

2015 City of Melbourne Community Grant Recipients

Organisation and project name	Grant amount	Summary of project
<p>78 Seniors Club Inc. Kensington Seniors Go All Out</p>	<p>\$3000</p>	<p>The 78 Seniors Club in partnership with Urban Communities will target older people living in their public high rise apartments who are socially and economically disadvantaged.</p> <p>Many experience loneliness, boredom, insecurity and isolation.</p> <p>Kensington Seniors Go All Out will take these older people out together for social connection and participation, community engagement, a sense of belonging and increased wellbeing through a range of fun social activities and outings.</p>
<p>Association of Employees with Disability Inc AED Learning & Development Project</p>	<p>\$2500</p>	<p>This project seeks to resource new learning and development opportunities to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of our governing body - the AED Committee of Management - so as to provide better support to managers, staff, volunteers and service users. Learning's about best governance and management practices will result in better informed and skilled committee members capable of making better informed decisions and deliver more efficient quality services to our constituents.</p>
<p>Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Asylum Seekers Connect and Participate</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>	<p>This project is a mental health and wellbeing program, strengthening community inclusion, participation and connection.</p> <p>There are three project streams: Orientation - linking participants with relevant services and organisations in Melbourne, providing vital information for understanding Australian culture, laws and society;</p> <p>Social - monthly group activities and outings and Mentor</p> <p>Connect - a 12 month framework of one-on-one mentoring activities targeted to an individual asylum seeker's strengths, needs and interests.</p>
<p>Aussie Rules International Harmony Cup</p>	<p>\$3000</p>	<p>The Harmony Cup features teams drawn from Melbourne's multicultural communities.</p> <p>It will take place at Royal Park North on Sunday, 22 March 2015.</p> <p>The aim of the event is twofold:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to celebrate Melbourne's ethnic diversity and harmony, and 2. use the sport of Australian football, as Australia's sport, to break down cultural and ethnic barriers. We may come from many different backgrounds but we are all Australians.

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Australian Somali Woman's Healthcare Community Foundation Women's Healthcare program	\$3000	Provide information sessions for women's health that will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -General health - Mental health - Maternal and Child health information - Breast feeding - Pregnancy - Female health
Avalon Centre Distribution of personal items to people who are homeless in the City of Melbourne	\$3000	We distribute essential personal items to people who are homeless in the City of Melbourne. The Avalon Van goes out every week with a group of committed volunteers, packed with clothes, bedding, shoes, socks etc to the streets of Melbourne.
Bek Berger and Dagmara Gieysztor (auspiced by La Mama Theatre) La Discorso	\$9000	LaDiscorso is a series of performative and community discussions by Refugees and Asylum Seekers as well as local residents of Carlton and surrounding areas -presented at La Mama theatre. The aim of this project is to give voice and a platform for creativity and in depth discussion to debunk stigma regarding cultural backgrounds and promote a diverse community and create a forum about cultural identity and belonging.
Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria Encounter Melbourne	\$9595	Without assistance, many people who are blind or vision impaired can become lost or disoriented in the city. This project will offer City of Melbourne residents who are blind or vision impaired the opportunity to attend major events in the city as part of a group. Encouraging healthy physical activity, the project will also help build confidence and familiarity while creating community connections.
Carlton Gardens Primary School Harmony Fete Committee Carlton Gardens Primary School Harmony Fete 2015	\$3000	Carlton Gardens Primary School Harmony Fete 2015 will again be an exciting multicultural event with food, activities and entertainment, promoting and celebrating our school community.
Carlton Neighbourhood Watch Carlton Housing Estate	\$2985	To develop the skills of a number of "ambassadors" amongst the residents to provide leadership in improving safety on the Carlton Housing Estate. This would be achieved by running training for ambassadors in crime prevention, First Aid, building safety

