marking the 40th anniversary of Refugee Week celebrating refugees' contributions to Australia through arts, music, talks, and community-driven activities.	\$49,776	Nil	\$10,000	Nil	Applicant to submit a revised budget
Sex Workers Outreach Project Inc	Sex Work: A Legal and Social History Walking Tour	A series of events in Kings Cross featuring storytellers from legal, health, and sex worker backgrounds, offering informative and entertaining information on the historic and contemporary challenges of sex work.	\$13,860	Nil	\$10,000	Nil	Nil
Soul of Chinatown Incorporated	Chinatown Comedy Club	A quarterly event at Haymarket highlighting Asian Australian comedians, supporting local businesses and activating Sydney's Chinatown night-time economy.	\$10,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$10,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	\$10,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$10,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	Nil
Sydney Improvised Music Association Incorporated	2025-2026-2027 Sydney International Women's Jazz Festival	A festival promoting and celebrating women in jazz, activating villages across the City, offering performance and development opportunities for emerging and established musicians and composers.	\$45,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$50,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$50,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	\$45,000 (Year 1 only)	Nil	Nil

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Sydney Opera House Trust	Community Choral Program	A free program of events at the Sydney Opera House featuring free evening choral performances, amplifying First Nations, City of Sydney, and urban voices.	\$25,000	Nil	\$25,000	Nil	Nil
Taiwan Film Festival Incorporated	8th Taiwan Film Festival in Australia	A film festival in Sydney, featuring 12 screenings, a short film competition, an adaptation fund, plus Q&As and networking events across key venues.	\$25,000	Nil	\$15,000	Nil	Nil
The Energy Laboratory Limited	EnergyLab Decarbonisation Discussions 2025 and 2026	A series of events at Haymarket, uniting the climate tech startup ecosystem to foster innovation, investment, and collaboration, connecting founders with experts and investors.	\$50,000	Nil	\$10,000	Nil	Nil
The Marmalade Foundation Limited	Unite Against Violence: No More Empty Shoes Vigil	An annual community event at Martin Place that brings people together to remember and honour women who lose their lives to domestic and family violence each year.	\$18,635 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$18,635 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$18,635 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$5,100 each year for three years	\$18,635 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$18,635 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$18,635 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Street banner pole hire fee waiver to the value of \$5,100 each year for three years	Nil
The Red Room Company Ltd	Poetry Month 2025-2027	An annual series of events in the local area celebrating Australian poetry, featuring cultural collaborations, broadcasts, workshops, community events, and the National Poetry Month Gala.	\$39,750 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$39,750 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$39,750 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Nil	\$25,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$25,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	Applicant to submit a revised budget

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The Trustee for the BDM trust	The Big Design Market	An annual market at Carriageworks showcasing over 200 Australian exhibitors, immersive art, gourmet food, and interactive experiences, celebrating independent design in a vibrant, family-friendly setting.	Nil	Street banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$23,520	Nil	Street banner hire fee waiver to the value of \$23,520	Nil

Recommended for Funding: Tier 2 – Major Festivals and Events

Organisation Name	Project Name	Project Description	\$ Amount Requested	VIK Requested	\$ Amount Recommended	VIK Recommended	Additional Conditions
Business Events Sydney Limited	Securing Global Business Events for Sydney 2026-2030	Funding to incentivise global business event organizers to host their events in Sydney between 2026-2030, enhancing Sydney's competitive edge and economic impact.	\$300,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$300,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	\$300,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$200,000 (Year 2 - 26/27)	Nil	Nil
Destination NSW	Vivid Music	An annual music program in the local area, featuring live music, DJ events, and club nights in established venues and unique spaces, engaging local and international artists to celebrate Sydney's vibrant music culture.	\$200,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$220,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$240,000 (Year 3 - 27/28)	Value in kind to the value of \$400,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$420,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$440,000 (Year 3 - 27/28) \$460,000 (Year 4 - 28/29)	Nil	Value in kind to the value of \$400,000 (Year 1 - 25/26) \$420,000 (Year 2 - 26/27) \$440,000 (Year 3 - 27/28) \$460,000 (Year 4 - 28/29)	Nil