

Inner Metropolitan Partnership project - summary

Investigation of Best Practice Models, Approaches, Standards and Lessons for the Delivery of Common Ground Facilities in the Inner Metropolitan Region, and Adaptability to Project Scale

This project will produce a best practice manual to provide advice to the State Government, and guidance to the Inner Metropolitan Region Councils of Melbourne, Yarra and Port Phillip, on how to scale up the delivery of Common Ground facilities in the region. The advice will apply to facilities of various scales, in particular smaller facilities.

A \$122,400 grant for this project has been provided by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions through the Inner Metropolitan Partnership.

The City of Port Phillip is leading the project, and has appointed a consultant to prepare the Manual, which is to be completed by late March 2021.

The key tasks of the project, to be prepared following engagement with stakeholders including the three Councils, the community housing and support service agency sectors, and a persons with lived experience, are:

- Review of international and national best practice literature and reference materials.
- Preparation of a Theory of Change and Program Logic, to underpin the approach to the project.
- Preparation of a service model and practice framework - via a participatory design process between the consultant and a support service agency selected early for the proposed Wellington St Common Ground project.
 - Service partnerships and service model/models
 - Tenancy management framework
 - Operating viability
 - Opportunities for links with the local community.
- Preparation of guidance on how to deliver Common Ground facilities, based on the service model.
 - Capital and operating funding and sources
 - Project viability and impact of project scale
 - Housing design standards
 - Ways to address community issues via project arrangements.
- Preparation of a process chart - providing a road map for the key steps for determining how to deliver Common Ground projects - options for approaches, models and standards.