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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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