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Ambassadors Program		inspections, graffiti removal, Bike Ed and fire safety.
Carlton PCCC Carlton PCCC Cops and Kids program	\$7200	Local schools, community agencies and police will identify young people who they believe are significantly at risk of being involved in crime as offenders or victims. Participants will attend a three day adventure camp with police and youth workers. The camp is designed to educate young people in respect to law abiding behaviour, and promote positive interaction with police.
Chinese Community Health Advisory of Australia Inc. Provide free medical and health-related information, support, publication and radio broadcast to the communities	\$3000	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide free medical and health-related information and support to community in weekly meetings and consultation groups; 2. Hold monthly public lectures on medical and health-related topics, providing forum for discussion on common diseases; 3. Attend regular radio broadcast at SBS and 3CW on medical and health-related topics; 4. Host special events to promote health and well-being during Chinese festivals and holidays; 5. Annual publication on medical and health-related topics.
CoDesign Studio Stewart Street Bicycle Hub	\$7500	The Stewart Street Bicycle Hub is a place activation project and public awareness campaign on bicycle theft in the Melbourne CBD. The project aims to improve bike safety awareness with international students by establishing a pop-up information hub during O-Week in March 2015.
Disability Media Australia (DMA) On the Streets	\$13,945	An in-depth volunteer training program, consisting of 15 supportive, accessible workshops for volunteers with disabilities, developing the technical and theoretical skills required to broadcast strong audio/visual narratives. The program incorporates instruction in camerawork, audio recording, narrative construction, shot compilation, visual editing, writing, on location filming, and producing, empowering participants to tell their own stories.
Docklands Community Association Docklands Community Development and Promotion 2015	\$3000	This project is an ongoing initiative of the DCA to develop and promote a sense of community within Docklands. Our committee organises several events each year to aid in the development of the community spirit.

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Drill Hall Residents Association Drill Hall Apartments Residents Association activities: community initiatives and programs	\$2980	To facilitate regular meetings and activities- eg barbeques - for residents.To further maintain active channels of communication and social interaction amongst residents and groups of residents by creating a newsletter a Facebook site and a Web site.To bring together neighbouring communities and groups to share in community activity.To invite speakers to address residents on matters of interest to them.To encourage community access for residents with a disability
East Melbourne Community Garden Association Inc. Development of the East Melbourne Community Garden	\$10,000	We have located a vacant site at Cnr Wellington Parade and Vale St East Melbourne. We will undertake site works to make the garden safe and ready.
East Melbourne Group East Melbourne Jolimont Community Magazine	\$3000	The magazine is EMGs main communication channel to foster wide community knowledge of, access to and engagement in local events, services and activities to improve the connectedness and well-being of the community.
East Melbourne Historical Society 1. East Melbourne's Nurses and the Great War. 2. Newsletters and flyers	\$3000	An exhibition focusing on the contribution made by our local nurses in WW1. East Melbourne had many hospitals and there were a considerable number of nurses either living or working in the suburb who volunteered. We will choose about 16 nurses from our database of servicemen and women and tell their stories through text and photos printed on large panels.Newsletters and flyers as in previous years.
EastEnders Inc EastEnders Connections	\$2820	To maintain and extend our existing communication and networking activities focussing on direct engagement with and between residents and the wider community.In addition to continuing our regular monthly social functions EastEnders will provide at least 3 major social/information events per annum to promote issues relating to city living and amenity.These functions are open to all persons living or working in the City of Melbourne.

