



Community Grants Program 2025/2026 Recipients

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PROGRAM SUPPORT (up to \$1,000)		
RECIPIENT ORGANISATION	PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Lilian Cannam Kindergarten Inc	Kinder support resources	3YO and 4YO kindergarten resources to support the teaching and learning environment. Items include learning material and play equipment for the outdoor area.
Sandridge Elderly Citizens and Trugo Club Inc Port Melbourne	Sandridge Elderly Citizens and Trugo Club Support	SEC Club is making application to assist and support club volunteers managing and administering the sport. Support includes catering, sport equipment, public liability insurance, consumer affairs registration and ground maintenance costs.
Sacred Heart Mission	LifeConnect	To enable residents of both Homefront and Rooming House Plus Program (RHPP) to undertake mainstream activities by attending cultural and outdoor events.
Linden New Art	A little further reading	A little further reading is a quarterly storytime series for children 0–8 at Linden. Each session responds to exhibition themes and contributes to a growing children's library onsite.
Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre	Sewing Sustainably at ESNLC	The project enables ESNLC to continue to provide an avenue for community members to come together and learn sewing and craft skills that enable them to live more sustainably.
The Trustee for THE SALVATION ARMY (VICTORIA) PROPERTY TRUST	Young Experienced Leaders (YEL)	A group for young people with a lived experience of homelessness that want to make change to the future of homelessness services and the homelessness sector
Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre	Software for running Elwood Kitchen Library	Elwood Kitchen Library is a non-profit lending library of kitchen appliances, cookware & party-packs. Our purpose is to bring people together through love of food and enable sustainable living.

St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated	Community Meals	A weekly Community Meal program which provides a socially inclusive opportunity for marginalised individuals to share a nutritious meal with local CoPP residents, Drop In staff and volunteers.
SOCIAL INCLUSION PARTNERSHIPS (up to \$5,000)		
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St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated	Health and Overdose Prevention Program (HOPP)	The Health and Overdose Prevention Program provides personalized training and education to opioid users and access to everyday health supports for people who struggle to access mainstream services.
ESNLC	Gardening Community Connection Program	The project aims to provide an avenue for community members to come together in a volunteer capacity to work together to nurture and grow the existing Kitchen Garden at ESNLC.
St Kilda Community Gardens Club Inc	Garden Wicking beds - Repairs and maintenance of CoPP infrastructure	STKGC has sought professional advice and will coordinate club member and volunteer labour to undertake repair works to shore up the failing beds and future proof them for another decade.
Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre	Galiamble - Digital Futures Program	ESNLC and Galiamble partner to deliver a Digital Literacy Program teaching essential computer and smart device skills, supporting confidence, independence, and real-world readiness for life beyond rehabilitation.
The Trustee for The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust	Pets in the Park St Kilda	Monthly pop-up Veterinary Clinic in St Kilda for marginalized members of the community, including those experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, family violence and mental health issues
St Kilda Gatehouse	Off The Streets	Off the streets is a social inclusion program offering safe, positive recreational experiences for women reliant on street-based sex work, providing respite and connection across the City of Port Phillip.

Linden New Art	Experiential Art Workshops 2026	The project unites individuals with mental health disorders, and associated substance abuse, homelessness, and family violence, through two transformative Art workshop series, fostering social connections, wellbeing, and personal growth.
Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre	The Women's Open Doors Program	The Women's Open Doors Program offers complimentary access to inclusive educational, creative, and wellbeing programs at ESNLC for Launch Housing clients; promoting social inclusion, personal development, and strengthened community engagement
COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING (up to \$10,000)		
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St Kilda Police & Citizens Youth Club (PCYC)	Youth Boxing	Youth Boxing is a free boxing class held twice weekly at St Kilda PCYC for youth ages 10-17, promoting fitness, confidence and social connection in a safe, supportive community environment.
Space2b Social Design Inc.	Bridging Cultures with Art: Connecting People Through Art & Culture	In a series of cultural events designed for the local community, creative CALD entrepreneurs and artists showcase their skills and artistry, working with their local volunteer teammate to build confidence, skills and connections.
Uniting Vic Tas	Pieces of Me	A creative art program supporting individuals with severe and enduring mental illness to express their stories, build connections, and showcase their work in a community art exhibition.
Pathways Melbourne Inc.	'Connected Paths' Project – creating inclusive communities for vulnerable, isolated Jewish individuals, families and LGBTIQ+ voices.	Connected Paths supports diverse and isolated Jewish Pathfinders in Port Phillip through inclusive social events, LGBTIQ+ support, parenting workshops, and life skills development in a safe, culturally sensitive environment.

