Community Grants
program 2020/21

Successful recipients

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## Message from the Mayor

The Community Grants Program provides an opportunity for Council to work with funded groups and organisations to support local networks. These funded groups promote and encourage participation in community life. In doing so, they support the Council Plan 2017-27, helping keep Port Phillip an inviting and caring place to live.

Council would like to acknowledge the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on service providers, community groups and the communities they support, and thank them for their ability to adapt services and programs in response to the COVID pandemic.

It is my pleasure to congratulate the 27 organisations whose 45 projects received $257,214 in the 2020-21 round of Community Grants. In addition, 29 organisations were successful in the Toyota Community Foundation / City of Port Phillip Equipment Fund totalling $28,187.

The annual funding round was established to support community organisations to develop and deliver projects that meet community needs, are accessible and inclusive of our diverse community.

Council supports community grants as they aim to:

* Promote social inclusion and community engagement
* Improve the quality of life of the Port Phillip community by supporting the provision of resources that enhance healthy living
* Foster engagement activities that increase participation levels
* Strengthen the community service sector by supporting initiatives
* Address Council’s priorities by supporting initiatives at the neighbourhood level.

Some funded activities include:

* Emerald Hill Toy Library’s Click and Collect Service to enable borrowing services to continue.
* St. Kilda Police and Citizens Youth Club’s Friday Chillz to re-engage young people in COVID safe sports and recreational activities where they will be provided with healthy meals and required service referrals.
* The Victorian Pride Centre’s Growing Pride project to bring together the LGBTQI community to co-design and begin construction of a community garden on the rooftop of the Victorian Pride Centre.

The following pages list all of the successful organisations in the Community Grants Program 2020/21. I encourage community members to participate in these projects. I hope you find inspiration to get involved.

With warm wishes,

**Bernadene Voss**

Mayor
City of Port Phillip

## Program support

The Program Support category recognises that many small groups require funding to run their activities which form an important part of people’s lives and wellbeing, regardless of whether or not they are project based. Activities are generally social, such as group outings, or physical such as walking groups. The maximum funding for each grant under the Program Support category is $1,000.

| **Project**  | **Project Description** | **Target Group/s** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Association of Former Inmates of Nazi Concentration Camps and Ghettos of the Former Soviet Union Inc |
| Online Tai Chi for Senior Russians | The online Tai Chi project will be offered to senior Russians every Saturday from 10:30am to 12pm. | Multicultural Community |
| Christ Church Mission Inc |
| Quilters at Christ Church St Kilda | Women of all ages with varying levels of skill meet twice a month to work on individual and group quilts, this now online group welcomes newcomers. | WomenSocially Isolated |
| Christ Church Mission Inc |
| Green Knoll Community Choir | A small non-auditioned, non-judgemental online community choir open to community members who enjoy the benefits of singing. | Socially IsolatedUniversal (no particular population) |
| Elwood and St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre |
| Let’s get Digital! (but not forget the Analogue) | Three workshops, for Roomers participants, run by professional artists exploring communicating in today’s world: filming on a phone; the art of blogging; and song writing without a guitar. | Low IncomeSocially Isolated |