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Enterprize Ship Trust Enterprize Automatic Identification System	\$1400	The AIS is a VHF transmitter that sends information about a vessels speed and direction. This data is seen by vessels and shore based systems and used to avoid collisions between vessels particularly when visibility is low. An app can also be purchased by interested general public to track our ship.
Fawkner Park Children's Centre and Kindergarten (FPCC) Purchase of a Defibrillator Package	\$3000	The defibrillator will be shared with the Senior Citizen's Centre, the Tennis Centre (all located in the same building) and the wider community, i.e. anyone who is in the vicinity of the Centre and requires a defibrillator.
Good Cycles Limited The Community Bike Shed	\$14,100	<p>The Good Cycles Community Bike Shed offers weekly bicycle-based workshops at the North Melbourne and Carlton public housing estates.</p> <p>The aim of these regular, hands-on workshops will be to engage and mentor public housing residents in a range of bicycle-based activities providing them with affordable transport, road safety knowledge, vocational mechanical skills, an employment pathway and a way to connect to their community.</p>
Greek and Gay Support Network 20th Anniversary Events - GGSN	\$2000	<p>20th Festival celebrates the anniversary of the Greek Gay Support Group, supporting the Hellenic GLBTI and celebrating the Greek culture.</p> <p>We will be present at GLBTIQ festivals in celebration of multiculturalism, as well as the Greek community festival in support of sexual and gender diversity.</p>
Holy Rosary Primary School Kensington Holy Rosary School Play Pod	\$2500	The play pod consists of a storage shed filled with objects to be used by children in active, creative, social, collaborative and inclusive free play.
Housing Choices Australia North Melbourne Community Garden	\$10,000	To activate a community garden in an existing community housing development in North Melbourne.

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<p>Inclusion Melbourne The 2015 Human Rights Arts & Film Festival's Access Program</p>	\$6931	<p>Working with the Human Rights Arts & Film Festival (HRAFF), we will help connect local disadvantaged people with the festival and encourage participation.</p> <p>A robust program of access services, a targeted marketing campaign aimed at people with a disability and people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds will provide information, opportunities and support to promote participation with HRAFF.</p>
<p>Justice Connect "Legal health check" for youth-involving community organisations</p>	\$19,500	<p>A new program of personalised, intensive legal support will be provided to select youth-led and youth-involving not-for-profit community organisations in the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>Through this pilot project, participating organisations will be supported through a 'legal health check' process, involving tailored consultations with not-for-profit lawyers to address areas of legal risk, and customised training to build confidence and knowledge of young people involved in governance of youth-focussed community organisations.</p>
<p>Kensington and Flemington Senior Citizens Activities to promote health and wellbeing of our seniors</p>	\$1500	<p>Outings as part of other groups within the community. Visit other community groups within Victoria with a view to interaction with different cultures and diversities to greater understand issues facing themselves and others around them.</p> <p>Health Education of members. Skills education of members ie Computers, Legal services, Library Services.</p>
<p>Kensington Association Incorporated To maintain the ability of Kensington Association to communicate with its members and the wider community.</p>	\$2990	<p>In order to maintain our website and to promote the Association and its values we need to maintain the website with regular updates.</p>
<p>Kensington Chinese Friendship Association Inc Kensington Chinese</p>	\$2130	<p>Run the weekly program for four days per week. Applying to purchase office equipment and run activities that keep people active and connected</p>

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Seniors Support		
Kidsafe Victoria Kidsafe Victoria Community Outreach Program – City of Melbourne.	\$2000	<p>The Kidsafe Community Outreach Program is a community education project that encompasses a series of home safety presentations targeted at both families with young children and community services staff.</p> <p>The purpose of the program is to provide high quality child safety information to enable families to uptake child injury prevention strategies in their homes and ultimately reduce unintentional child injury/death within the City of Melbourne.</p>
Legacy Melbourne Monthly Legacy Widows' Concerts at Legacy House, Melbourne	\$1500	<p>Melbourne Legacy hosts ten Widows Concerts during the year, held on the first Monday of each month, February to November, with a different performer each month.</p> <p>Concerts are held at Legacy House on Swanston Street.</p>
Life Activities Clubs Victoria Inc Seniors being active together	\$2750	<p>This project aims to promote healthy activity and togetherness for older people by offering a gentle walk and easy bike ride as part of the Victorian Seniors' Festival launch.</p> <p>Both activities will occupy one hour and entry will be free.</p> <p>We aim to attract older people, but encourage family participation and open the activities to everyone.</p>
Lord Somers Camp and Powerhouse Syncopate	\$3000	<p>The purpose of the theatre workshop project is to engage with people who are clients of the AMES Settlement and Asylum Seeker Division in a meaningful way. Asylum Seekers and Refugees face barriers with engaging in activities and with their local communities. The workshops will promote a sense of belonging, health and wellbeing, engagement and networking and getting to know the City of Melbourne through the excursions.</p>
Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group Communications expenses for the Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group	\$3000	<p>The MSYRG has been the primary voice of residents in the South Yarra area of the City of Melbourne since 1969.</p> <p>In order to carry out our ongoing need to represent residents we need assistance to publish and distribute notices, operate our new website, operate our membership database and fulfil the related regulatory requirements of a small, not for profit enterprise that is run by volunteers.</p>