Linden New Art	Brave Young Artists	A weeklong child-led artmaking holiday program supporting creative participation, promoting wellbeing, minimising cultural barriers, fostering community, enhancing arts-literacy, and providing free childcare.
Launch Housing	Tenancy Plus (TP) Brokerage	Tenancy Plus brokerage provides flexible financial assistance to social housing renters living in Port Phillip. This can be used to establish or maintain their tenancy and support long-term secure housing.
Sacred Heart Mission	Creative Connections	Creative Connections aims to improve the social/emotional health and well-being of disadvantaged women and nonbinary gender diverse people, by inviting them to come together and participate in a creative/therapeutic activity.
St Kilda City Football Netball Club	Coaching and Mentoring for Women's Football	To assist the establishment of a dedicated support system through coaches and mentors, the provision of coaching at training and on match days, for our newly established female football team.
The Trustee for The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust	Pathways to Podiatry	A weekly free walk-in podiatry clinic for the most at-risk CoPP community members, including people who experiencing homelessness. This program overcomes barriers to costly, appointment-based mainstream podiatry services.
Albert Park College Art Show	APC Art Show 2025	The APC Art Show is an annual three-day event in Port Melbourne to encourage young, emerging and professional artists from across the City of Port Phillip to exhibit their work.
Left Write Hook Ltd	Left Write Hook: Reclaim, Rewrite, Release	An 8-week trauma-informed writing and boxing program for women and gender-diverse survivors, delivered by Left Write Hook in partnership with Supafight in Port Melbourne, starting February 2025.
EDIBLE COMMUNITY GARDEN OF THE HEWISON RESERVE	Edible Community Garden of the Hewison Reserve	The Edible Community Garden of the Hewison Reserve will create four raised beds, including native edibles, local food growing, environmental learning, and community connection through shared gardening activation of the local community.

One Ball Inc	Stronger Together: Building Social Cohesion Through Football	A football based program that brings young people together to build friendships, foster inclusion, and strengthen community connections through sport, mentoring, and character development activities.
Emerald Hill Toy Library	EquiPlay sessions	Sensory-friendly sessions for families with children who have a disability including Autism and or ADHD, offering a quieter, more accessible environment to choose toys without the busy crowds.
Port Melbourne Netball Club	Coach and Umpire Education program	Improving our coaching and umpiring programs by providing comprehensive training & mentoring for youth coaches & umpires
The Trustee for The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust	DON'T THINK YOU CAN'T SING – Find your Voice	Music heals the soul. A lot of people feel they cannot sing, when that isn't true. This program will teach participants to safely find their voice with their community.
The NCJW (Victoria) Social Support Trust	'Caring Mums: Inclusive Maternal Support in Port Phillip'	Caring Mums: Inclusive Maternal Support in Port Phillip provides free, one-on-one emotional support to pregnant and new mothers, with a focus on CALD communities, through trained, culturally matched local volunteers.
Melbourne Orthodox Jewish Community Centre	Masbia - Uniting people through food and volunteering.	The Melbourne Orthodox Jewish Community Centre (MOJCC) project aims to combat food insecurity and waste by creating Masbia, a community-run kitchen empowering volunteers to prepare nutritious meals for vulnerable individuals.
Channel 31 Melbourne	Move It Or Lose It Australia - Port Phillip	This Port Phillip season features inclusive fitness led by CALD, gender diverse, and varied ability hosts—celebrating community, movement, and accessibility in iconic local spaces across this vibrant municipality.

