HIN Application Form

Form Preview

About the grant

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The Housing Innovation Network Grant Program (the Program) is designed to accelerate the adoption of innovative solutions in delivering social, affordable and sustainable housing. The Program supports NSW-based small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) to pilot new solutions in collaboration with Homes NSW. The aim is to address key housing challenges and advance the NSW Government's housing targets.

The Program provides grants of up to $250,000 (excluding GST) for SME's to pilot practical and innovative solutions to current challenges faced by Homes NSW. Funded projects will pilot solutions in a government housing operating environment over a period of up to 12 months. Details of these challenges and solution requirements are available at Housing Innovation Network Grant - Challenge Statements.

The Program is administered by Investment NSW within the Premier's Department (the Department), and any funding agreement will be between the Department and the successful applicant. Successful applicants will also be required to enter into an operational agreement with Homes NSW to enable the pilot to proceed. This agreement will address matters including operational access, confidentiality, data and implementation responsibilities.

Applications will be assessed against the criteria set out in the Grant Program Guidelines. Before applying, please read the Grant Program Guidelines and the Sample Funding Agreement. These documents can be found at Housing Innovation Network Grant Program Guidelines 2026-2027 and Funding Agreement (long form).

Note: The application form is the sole method for submitting a response. Additional proposals or attachments will not be considered.

If you have any questions regarding the Program, please contact us at HIN@investment.nsw.gov.au.

Disclaimer

The Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- submission of this application does not guarantee funding will be granted for any project, and the Department expressly reserves its right to accept or reject this application at its discretion;
- the applicant must bear the costs of preparing and submitting this application and the Department does not accept any liability for such costs, whether or not this application is ultimately accepted or rejected; and
- the applicant has read the Grant Program Guidelines and Sample Funding Agreement and are fully informed of the relevant program requirements.

Use of information

By submitting this application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- if this project application is successful, the relevant details of the project will be made public, including details such as the name of the organisation (Applicant), project title, project description and funding amount granted;
- the Department will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information received in or in respect of this application which is clearly marked 'Commercial-in-confidence' or 'Confidential' is treated as confidential, however, such documents will remain subject to the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW) (GIPA Act); and
- in some circumstances the Department may release information contained in this application form and other relevant information in relation to this application in response to a request lodged under the GIPA Act or otherwise as required or permitted by law.

Privacy notice

By submitting this Application form, the Applicant acknowledges and agrees that:

- the Department is required to comply with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) (the Privacy Act) and that any personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) collected by the Department in relation to the program will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act and its privacy policy;
- the information it provides to the Department in connection with this application will be collected and stored on a database and will only be used for the purposes for which it was collected (including, where necessary, being disclosed to other Government agencies and/or external parties in connection with the assessment of the merits of an application) or as otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act;
- they have taken steps to ensure that any person whose personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act) is included in this application has consented to the fact that the Department and other Government agencies may be supplied with that personal information, and have been made aware of the purposes for which it has been collected and may be used.

Eligibility confirmation

To be eligible for consideration, your application must meet all eligibility requirements and be completed in its entirety for consideration. Please ensure that any information to be treated as confidential is clearly marked.

Multiple applications for the same solution will not be accepted from the same business or Related Parties. In the case that two applications for the same challenge are submitted by the same business or Related Parties, the first application lodged will be deemed the application submitted for assessment. Subsequent applications lodged will be deemed ineligible and will not progress any further.

Please declare this application meets the Program eligibility criteria:

- To be eligible for the Program, applicants **must**:
    - be one of the following entity types:
        - a company incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (including a company limited by guarantee)
        - an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth)
        - a NSW University or other NSW-based Publicly Funded Research Organisation (PFRO) applying through its appropriate technology transfer

office or the Chief Executive Officer (or equivalent) of the PFRO that will create a separate entity before entering into a legally binding Funding Agreement with the Premier's Department