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Emerald Hill Toy Library |
| Toy Library Click & Collect Service | This project will enable the provision of a Click and Collect toy borrowing service for Middle Park and South Melbourne Toy Libraries. | Families and Children |
| NCJW Victoria Community Services Inc |
| Supporting the Vulnerable Multicultural Golden Age Club Members in COVID-19 Times | Isolated community members will be engaged through video and audio conferences and the delivery of emergency essentials. | Multicultural CommunitySocially Isolated55 years and over |
| NCJW Victoria Community Services Inc |
| Socialisation through Culture and Music | A virtual choir for CALD Members of the Golden Age Club supporting reflection of their cultural identity through music and singing and stay connected during COVID-19 | Multicultural CommunitySocially Isolated55 years and over |
| Port Phillip BUG (Bicycle Users Group) |
| On Your Bike | Increase general public participation in the monthly social rides, with a view to increase membership and strengthen the organisation. | Universal (no particular population) |
| SouthPort Community Centre |
| Art Connect | Free online and face-to-face art and craft workshops using creativity to facilitate connections, well-being and community resilience.  | Families and childrenSocially Isolated |
| St Kilda Gatehouse |
| Community Meals (Drop In) Post Covid-19 | This program provides a safe and socially inclusive opportunity for marginalised women and their families to receive a healthy packaged meal. | WomenSocially IsolatedMental Health |
| St Kilda Gatehouse |
| Preventing Overdose - Post Covid-19 | A Noxoid administration training program that assists opioid users that are at a higher risk of overdosing due to enforced detox during COVID-19 restrictions. | Low IncomeSocially Isolated |

## Social Inclusion Partnerships

The Social Inclusion Partnerships category supports community organisations and groups to partner, develop and deliver projects and activities that increase social inclusion in the community. The aim is to engage residents who, for various reasons, may not otherwise have the opportunity to contribute to, participate in, or contribute to the broader community. The maximum funding for each grant under the Social Inclusion Partnership category is $5000.

| **Project**  | **Project Description** | **Target Group/s** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc |
| Galiamble- Therapeutic Painting and Development Program | ESNLC and Galiamble Men's Recovery Centre work together to provide a safe art space, equipment, consumables and facilitator to run a weekly Therapeutic Art Course. | Indigenous Australians Mental Health |
| HousingFirst Ltd. |
| Go-to Guide: Port Phillip (2020-21) | A printed comprehensive community service guide for all Port Phillip residents who require additional supports and programs. | Low IncomeMulticultural CommunityIndigenous AustraliansSocially Isolated |
| St Kilda Gatehouse |
| Off the Streets - Post Covid-19 | A social inclusion program for women involved in street-based sex work that provides support and connection through the COVID-19. | WomenLow IncomeSocially Isolated |
| St Kilda Police and Citizens Youth Club |
| Friday Chillz | Friday Chillz aims to re-engage young people in COVID safe sports and recreational activities where they will be provided with healthy meals and service referrals.  | Young People |
| The Salvation Army |
| Best Mates Pet Clinic | Monthly pop-up Veterinary Clinic in St Kilda for marginalised community members, including those experiencing homelessness, family violence and mental health issues. | Low Income Mental Health Socially Isolated |
| The Victorian Pride Centre |
| Growing Pride - Designing A Community Garden for the LGBTIQ Community | A co-designed community garden on the rooftop of the Victorian Pride Centre (VPC) opening towards the end of 2020. | LGBTQIA+ |

## Community Strengthening

The Community Strengthening category funds local organisations to design and deliver projects that meet the needs of local residents, encourage leadership and participation, contribute to the health and wellbeing of the community, support human and technical resources, assist environmental sustainability and enhance local neighbourhoods. The maximum funding for each grant under the Community Strengthening category is $10,000.