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Melbourne Street Choir Inc. Voices Without Borders	\$20,000	<p>Dr Jonathon Welch AM, Founder of the School of Hard Knocks, has established the 'Voices Without Borders' Choir for asylum seekers and refugees.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for these often vulnerable, distressed and isolated newcomers to sing, engage in positive activities and have the chance to heal and regain dignity.</p> <p>They will rebuild self-confidence, improve their English, build new networks, engage in a regular activity and learn new skills.</p>
Naomi Chainey (auspiced by Channel 31) The F-Word	\$15,884	<p>A late night, panel/magazine style community television program, raising frank and challenging discussions about feminism and gender equality, combining educational content and humour to raise awareness of systemic disadvantage of women in patriarchal societies. The program will air on C31 Melbourne. It will be produced almost entirely by women; a group drastically under-represented in the modern Australian media industry.</p>
North Melbourne Chinese Association Incorporated Tai Chi and Qi Kong classes	\$1000	<p>This project involves teaching participants movements both physically and mentally. So they would be healthier, more alert, more aware of what's going on around them, because they are in a class they have more chance to socialize with other participants thus increase their sense of belonging.</p>
Open Door Community Singers Inc Library at the Dock - Community Singing Project	\$5000	<p>An eight week project designed to bring members of Dockland's business and residential communities together to sing for enjoyment and wellbeing. The project is further designed to allow diverse groups of people who live or work in Docklands to engage with one another for mutual benefit.</p>
Parkville District Cricket Club Supporting Asylum Seekers and the Disadvantaged through Cricket	\$2880	<p>Sponsor Asylum Seekers to play cricket with a community based club and reduce the financial costs associated with playing cricket for the unemployed, students and/or health-care card holders.</p>
Parkville Gardens Residents Association	\$3000	<p>Build relationships and connections with community residents. Aim for residents to understand the PRGA and to participate in the association and community activities. The events are to facilitate</p>

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Parkville Community Events		communication to enable us to further understand the needs of the community. Who are they, how can we work together?
Polish Senior Citizens Club of Melbourne Let's talk about health	\$425	Information sessions on importance of how and why to stay healthy to improve and sustain wellbeing of our members. Group participation in Polish Cultural Festival and the Albion's Club Polish Jamboree.
Reading Out Of Poverty Inc Pop Up & Read!	\$14,000	This project will promote early childhood reading within disadvantaged communities in the City of Melbourne. It centres around a transportable library of books that children and parents can read and even take home to keep. The program will be provided in community settings that are familiar and readily accessible.
Reclink Australia Citylife	\$20,000	<p>Reclink Australia aims to provide additional recreation activities throughout the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>This program will expand on our existing services following consultation with our member agencies.</p>
Reinforce Inc Train the Trainer by Reinforce Volunteers for Reinforce Volunteers and Forum in Melbourne for Residents in Group Homes	\$14,700	The Reinforce Self Advocacy has identified the need to have more peer trainers so as to meet the growing training demands for staff & residents in Group Homes, focusing on the rights and choice & control of NDIS users, particularly given the changes coming about. Reinforce is very aware that people living in group homes receive little information around these issues.
Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise Inc Community Village	\$2500	The Community Village provides a welcoming place late at night/early morning where young people having a social night out can take a break, get free refreshments and wait safely for transport home. Rotary volunteers partner with Victoria Police, St Pauls Cathedral, the City of Melbourne and the Salvation Army in this project, using equipment procured and owned by the Rotary Club.
Royal Park Ladies Golf Club "Cover Up" - Be Warm in Winter and Sun-Smart in Summer	\$1230	<p>Royal Park Ladies Golf Club would use this grant to purchase long-sleeve polo tops, embroidered with the club logo, for all club members.</p> <p>These would provide warmth in Winter and sun protection in Summer.</p>