- be an SME, and demonstrate this by meeting one of the following:
  - have an aggregate turnover of less than $50 million for each of the three financial years prior to the lodgement of your application; and/or
  - have fewer than 200 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees
  - note if you apply through a NSW University or other NSW-based Publicly Funded Research Organisation (PFRO) you will be required to meet one of the above prior to entering into a legally binding Funding Agreement with the Premier's Department
- have an active Australian Business Number (ABN)
- be headquartered in NSW
- have an account with an Authorised Deposit-taking Institution
- hold the relevant Intellectual Property or rights to commercialise the solution
- agree to the following:
  - all data generated throughout the Program will be owned by the NSW Government and may be used for future projects or data analysis and
  - data must be provided in the format specified by Investment NSW in the Funding Agreement

- To be eligible, the project **must**:
  - address one of the challenges identified in Housing Innovation Network Grant - Challenge Statements
  - involve a solution that either:
    - has progressed beyond early-stage development, has been tested in a relevant environment, and is suitable for pilot deployment but not yet fully commercialised; or
    - an already-commercialised solution in a different setting that has not yet been tested in the NSW social housing environment.
  - demonstrate that your proposed solution is at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 6 or higher. This means that the applicant will have a prototype that has been tested in a relevant environment and is ready for demonstration in an operational setting. The applicant will need to provide evidence such as test results, prototype specifications or previous trial data.
  - directly relate to the piloting or demonstration of the solution within the NSW government housing sector.

Note: failure to meet these requirements or provide valid documentation will result in your application being ineligible. Ineligible applications will not be assessed.

I confirm that the application and activity is eligible according to the criteria outlined in the Grant Program Guidelines *

○ Yes

Applicant details

* indicates a required field

Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Organisation Address *
Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Primary Contact Details *
First Name Last Name

This is the person we will correspond with about this application.

Position *

Email Address *

Must be an email address.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary contact details

This is the person we will correspond with about this application.

Organisation

Organisation Address
Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Email

Must be an email address.

Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Eligibility criteria

* indicates a required field

Eligibility Assessment

Please note, to be eligible for consideration, your application must meet all eligibility requirements and be completed in its entirety for consideration. Please ensure any information that should be treated confidentially is clearly marked.

Is the applicant organisation one of the following entity types? *
○ a company incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (including a company limited by guarantee)
○ an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (Cth)
○ a NSW University or other NSW-based Publicly Funded Research Organisation (PFRO) applying through its appropriate technology transfer office or the Chief Executive Officer (or equivalent) of the PFRO that will become a separate entity before entering into a legally binding Funding Agreement with the Premier's Department
○ None of the above

An application is ineligible if the applicant organisation is insolvent, under external administration or subject to any arrangement with creditors, including deeds or schemes of arrangement, an individual or sole trader, an unincorporated association, a trust or trustee, a partnership, any income exempt entity (as defined under Australian taxation legislation) or a Commonwealth, state, territory or local government agency or body excluding government corporate entities

As you have selected 'None of the above' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program.

Does the applicant organisation meet ONE or BOTH of the below? *
☐ have an aggregate turnover of less than $50 million for each the three financial years prior to lodgement of your application
☐ have fewer than 200 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees
☐ None of the above

Please upload financial records confirming an aggregate turnover of less than $50 million for each of the three financial years prior to lodgement of your application. For example FY24, FY25 and FY26 financial records. *
Attach a file:

If you're a newly established entity without financial statements, please upload any other documents that may support the financial viability of your project. This may include a financial support letter or guarantee, an executed loan facility, or evidence of committed capital or investor support. Financial records include profit and loss statements and balance sheets if available

Please upload any additional financial information to support financial viability of the applicant organisation
Attach a file:

Please upload evidence confirming the applicant organisation currently has employed fewer than 200 Full Time Equivalent employees *
Attach a file:

Such documentation can include account declarations, financial statements, HR workforce summary, payroll summary, BAS or Single Touch Payroll (STP) summaries,

As you have selected 'None of the above' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program.

Please provide evidence to verify having an aggregate turnover of less than $50 million for each of the three financial years prior to lodgement of your application and employing fewer than 200 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees *
Attach a file:

Such documentation can include account declarations or financial statements

Does the applicant organisation have an active Australian Business Number (ABN)? *
- ○ Yes
- ○ No

As you have selected 'no' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program.

