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**COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2017-18
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING -
SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT I**

LOCATION/ADDRESS:

WHOLE OF MUNICIPALITY

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ATTACHMENTS:

**1. Confidential- 2017 2018 Community Grant
Recommendations - Confidential Supplementary I**

PURPOSE

To seek Council approval of the recommendations for funding for the 2017-2018 Community Grants Program by the Community Grants Assessment Panel as outlined in Supplementary Applications I.

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1.1 Endorses the Community Grants Assessment Panel's funding allocation recommendations for the 2017-2018 Community Grants program.
- 1.2 Makes public the list of successful applicants for the Community Grants.
- 1.3 Thanks the voluntary members of the Community Grants Assessment Panel for their valuable contribution to the community life of the City of Port Phillip.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In addition to the Council decision on recommendations for funding to the Community Grants Program 2017-2018, there are a number of supplementary reports and recommendations for funding due to Councillor conflict of interest.

In Supplementary Report I (this report) there are eleven applications recommended by the assessment panel for approval by Council. These are listed in Supplementary Applications I attached.

3. KEY INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Community Grants Program provides funding to community organisations and groups to deliver programs that build on local strengths to develop active, healthy, connected and inclusive communities.
- 3.2 This report presents Council with recommendations prepared by the Community Grants Assessment Panel for funding eleven applications as detailed in Supplementary Applications I attached.



FURTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

4.1 Community Grant Priorities

Applications are sought for projects that enhance diversity, enable community participation and decision making and contribute to the building of healthy, strong and inclusive communities. Projects should contribute to the Council Plan Directions for the future and are evaluated according to how well they meet these Program priorities:

4.1.1 *Engaged: A Well Governed City*

4.1.1.1 Provide clear and open communication and engagement that is valued by the community.

4.1.1.2 Value transparent processes in Council decision making.

4.1.1.3 Build and facilitate a network of active and informed communities.

4.1.2 *Healthy: A Healthy, Creative and Inclusive City*

4.1.2.1 Ensure our City is a welcoming and safe place for all.

4.1.2.2 Support our community to achieve improved health and wellbeing.

4.1.2.3 Ensure quality and accessible family, youth and children's services that meet the needs of our community.

4.1.2.4 Foster a community that values lifelong learning, strong connections and participating in the life of the city.

4.1.2.5 Promote an improved range of cultural and leisure opportunities that foster a connected and engaged community.

4.1.3 *Resilient: A Resilient City*

4.1.3.1 Support community action for a resilient city.

4.1.4 *Vibrant: A Vibrant City*

4.1.4.1 Encourage viable, vibrant villages.

4.1.4.2 Ensure people can travel with ease using a range of convenient, safe, accessible and sustainable travel choices.

5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

5.1 Eligible applications were assessed by two Assessment Panels, each consisting of one councillor, two local community members endorsed by Council, and a City of Port Phillip Council officer.

5.2 Panel members assessed applications individually on line prior to convening for group discussion and debate over three separate meetings.

5.3 Panel members also provided feedback on the Community grants program and assessment process.



6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no known risks to Council in adopting this recommendation.

7. SUSTAINABILITY – Triple Bottom Line

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1.1 The Community Grants program criteria encourages applicants to apply for funding to deliver sustainability projects and/or to consider sustainability in their project planning and implementation.

7.2 SOCIAL & CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

7.2.1 The Community Grants program is one way that Council ensures social justice and equity for all in its delivery of services, programs and projects funded through the community grants program. The criteria for assessment of community grants is also strongly based on social justice, social inclusion and equity principles.

7.3 ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

7.3.1 The Community Grants Program funds local community programs and services which enables continued employment in the Not-For-Profit Sector.

7.4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 The recommendations for funding for the 2017-2018 Community grants program align with the allocated budget.

8. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

8.1 TIMELINE

8.1.1 Following Council endorsement, letters will be sent out to both successful and unsuccessful applicants by 15 July 2017. Verbal feedback will also be offered to unsuccessful applicants.

8.1.2 Successful applicants will be posted a cheque by 11 August 2017.

8.1.3 Successful projects will be announced on the Council website in the form of an e-book.

8.2 COMMUNICATION

8.2.1 Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in writing by post and email.

9. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

9.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.