Rowing Victoria	Rowing Victoria Para Rowing Program – Albert Park Lake	Inclusive para rowing program at Albert Park Lake offering coached on-water and virtual rowing sessions for people with disabilities, improving health, wellbeing, and community connection through accessible sport.
St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated	Outreach Van	The Outreach Van provides disadvantaged individuals (predominantly women) weekly access to basic necessities, and welfare/wellbeing visits which contribute to alleviating the cycle of poverty, homelessness, exploitation and social isolation.
Christ Church Mission Inc	Garden Nomads	We recruit, train and support volunteers to assist frail, elderly, or disabled local residents by maintaining their gardens. The service is provided on an ongoing and regular basis.
Port Melbourne Colts Junior Football Club	Growing Girls' AFL Through Female-Led Coaching and Mentorship	Empowering girls in AFL by building a strong, female-led coaching team engaging current female players to mentor and coach younger girls teams, creating role models and increasing long-term participation and retention.
Girl Guides Port Phillip District	Equipment Required	In order to carry on with Girl Guides at 1st Albert Park we require basic equipment such as First Aid Equipment / Stationary / Arts & Crafts.
Christ Church Mission Inc.	Circle of Life Community Garden	The local community will be encouraged to volunteer in the garden providing an opportunity for people of different backgrounds and ages to socialise and get to know each other.
Launch Housing	School Holiday Program for Children Experiencing Homelessness	The Children's Team at Launch Housing will deliver nine school holiday events catered to children aged 5-12 years who are experiencing homelessness in the City of Port Phillip area.

Port Melbourne Toy Library	Play and child development sessions	Free online session run by a speech pathologist on how to use play to aid in the developmental stages of children.
Port Phillip Pickers	Port Phillip Pickers 2026 Community Harvest	Community events and workshops that prevent local food waste by harvesting unwanted produce from our local area and creating deliciousness to share. This includes our annual COPP olive harvest.
Chabad on Carlisle Jewish Russian Centre	Chabad on Carlisle soup kitchen	Chabad on Carlisle's soup kitchen supports over 100 individuals in need each month by delivering free groceries, meals, and essential items.
Earthcare St Kilda	Penguin Protectors – Litter-Focused Educational Program	Earthcare St Kilda is offering a free school holiday program designed to inspire students to reduce litter and help create a cleaner, safer environment for both our community and the local Little Penguins.
South Melbourne Sustainability Group	Working Bees 2025 - 2026	We run 25 gardening events every year, offering local community members composting facilities, opportunities to grow produce, and learn how to compost kitchen waste instead of it going to landfill.
Victorian Skateboard Association (VSA)	Promoting Port Phillip Skateable Spaces	Promoting Port Phillip Skateable Spaces will increase skateboarding participation and community connection by engaging children, youth and families through no-cost skateboarding workshops with equipment provided across skate parks and spaces.
Planetary Healing Artists' Association of Australia Inc	Intercultural Healing Event	PHAAA aims to 'heal the community' by celebrating International Day of Peace with inclusive presentations and cultural music, inspiring collaboration for a better world and the well-being of all.
Dadfit Community Ltd	Dadfit in Port Phillip: Supporting dads to enable healthy, gender equal families	Dadfit will deliver two five-week programs in Elwood and Albert Park supporting 30+ dads in Port Phillip to be healthy, engaged parents while creating lasting connection and peer support.

St Kilda South Port Uniting Church	Mission Meals	St Kilda South Port is seeking a co-contribution towards new air-conditioners, fridges/freezer for the safe storing of food used in the weekly community dinner and pantry for 70+ guests.
FoodFilled Inc.	Expanding Food Rescue Capacity to Reach More Charities and Vulnerable Communities Across Port Phillip	FoodFilled will onboard two waitlisted charities, recruit six local volunteers, and increase food rescue capacity, delivering 5,400kg of fresh produce and pantry staples to vulnerable residents across Port Phillip.
C Care Inc	Delivering Fresh Produce Packs to 95 Disadvantaged Port Phillip Households to Improve Nutrition and Connection	C Care will deliver weekly fresh-produce packs (fruits, vegetables, herbs, and bread—to 95 disadvantaged Port Phillip households, improving nutrition, food access, and wellbeing for isolated seniors, CALD residents, and low-income families.