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<p>Scope Victoria Telescope Workshops, Mentorships and Public Readings: for writers with disabilities</p>	<p>\$16,880</p>	<p>The project consists of a series of workshops and a mentorship program for writers with a disability, and public readings in City of Melbourne.</p>
<p>Shakti Migrant & Refugee Women's Support Group Melbourne Inc. Community Advocates Training Development & Local Outreach Service Support of 1800SHAKTI</p>	<p>\$18,000</p>	<p>Our project aims to develop the capacity and capability of existing and new members and community volunteers in Melbourne City to be effective community advocates including being involved in local service mapping and outreach support activities through our volunteer-run support helpline 1800SHAKTI based in Victoria.</p>
<p>Skilling Australia Foundation Improving retention for equity groups and high achievers undertaking apprenticeships and traineeships</p>	<p>\$15,000</p>	<p>Assistance with the upfront cost of TAFE and private registered training course fees and costs (including resources and materials) for 15 apprentices/trainees experiencing financial hardship and/or targeted equity groups for up to two years training.</p>
<p>Social Goal Social Sport for All</p>	<p>\$13,950</p>	<p>The Social Sport for All program creates opportunities for young people with a disability to participate in fun, inclusive, and safe social sport. The program builds players skills and confidence to participate in sport and recreation. The 12 week program will culminate in a International Day of People with a Disability sports tournament celebrating and showcasing the skills they have grown.</p>
<p>Southbank Residents Group Inc. Resident Advocacy and Connection Project</p>	<p>\$3000</p>	<p>A year-round support program aimed at community advocacy and connection through offering support and guidance of community concerns and issues within the local community.</p> <p>SRG aims to provide a voice for local residents via advocacy with local and state governments; and provide general advice on matters</p>

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		relating to planning and development and understanding their rights.
Spanish Speaking Elderly Group of North Melbourne Activity and Program for Spanish Speaking Elderly Women	\$1000	Support the Spanish Speaking Elderly Women with a regular activities including Exercise Program, Eating Healthy Foods, Outings, Craft works, Painting, etc. and Important information delivered by guest speakers.
St Jude's Anglican Church Carols in Carlton	\$1500	The Carols in Carlton event will celebrate the Christian Christmas festival, and has a very strong focus on building connections across our local community. Many locals look forward to attending this event, it will engage families and children and will bring together people from many different cultures.
St Mary's House of Welcome Fishing and Recreation Project	\$9949	St Mary's proposes to capitalise on the success of past fishing and recreational outings that have been enjoyed by service users by developing a structured program to benefit disaffected community members who suffer from social isolation. St Mary's plans to conduct six to eight outings in 2015.
The Parkville Association Inc Maintaining Connections in Parkville	\$3000	The association started in 1967 and has continued ever since. However, times change and we want to not only continue the same activities as in the past but try to reconnect with the whole Parkville community and bring it more up to date and relevant to the present times.
The Push Incorporated Walk This Way	\$18,027	<p>Diverse young people will take part in urban/hip hop workshops incorporating five elements of the culture: DJing, MCing, Aerosol Art, Knowledge/History and Breaking/Hip Hop Dance.</p> <p>Participants will be introduced to Melbourne with excursions/speaking tours of key arts/cultural institutions and artist/mentor dinners in the CBD's diverse culinary food precinct.</p>
The Salvation Army - Adult Services - Support in Public Housing Community Vegetable and	\$1000	The community vegetable and ornamental garden is a hands on project that utilises the courtyard of the high rise where residents can grow produce along with creating an environment that is pleasant to relax in.