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register
ABN
Entity Name
ABN Status
Entity Type
Goods & Services Tax (GST)

DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Please provide evidence that the applicant organisation is a registered NSW University or other NSW-based Publicly Funded Research Organisation *
Attach a file:

Such documentation can include TEQSA registration evidence, evidence of establishment under legislation, current university annual report, letter on institutional letterhead confirming status signed by an authorised officer

If your NSW University or NSW-based Publicly Funded Research Organisation is successful in securing grant funding under the Housing Innovation Network, do you agree that you will establish a separate entity that will enter into a legally binding Funding Agreement with the Department *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Please note, if your application is successful in securing funding under this program, you will be required to meet one of the below prior to entering into a legally binding Funding Agreement with the Department: 1. have an aggregate turnover of less than $50 million for each of the three financial years prior to lodgement of your application; and/or 2. have fewer than 200 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees

As you have selected 'no' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program.

Does the applicant organisation have a business bank account with an Australian financial institution *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Please upload a bank statement or letter of confirmation from your Australian financial institution *
Attach a file:

We require a business bank statement or letter, no more than 3 months old, that clearly shows the company name, bank details, and address matching the applicant name. The document may be redacted provided the detail mentioned remain visible. Only Authorised Deposit-taking institutions (ADI's) are accepted.

As you have selected 'no' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program.

Is the applicant organisation headquartered in NSW? *
- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Refer to the Guidelines for the definition of Headquartered in NSW. A business that is headquartered and operating within NSW for at least 6 months prior to the application date, or since the business commenced if it has been operating for less than 6 months, and will remain so for the entirety of the project, as evidenced by the principal place of business and company officer addresses listed with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and the 'Main Business Location' listed on the Australian Business Register (ABR)

Please provide evidence to verify your principal place of business being located in NSW *
Attach a file:

Such documentation can include an ASIC Company Extract

As you have selected 'no' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program

Proposed project details

Projects must relate to the piloting or demonstration of the solution within the NSW Government Housing Sector.

Name of proposed solution *

Proposed solution description *

Word count:
Must be no more than 100 words.

Total Grant Amount Requested *

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 250000.
What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

Please advise whether you would be willing to deliver a part of the project with part funding *
- ○ Yes

○ No

Please provide reasoning in respect of the above question *

For example, there is the opportunity to descope the project or without funding the project, we cannot proceed

Please select which Challenge Statement your application is addressing *

Engaging Subcontractors

If the applicant organisation will engage a subcontractor to complete any part of the project, please provide all their details below.

If the applicant organisation will undertake all parts of the project without engaging any subcontractors, please proceed to the next section.

Click "Add More" to enter additional subcontractors.

Company Name	Australian Business Number	Works provided by the subcontractor	Value ($) of works provided
			Must be a dollar amount.
Organisation Name			

Video Presentation

Please provide a video presentation (no longer than 3 minutes) that covers:

- A description of your solution, what it does and how it works
- A description of how your solution will help to solve one or more of the challenges
- A description of how you plan to commercialise your solution

Please upload your video presentation
Attach a file:

Alternatively, please provide a link to an online video (Youtube/Vimeo etc.) *

If you upload a file, please insert N/A in to this field

As you have selected 'None of the above' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program.

To be eligible, projects must meet either of the below: *
○ a solution that has progressed beyond early-stage development, has been tested in a relevant environment, and is suitable for pilot testing but not yet commercialised
○ an already-commercialised solution in a different setting that has not been tested in the NSW social housing environment
○ None of the above

Please provide evidence demonstrating your solution that has progressed beyond early-stage development, has been tested in a relevant environment, and is suitable for pilot testing but not yet commercialised *
Attach a file:

Such documentation can include technical design documents, system architecture diagrams or engineering specifications, evidence of field testing, user trials or demonstrations, letters of support or confirmation from trial partners, evidence that the solution is functional and deployable but not yet offered commercially

Please provide evidence of your already-commercialised solution in a different setting that has not been tested in the NSW social housing environment *
Attach a file:

Such documentation can include case studies or summaries of deployed use cases in other sectors, evidence of commercial contracts, licences or paid deployments, photos, screenshots or videos showing the solution in operational use

As you have selected 'None of the above' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program.