| **Project**  | **Project Description** | **Target Group/s** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Christ Church Mission Inc |
| Working Together | This program provides mentoring and training in Mental Health and COVID safety to support people who are socially isolated make community connections. | People with DisabilitiesSocially Isolated |
| Christ Church Mission Inc |
| Community Kitchen Garden - Circle of Life | Local community members will be trained in garden maintenance, horticulture and COVID-19 safety to empower people to make community connections.  | Mental HealthSocially Isolated |
| Christ Church Mission Inc |
| Garden Nomads | Volunteers assist local householders who are frail, elderly or with additional needs, who are struggling to maintain their gardens and provide much appreciated social contact. | People with Disabilities55 years and overSocially Isolated |
| Earth Crusaders Incorporated |
| Mindfulness beeswax wrap making | Delivery of 500 mindful do-it-yourself beeswax wrap making kits to residents to support their mental health and the environment. | Universal (no particular population) |
| Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre |
| Sustainable Volunteer Coordination | This Sustainable Neighbourhood Volunteer Coordination Program will encourage participation, environmental sustainability, healthy eating and fitness. | Universal (no particular population) |
| Elwood Toy Library |
| Strengthening our board game collection | Board games purchased will strengthen the toy library's collection and engage new families. | Families and Children |
| Homies Tutoring Program |
| Homies Tutoring Program | Disadvantaged primary school aged children and their families receive weekly one-on-one tutoring during school terms. | Young People |
| HousingFirst Ltd. |
| HousingFirst Art Program 2020 | This online program encourages, develops and promotes the creativity of residents living in community housing. | Low IncomeSocially Isolated |
| HousingFirst Ltd. |
| 2020 HousingFirst Tenant Christmas Celebration | The 2020 Christmas Celebration will provide a special COVID Safe event for residents where a two-course meal, gifts and entertainment will be delivered to their home. | Low IncomeSocially Isolated |
| Launch Housing |
| Mini Magic - Supported Playgroup for Families Experiencing Homelessness | An online safe space where families experiencing homelessness / family violence can socialise, enhance their child’s development and receive material aid/referrals.  | Low IncomeFamilies and Children |
| Launch Housing |
| Tenancy Support Program Brokerage | Providing City of Port Phillip social housing residents whose tenancies are at risk with access to support and material aid. | Low Income |
| Linden New Art Inc |  |  |
| Multilingual virtual exhibition tours for City of Port Phillip residents in Russian, Spanish and Mandarin | A series of virtual exhibition tours in Russian, Spanish and Mandarin to support social inclusion, engagement and participation. | Multicultural Community |
| MINUS18 FOUNDATION INC |
| LGBTQIA+ School Inclusivity Workshops | Deliver workshops to schools which will strengthen the community’s capacity to lead inclusion and build social support for young LGBTQIA+ people. | Young PeopleFamilies and ChildrenLGBTQIA+ |
| Neighbourhood Connect |
| Neighbourhood Connectors - Workshop and Mentoring Program | Leadership and event management workshops will support the development of Community Connectors who will facilitate local groups and gatherings.  | Universal (no particular population) |
| One Ball Incorporated |
| The One Ball Positive Community Soccer Program @ Park Towers | Online or face to face soccer coaching for the children and young people of Park Towers, supporting the development of a positive mindset, resilience skills and physical movement. | Low IncomeFamilies and ChildrenYoung People |
| Sacred Heart Mission |
| Hands on Health Clinic | Providing disadvantaged people access to 20 allied health professionals including physiotherapists, chiropractors, counselling, naturopathy, podiatry and optometrists. | Low IncomeSocially IsolatedMental Health |
| Sacred Heart Mission |
| Sacred Heart Mission's Art Therapy Program | The 67 residents of Queens Rd supported rooming house can participate in this art therapy program to support healing from trauma. | Low IncomeSocially Isolated |
| SouthPort Community Centre |
| Make Your Mark | A series of online art, product and engagement workshops for isolated or at-risk young people aged 12-25, culminating in a public online exhibition event. | Young PeopleSocially Isolated |
| Space2b Social Design |
| Space2Create: co-learning through cross-cultural art | Further develop the artspace program into a financially sustainable and vibrant hub that supports emerging artists and the local community. | Multicultural Community |
| St Kilda Gatehouse Inc. |
| St Kilda Gatehouse Social Media Community | Strengthening online community connections, awareness raising and gathering support for the important work supporting those involved in street work in St Kilda. | WomenLow IncomeSocially Isolated |
| Star Health |
| Social Spoons Cafe Meals Program | Socially isolated individuals connect to their community through cafe partners either dining in or takeaway/ meal delivery. | Socially IsolatedLow Income |
| Star Health |  |  |
| Promoting healthier masculinities in early childhood | Workshops will engage parents with young children, and educators in understanding and creating skills regarding healthy masculinities whilst promoting positive action. | Families and Children |
| The Salvation army-Access Health: Specialist Alcohol and Drug Primary Health Care |
| Healthier Together: Empowering women to achieve their health goals | Bringing together medical, social and educational health opportunities to women who are experiencing homelessness, using drugs and/or engaging in street-based sex work. | Mental HealthLow IncomeWomen |
| The Victorian Pride Centre |
| Growing Pride | Growing Pride brings together the LGBTQI community to co-design and begin construction of a rooftop community garden. | LGBTQIA+ |
| Uniting - St Kilda |
| Enhanced support for people living in the community with severe and enduring mental illness | Provision of community-based supports for people who live with severe and enduring mental illness and experience heightened isolation, loneliness and anxiety because of COVID-19. | Mental HealthSocially Isolated |
| Uniting Vic Tas |
| Community Christmas Day Lunch | Clients will be supported to innovatively celebrate Christmas in 2020 including celebratory hamper deliveries and a free toy service. | Low IncomeSocially IsolatedFamilies and Children |
| Windana Drug & Alcohol Recovery Inc |
| Art Therapy Open Studio | This program seeks to address the impact of problematic alcohol and drug use through Art Therapy and the development of social connections in a safe environment. | Mental Health |
| Windana Drug & Alcohol Recovery Inc |
| Community Remedial Massage Clinic | Providing weekly therapeutic, remedial massage treatments to those in the community in need of but unable to access or afford this type of service. | Mental HealthLow Income |

