

Community grant recipients 2016

Organisation name	Grant amount	Brief Project Description
Australian Oromo Community Association in Victoria Inc Oromo youth anti-radicalism project	\$10,000	 This project aims to show awareness creation about radicalism, educating our youth and establishing a mechanism to prevent our youth from being trapped by this ideology. 1) Deliver four community workshops (one each quarter) which introduce the issues, allow community discussion and help provide advice around how to identify signs of radicalism and how to tackle them. 2) Deliver ten youth nights to provide education for our youth.
Australian Romanian Community Welfare, Health and Services Association of Victoria Take me out	\$1500	This project is a new monthly program for the Romanian community people who are adventurous, active and confident on their feet. Each month different destinations will be explored. The project is an opportunity for the members to maintain physical and mental wellbeing while maintaining a strong connection with the community.
Blind Sports and Recreation Victoria Connecting up - introducing Melbourne's infrastructure	\$9531	People who are blind or vision impaired often rely on public transport for everyday mobility. Being familiar with the city's public transport and walkway infrastructure can be a major incentive for these people to travel to and within the city. BSRV will run a series of group walks to familiarise people with no or low vision with Melbourne transport hubs and precincts - helping enhance safety and lift barriers to participation.
Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Stories of Food	\$16,000	The Stories of Food Project will focus on the healthy living and eating of diverse community groups living or studying in Carlton. The program will focus on the growing, preparing and sharing of nutritious food in the inner city, including gardening, cooking, visiting local community food projects, markets and gardens. The program will have a strong focus on sharing food culture and storytelling.
Carlton Residents Association Inc Carlton Residents Association	\$3000	Administrative support for the Carlton Residents Association Inc.

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Carlton-Parkville Probus Club Probus meeting place for residents of Carlton and Parkville	\$1150	To provide a meeting venue which will accommodate 70 - 100 club members on a monthly basis within the locality, well served by public transport. There is no affordable, suitable local community hall facility with the required capacity available to accommodate all members. Members support local businesses, restaurants, cafes and shops in the area. Many are active volunteers.
Chinese Singing and Dancing Troupe of Melbourne Chinese Singing and Dancing Troupe	\$2000	This grant will support the activities of the group which meets weekly to provide singing and dancing activities and provide support to elderly Chinese. The group is coordinated by volunteers who perform at local community events like the spring festival and for Chinese New Year at the North Melbourne Housing Estate, for Australian National Day, Dragon Boat Festival and Mid-Autumn Festival.
Church of All Nations Community Support The Family Learning Program: Learning for Parents	\$15,000	The project will specifically provide a focus in the Family Learning Program for parents of the school age children being assisted. The project will develop a "safe parents space" at CAN for mutual sharing and support; and provide sessions on issues of health, mental well-being, self-care, parenting, managing the digital learning of one's child; and generally assist with family literacy.
City Gardens Owners Corporation Committee of Management The City Gardens and Community environmental and sustainable gardens project	\$20,000	City Gardens is an established residential complex located in North Melbourne with a diverse community but no urban food community garden. The project is designed to provide water efficient and spatially efficient gardening options for residents and create a more vibrant living experience through the connection of urban food and communal living. Worm farms and beehives are currently being installed and this project will build on this urban sustainability initiative.
Cohealth African women's health and wellbeing	\$3000	Cohealth in partnership with Carlton Primary School will work for 12 months with African women living on the Carlton housing estate on strengthening health and wellbeing through gathering in a safe place for open discussion and education. The project will use local and external connections and knowledge to address and respond to issues related to women's mental and physical health and wellbeing.
Diaspora Action Australia Communicate and Connect: bringing CALD communities together.	\$17,764	This project seeks to improve the well-being and settlement outcomes of culturally and linguistically diverse communities (CALD) by supporting refugee and migrant- led organisations to build their skills, capacities and knowledge in the priority areas of social media, communications, advocacy and fundraising. The project will be delivered through a series of workshops, a facilitated network and online resources.