Is the proposed solution at a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 6 or higher? *
Attach a file:

Proposed solution must be at a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 6 or higher. This means that you have a prototype that has been tested in a relevant environment and is ready for demonstration in an operational setting. You will need to provide evidence such as test results, prototype specifications or previous trial data. Refer to Appendix B of the Grant Program Guidelines for the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) Index.

Has the applicant organisation previously received funding by another NSW Government, state or territory government or Australian Government program for the same purpose *
○ Yes
○ No
Grants are not available for projects already funded by another NSW Government, state or territory or Australian Government program for the same purpose

As you have selected 'Yes' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program.

If successful, does the applicant organisation accept and agree that grant activities must be undertaken in NSW? *
- ○ Yes
- ○ No

As you have selected 'no' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program.

Intellectual Property

Does the applicant organisation hold the relevant Intellectual Property or rights to commercialise the proposed solution? *
- ○ Yes
- ○ No

As you have selected 'no' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program.

If available, please upload any relevant Intellectual Property records or rights to commercialise the proposed solution
Attach a file:

Provide any comments if relevant

Does the applicant organisation agree that

- All data generated throughout the Program will be owned by the NSW Government and may be used for future project or data analysis
- Data must be provided in the format specified by Investment NSW in the Funding Agreement

I agree *
- ○ Yes
- ○ No

As you have selected 'no' to the above question, you are ineligible to apply for this program

Insurances

Before entering into a Funding Agreement, successful applicants will be required to hold the following insurances:

- Public Liability Insurance with coverage to at least $20 million
- Professional Indemnity Insurance with coverage to at least $5 million

The Department and Homes NSW reserve the right to request additional insurances, depending on the nature of the proposed product or solution.

Does the applicant organisation currently hold Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance? *

○ Yes
○ No

If no, you will be required to obtain and provide evidence of relevant insurances prior to entering into a Funding Agreement

Public Liability Insurance

Please provide a copy of the public insurance policy *
Attach a file:

Professional Indemnity Insurance

Please provide a copy of the professional indemnity insurance policy *
Attach a file:

Assessment Criteria

* indicates a required field

There are 9 questions with an allocation of 10 points per question. Total scores are out of 90 points.

Challenge fit, benefits and readiness (20 POINTS)

Challenge fit & measurable value: Explain how your solution directly addresses one of the housing challenges (see Challenge Statements) and delivers measurable benefits (e.g., cost, speed, efficiency, sustainability), including a quantified value proposition compared to existing solutions (10 POINTS). *

Word count:
Where possible, support claims with evidence or explain how benefits will be measured during the pilot project

NSW public benefit & alignment: Describe the long-term benefits to NSW (e.g., local capability, jobs, waste reduction, lower costs, improved outcomes) and explain how your solution aligns with Building Homes for NSW priorities (10 POINTS). *

Word count:

Deliverability of the pilot solution (30 POINTS)

Plan, milestones, budget & risk: Provide a clear activity plan and budget that is detailed, realistic and represents value for money. Include clear milestones/ deliverables and identify key risks and mitigation strategies (10 POINTS) *
Attach a file:

Please use this template when providing your activity plan and budget: https://DEIT-PD.smartygrants.com.au/d/files/dlm/5cb89cd178919eaa1c3a95f2d971c2fa25f898a

Resourcing & access: Describe the resources you will need to undertake the pilot and how you will secure them. Describe the access and support you will need from Homes NSW (10 POINTS) *

Word count:
Resources can include people, technology, facilities, partners. Please outline how you will secure them and any access, data, sites or operational support needed from Homes NSW to successfully implement and evaluate the pilot

Team capability: Describe your project team, including relevant technical and commercial expertise, and explain why the team is well-placed to deliver the pilot successfully (10 POINTS) *

Word count:
This may include links to previous projects, LinkedIn posts of project team and relevant experience

Commercial viability and scale up potential (30 POINTS)

Innovation: Explain how your solution is innovative compared to what is currently available in the market, and why it provides a meaningful advantage (10 POINTS) *

Word count:

Explain what is new or different about your solution compared to existing market offerings. Where possible, reference competing approaches and describe the specific gap your solution addresses

