

Attachment A

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

Business Sector Support Grant – Summer round 2025/26

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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