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Ornamental Garden		
The Squeaky Wheel Productions Ltd Good Wheel SpokesWomen	\$12,500	<p>Good Wheel SpokesWomen is a partnership between The Squeaky Wheel, Good Cycles and The Huddle. The program was successfully piloted for 10 girls in 2014.</p> <p>We propose to extend the program to accommodate for demand with an adapted program providing 20 girls from CALD backgrounds with a recycled bicycle and training in safe cycling and basic bike maintenance.</p>
The Young Eritrean Mother's Group African Women Only Swimming Program	\$3000	<p>Swimming lessons for the Eritrean Young Mother's Group.</p> <p>Weekly swimming classes at Melbourne City Path for one hour for a period of six months during the summer and autumn.</p> <p>The project will incorporate safe water practices, being sunsmart and learning how to be safe with children in the water.</p>
U3A Melbourne City Inc U3A Melbourne City 30th anniversary celebrations	\$5000	<p>U3A Melbourne City was the founding U3A in Australia and started classes in February 1985.</p> <p>During 2015 we are planning a variety of activities to celebrate our 30th anniversary.</p> <p>Two of these events are eight monthly seminars on "Change, Technology and the Future" and a weekend film festival, expanding on our regular Movies of Merit class.</p>
Victoria Walks Inc. Walk with Me	\$11,340	<p>Victoria Walks will develop neighbourhood walking maps for disadvantaged communities in partnership with North Melbourne Language and Learning ('NMLL') and Kensington Neighbourhood House ('KenHouse') to highlight local facilities, amenities, businesses and neighbourhood treasures.</p> <p>This pilot project will apply community development principles to engage communities to tell their stories about their neighbourhood.</p>
Victorian Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (VACRO) Knitting for Kitty (K4K)	\$4905	<p>Knitting for Kitty is a community partnership program that enables women on Community Correctional Orders to complete their hours by attending a weekly knitting group. Using donated wool, women knit squares which are then made into blankets that are donated for animals in animal shelters.</p>

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Victorian Lithuanian Pensioners Association Inc. Cultural Activities Project	\$1500	This project will provide activities such as trips and outings to country Victoria, social get-togethers, group activities such as choir singing at the Lithuanian House.
Vision Australia Walking with White Canes in the City of Melbourne	\$2500	<p>Vision Australia has developed a Walking with White Canes program for clients who visit the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>Many clients make regular medical and leisure trips to the City; this project provides Orientation and Mobility training with White Canes enabling access to Melbourne's attractions for blind or low vision visitors.</p> <p>Confidence in white cane use enables clients to walk with greater safety and independence in the City of Melbourne.</p>
Wear for Success Preparing for work and beyond: Helping more humanitarian migrants in Melbourne	\$10,000	In 2013 Wear for Success conducted a pilot which aimed to provide up to 60 unemployed disadvantaged migrant men in Melbourne with free services to help them present themselves for work on an equal footing with other candidates. In 2015 we will extend the program to include both men and women from migrant backgrounds.
Yarra Community Housing Limited Healthy Living Project	\$20,000	<p>The Project will engage with Yarra Community Housing (YCH) tenants to develop and deliver a range of activities that will improve their health and quality of life.</p> <p>The project builds on work by range of partner agencies working within the Elizabeth Street Common Ground Housing Support Model that provides housing and support to people who have experienced long-term homelessness.</p>
Youth Disability Advocacy Service at Youth Affairs Council of Victoria Where to Next?	\$15,695	This project will build the capacity of young people with disabilities who are planning for life after secondary school. Peer educators will develop and deliver educational workshops that are attractive and accessible to young people with disabilities. These workshops will cover topics such as tertiary education, employment, how to independently navigate the service system, and how to seek assistance.