Market opportunity & customer demand: Describe the size and nature of the market opportunity for your solution. Identify your target customers and explain the demand for your solution, including the key assumptions behind your estimates (10 POINTS) *

Word count:

Where possible, include estimated market size or uptake and explain the key assumptions underpinning your analysis

Go-to-market & commercialisation strategy: Explain how you will capture this opportunity. Outline your plan to achieve adoption and scale, including your implementation approach, pricing model, procurement pathway, key partners, and any major barriers to adoption and how you will address them (10 POINTS) *

Word count:

Financial viability (10 POINTS)

Demonstrate that your organisation is financially sound and capable of managing the pilot with grant funding (10 POINTS) *

Word count:

Please upload any documentation to Page 3. Comment on the applicant organisation's financial ability to undertake this project.

Terms and Conditions

Application Terms (“Terms”)

1. Submission of an application to the Crown in the Right of the State of New South Wales acting through the Premier's Department **(The Department)** constitutes an acceptance by you of the Housing Innovation Network Grant Program Guidelines 2026-2027 (**Program Guidelines**), Privacy Notice, and these Terms and Conditions and you agree to be bound by them.
2. Applications may only be submitted using the method described in the Program Guidelines.
3. Applications that are incomplete or do not comply with the instructions provided in the application form and/or the Program Guidelines may be rejected by the Department. The Department may, in its sole discretion, accept or reject an application which is incomplete or does not comply with the Program Guidelines, or for any other reason.
4. You agree to bear the costs of preparing and submitting your application without recourse to the Department.
5. You confirm that all the information provided as part of the application is true, correct and valid as at the date of your application.
6. You confirm that where you submit information on behalf of a third party, you warrant that you have obtained the legal consent of such parties for the purpose of submitting an application under this Program.
7. You agree to indemnify the Department against and in respect of all damages, losses, expenses, and costs (including legal costs on an indemnity basis) which arise out of or in relation to any incorrect or invalid information that you provide to the Department through this application.
8. If you are found to have made false or misleading claims or statements, or to have obtained improper assistance in relation to your application, the Department may exclude your application from the evaluation process. You should be aware that giving false or misleading information to the Department is a serious offence under the *Crimes Act 1900 No 40* (NSW).
9. An application submitted electronically will be treated in accordance with the *Electronic Transactions Act 2000* (NSW).
10. Assessment and approval of your application will be in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Program Guidelines.
11. Submitting an application does not guarantee approval under the Program. Approval is at the sole discretion of the Department.
12. The Department reserves the right to verify the information provided by you as part of your application and determine your eligibility for the Program.
13. You must seek the written consent from the Department before making any public announcement about the Program and the Department's and the State's role in the Program.
14. Nothing in this request for applications or your application will be construed as giving rise to any contractual obligations or rights, express or implied, (other than your agreement to these Terms and Conditions and the Program Guidelines).
15. If your application is successful, the information provided in your application will form part of a Funding Agreement to be separately agreed and signed between you and the Department
16. You are not eligible for any funding until a funding agreement is agreed and signed by you and the Department.
17. Subject to the terms of any Funding Agreement entered into between you and the Department, the Department reserves the right to alter, amend, suspend, cancel or withdraw the Program for any reason and in any circumstances in its sole and absolute discretion and without notice to you.

Declaration and authorisation

* indicates a required field

Declaration

I hereby declare that:

- I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the applicant organisation
- I have read, understood and accept the Privacy Notice, Terms and Conditions and the Grant Program Guidelines.
- There are no perceived or existing conflicts of interest in relation to this application.
- All information and documents submitted in this application are true, complete and accurate.
- I am aware that it is a criminal offence under s307A of the *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW) to submit false or misleading information to a public authority in connection with an application for a benefit.

If you are found to have made false or misleading claims or statements, or to have obtained improper assistance in relation to your application, the Department may exclude your application and further action may be taken against you.

You can find the Department's privacy collection notice and Privacy Policy here.

I agree *
○ Yes

Authorisation

Name *
First Name Last Name

Position *

Organisation *
Organisation Name

Email *
Must be an email address.

Phone Number *
Must be an Australian phone number.