



8.10	COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM ANNUAL ACQUITTAL AND OUTCOMES REPORT 2016/2017
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ATTACHMENTS:	1. Community Grants Acquittal and Outcomes Report 2016-17

PURPOSE

At the Council meeting held 5 July 2017, a recommendation was moved that Council:

“Receives a report collating the outcomes and community benefits of the Community Grants Program following the completion of the grant acquittal process”.

This report presents the *Community Grants Annual Acquittal and Outcomes Report 2016/17* for presentation to Councillors in response to the recommendation.

1. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1.1** Endorses the *Community Grants Annual Acquittal and Outcomes Report 2016/17*.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Community Grants Program provides Council with a strategic opportunity to support initiatives that help to strengthen the community service sector. The program aims to promote social inclusion and community engagement by supporting projects that value contribution and participation of the Port Phillip community.

2.2 Structure of the Grants Program

2.2.1 The Community Grants Program is an annual funding round established to support and encourage community organisations to develop and deliver projects and programs that respond to the needs of the Port Phillip community.

2.2.2 There are three categories of funding for the Community Grants Program: Community Strengthening; Social Inclusion; and Program Support.



- 2.2.3 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, strengthens the capacity and sustainability of the local community sector, support human and technical resources, assists environmental sustainability and enhances local neighbourhoods. The maximum funding for each grant under the Community Strengthening category is \$10,000.
- 2.2.4 The Social Inclusion 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 participate in, or contribute to the broader community. The maximum funding for each grant under the Social Inclusion category is \$5,000.
- 2.2.5 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.
- 2.2.6 Funding under the Community Grants Program is for a one year period only. Project acquittals from funded organisations are checked at the end of each financial year to ensure compliance with acquittal and evaluation requirements.
- 2.2.7 These acquittal and evaluation reporting requirements have been compiled into an annual report for Councillors. Please see Attachment I for detailed information.

3. KEY INFORMATION

- 3.1 The 2016-17 Community Grants Program funded 58 applications from 38 organisations in total receiving \$264,075 in funding.
- 3.2 The attached annual report (Attachment I) presents key statistical data and outcomes across each of the three grant program categories and incorporates a case study to further demonstrate the valuable work of our local community sector in supporting the Port Phillip community.
- 3.3 Overall, the 2016/17 Community Grants program and the funded projects had a positive impact in contributing to the Health and Wellbeing of Port Phillip.
 - 3.3.1 Council's contribution of \$264,075 to the total project spend of \$976,695, meant every dollar invested by Council has contributed an average \$1.00:\$3.70 value ratio.
 - 3.3.2 Recipients reported 20,613 beneficiaries from the grants with 766 volunteers contributing to a total of 18,528 volunteer hours.



- 3.4** At the time of writing the report 47 acquittal reports had been submitted by the grant recipients. Four of the recipients has received an extension for their project, due to unforeseen circumstances and seven acquittals had yet to be submitted. All grant recipients are reminded that failure to meet their reporting requirements affects eligibility to apply for future funding applications.



FURTHER SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

4.1 Strategic Direction 1: We embrace difference and people belong

- 4.1.1 Council provides funding to community groups, organisations and service providers to encourage participation and inclusion; support local networks; and enable access to relevant programs and services.

5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1 All information and case studies presented in the annual report are prepared by Council officers from information in the Project Status and Annual Acquittal reports as provided by grant recipients, including photos.

6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 At the time of writing this annual report, 7 acquittals were yet to be submitted.
- 6.2 All grant recipients are reminded that failure to meet their reporting requirements affects eligibility to apply for future funding applications.

7. SUSTAINABILITY – Triple Bottom Line

7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1.1 As an example, the Love Our Street 3184 case study alone contributed to 12 local street clean ups and 142 kilograms of litter removed from the Elwood area over a 12 month period.

7.2 SOCIAL & CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.2.1 Funding community groups and organisations enables the delivery of activities and events that are community led and owned. In turn, these activities help to create a City where all people feel welcome, included and have access to the services and programs they require.
- 7.2.2 Recipients reported 20,613 beneficiaries from the grants across a range of stakeholder groups from low income to trainees, through to indigenous and culturally diverse community members.
- 7.2.3 There were also 766 volunteers contributing to 18,528 volunteer hours over the 12 month program period.

7.3 ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

- 7.3.1 Council's contribution of \$264,075 to the total project spend of \$976,695, meant every dollar invested by Council has contributed an average \$1.00:\$3.70 value ratio.

7.4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.4.1 N/A



8. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

8.1 TIMELINE

8.1.1 Council officers will provide an annual Community Grants Program Acquittal and Outcomes Report to Councillors after each financial year.

8.2 COMMUNICATION

8.2.1 The annual report will be made publicly available via Council's Community Grants Program webpage.

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.