## Toyota Equipment Fund

The Toyota Equipment Fund category provides funding for the purchase of equipment that is essential to project or service success. The maximum funding for each grant under the Toyota Equipment Fund category is $1,000.

Our partnership with Toyota Australia through the Equipment Fund, further contributes to supporting the capabilities of local community groups.

Council thanks Toyota Australia for their generous annual contribution of $30,000 as part of our three-year agreement to support this funding category.

| **Project**  | **Project Description** | **Target Group/s** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Accelerated Evolution - The Break Inc. |
| Debt busting not person breaking | Laptops for clients who have mental health, financial disadvantage, substance-use issues. | Low income |
| Association of Former Inmates of Nazi Concentration Camps and Ghettos of the Former Soviet Union Inc. |
| Office Administrative Support for Russian Group | This printer will be used to print documents such as flyers, newsletter, educational information and commemorative reports. | Multicultural Community |
| Chabad on Carlisle-Jewish Russian Centre |
| Purchase of computer for Chabad on Carlisle-Jewish Russian Centre | A new computer which will enable efficient and successful administration and management of Chabad on Carlisle. | Multicultural CommunityFamiliesReligious groups |
| Christ Church Mission Inc |
| Christ Church Community Centre Kitchen Garden | A vertical food wall and wicking garden planter system will support the development of the kitchen garden. | People with DisabilitiesLow income |
| Elwood Life Saving Club |
| First-aid for the foreshore | New first aid backpacks to support volunteer lifesavers along the Elwood foreshore. | Universal (no particular population) |
| Elwood Toy Library |
| New Baby Toys | Toys for babies and toddlers aged from six months, to make available to loan. | Families and children |
| Emerald Hill Toy Library |
| Wooden Creative Play Toys | More wooden and creative play toys to meet increasing community demand. | Families and children  |
| Fishermen's Bend Gymnastics Club |
| FBGC - Fundamental Block for Gymnasts and Coaches | The new block will be used by all gymnasts and coaches for various skill progressions whilst increasing safety. | Families and children  |
| Gasworks Arts Park |
| Gasworks Farmers Market - BBQ stall upgrade | A new marquee for Gasworks' info hub and BBQ stall will provide weather protection and enhance the marketing presence at the monthly farmers market. | Universal (no particular population) |

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| --- | --- | --- |
| HousingFirst Ltd |
| Pocket Market - Fresh Produce Delivery Program | Providing good quality, fresh fruit and vegetables and essential grocery items to people living in community housing and rooming houses in the City of Port Phillip. | Low income |
| Lilian Cannam Kindergarten Inc |
| Additional laptop to support student learning continuity during the disruption caused by the Covid-19 crisis | A laptop which will facilitate home learning opportunities for our 3 and 4-year-old kinder classes during the COVID-19 pandemic. | Families and children  |
| Mary & Basil Organic Community Garden |
| Worm farm replacement | A new farm will encourage gardeners of all ages to participate in the management of the worm farms in the Mary & Basil community garden. | Universal (no particular population) |
| NCJW (Victoria) Community Services Inc |
| Prolonging of Independent Living | New equipment will support members improve balance, muscle strengthening, general mobility and wellbeing. | 55 years and overMulticultural Community |
| One Ball Incorporated |
| New equipment to support growth of the One Ball Positive Community Soccer Program | More equipment will support the growth of the popular Positive Community Soccer Program. | Families and ChildrenMulticultural Community |
| Park Towers Tenant Management Inc |
| Movie Night for Kids PLUS | A new soundbar and subwoofer to support kids’ activities. | Families and ChildrenLow Income |

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Planetary Healing Artists' Association of Australia Inc |
| 2020 Peace Pageant | A new phone will support the smooth execution of our performance and culture events which promote world peace. | Universal (no particular population) |
| Port Melbourne Netball Club |
| Port Melbourne netball club equipment | Additional sporting equipment to support increased demand. | Women |
| Sacred Heart Mission |
| Purchase of a Manual Gravity Feed Meat Slicer for Sacred Heart Meals Program | This meat slicer will ensure clean and safe portion controlled whilst reducing waste. | Low income |
| Singing Hearts Russian Choir |
| Choir Audio Equipment | The audio equipment will provide good quality sound and presentation for performances to seniors and nursing home residents. | Multicultural Community |
| South Melbourne Districts Sports Club Inc |
| New Women's Masters AFL Team | New women’s masters squad jumpers will help retain and recruit club members. | Women |
| South Melbourne Park Primary School Family & Friends Committee |
| Guillotine for Visual Arts Studio | A quality guillotine will assist with cutting various materials that facilitate student’s creative learning and assist with school fundraising activities. | Families and children |

| **Project**  | **Project Description** | **Target Group/s** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Space2b Social Design |
| Space2b Computer Upgrade | A new computer will support the growing number of team members to work effectively and efficiently. | Multicultural CommunityLow Income |
| St Kilda Community Gardens Club Inc |
| Community planting Railway Place, Balaclava | Indigenous planting will invigorate the railway embankment in Railway Place in Autumn 2021. | Universal (no particular population) |
| St Kilda Gatehouse |
| St Kilda Gatehouse Drop in Storage for Homeless Clients | This new storage will be offered to women experiencing homelessness. | WomenMental Health |
| St Kilda Life Saving Club |
| Upgrade of gym facilities at St Kilda Life Saving Club | Additional strength training equipment will support members to stay fit and healthy all year around. | Universal (no particular population) |
| Star Health Group |
| Kids Kitchen Kit | This equipment will support the engagement of primary school-aged children in healthy eating initiatives, developing their cooking skills and food literacy. | Families and children |
| The Victorian Pride Centre |
| Growing Pride - Equipping the community garden | A garden shed and worm farm will support the establishment of rooftop community garden. | LGBTQIA+ |

| **Project**  | **Project Description** | **Target Group/s** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Theatre Works |
| Technical sound equipment purchase | High quality fold back speakers for installation in the Theatre Venue. | Universal (no particular population) |
| Theatrical Incorporated |
| Theatrical Workshop | Community members will receive training, equipment and raw materials to create reusable sets, props and costumes for local community theatre projects. | Universal (no particular population) |