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Docklands Community Association Community development and promotion	\$2000	To support regular advice to members including Docklands public and community events, development updates, conducting online surveys of community opinion; submissions to Government and Council; bi-monthly committee meetings and community Xmas Party; mid- year meet and greet function; maintenance of website and Facebook page.
Drill Hall Residents Association Drill Hall Residents Association activities: resident community/networks and broader neighbourhood participation, initiatives and programs.	\$3000	Institute regular, flexible, resident driven/led/managed meetings/activities for the general/specific needs/interests of residents with the parallel establishment of active channels of communication/social interaction amongst residents (especially for those unable to attend meetings) with newsletters/noticeboards /Facebook site/web site/email lists/sms/texts/etc. Institute strategically shared organizational structure/facilities/resources with neighbouring or other relevant communities/institutions/organizations et al (e.g Neighbourhood Watch, Multicultural Hub, CoHealth), to stimulate wider community activity/involvement/participation in local Victoria Square area and the adjacent QVM development.
East Melbourne Historical Society 1) Newsletters, flyers. 2) Website maintenance	\$1500	 Newsletters and flyers as in previous years. To upgrade our publications to colour print and for our newsletter to have extra pages. Website maintenance to include payments to service providers and a domain name.
EastEnders Inc EastEnders Connections	\$2000	To maintain and extend our existing communication and networking activities focusing on direct engagement with and between residents, council and the wider community. In addition to continuing regular monthly functions such as the Coffee Club and Social Drinks evening, EastEnders will provide 3-4 events with speakers or at venues with significance for city residents to promote social connectedness, local knowledge and information relevant to city living and amenity.
Errol's Angels Community Choir Inc. Portable sound system	\$1020	To purchase a rechargeable battery powered wireless PA system with portable Bluetooth speaker, wireless microphone and speaker stand for use at performances and venues.
Experimenta Media Arts Experimenta Media-artist Group	\$3000	A media-artist group run by Experimenta Media Arts and co-convened with an independent artist to build community, participation, access, education and networking opportunities for media artists. The group will meet once a month for six months in City Village Kulin Room. Each event will include a talk and discussion about a topic related to media art, an activity that relates to the talk, and a shared meal.

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Fawkner Park Children's Centre and Kindergarten Fawkner Park Gourmet Traveller	\$2873	To celebrate the diversity of the Fawkner Park Children Centre and Kindergarten community through gardening and growing food that represents our culture and learning community. Families, children and staff will have the opportunity to share their knowledge and passion in growing and tending to the garden, and it will bring together our community using the exploration of food with children, parents and educators working alongside one another.
Friends of Royal Park, Parkville Inc Establishment of a Friends of Royal Park, Parkville website	\$1690	To establish a website for the Friends of Royal Park, Parkville, linked to a Facebook page, recognising that electronic communication is paramount if the group is to effectively reach out to the community. The social media platform will enable the group to raise awareness of its role in promoting and enhancing Royal Park and its natural attributes. The group will also involve the community in ongoing activities, including revegetation projects and bird surveys and to provide input for Park proposals.
Good Cycles Good Wheel (St Joseph's)	\$17,970	The project will engage at-risk/disadvantaged young people from St Joseph's Flexible Learning Centre in bicycle riding and vocational bicycle maintenance. The program provides participants with a restored bicycle, training in bicycle maintenance, information on road rules and bike riding behaviour in Melbourne with route planning and group rides in the Melbourne CBD. It will support this cohort to take up cycling as a safe, convenient and affordable transport option.
Gospel Hall, Yee Hong Group Caring and Sharing	\$1800	To provide outings throughout the year for the Yee Hong group of senior members. The group creates opportunities for the seniors to increase physical activities to improve their physical and mental health. The seniors are encouraged to adopt a more positive attitude towards life and their connections with the community. By inviting guest speakers to give talks on health issues, the group aims to improve the seniors' perception of safety and good health.
Greek and Cypriot Senior Citizens of Melbourne	\$1200	To organize a program of activities including day trips for all members.
Day trips for Seniors Hepatitis Victoria B understood - tackling hepatitis B for at-risk Chinese and Vietnamese communities in the City of Melbourne	\$18,350	Hepatitis Victoria will collaborate with locally based community health services and health professionals to provide 25 community education sessions in the City of Melbourne for CALD people who have, or are at risk of acquiring hepatitis B. Media outreach will be provided from community leaders about chronic hepatitis B: testing,
		from community leaders about chronic hepatitis B: testing, treatment, transmission, prevention, and vaccination. Five thousand information resources in English, Vietnamese and Chinese on hepatitis B will also be distributed.

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Homeless of Melbourne Incorporated HoMie: The Street Store that Gives	\$20,000	 HoMie is a place in Melbourne Central Shopping Centre where: 1) The public can purchase good-quality clothing at normal retail prices, with proceeds going to Melbourne homeless charities. 2) Those experiencing homelessness can shop with dignity, and free-of-charge, for good-quality clothes, food, and grooming services. 3) Homeless youth will be trained as retail staff, and 4) The homeless community can receive educational workshops on weekends focussed on increasing their employability.
IMLAC (Inner Melbourne Life Activities Club) Production of Promotional Material and Distribution of Newsletters	\$1500	In order to promote awareness of IMLAC and its benefits, various channels are used (newspapers, attendance at festivals - Seniors Week, Australia Day - and distribution of brochures). It is proposed to update the current brochures/business cards to assist in club promotion. Prospective member enquirers are sent copies of newsletters as information with the production and distribution costs to be covered within this grant
Kensington Chinese Friendship Association Kensington Chinese Friendship Association - Walking and Singing project	\$1930	Funding to operate the two day per week program of activities for Chinese seniors to improve their physical and mental wellbeing. The funding will support activities including walking and singing groups that have been active for six years.
Kensington Community Children's Cooperation Children's Furniture upgrade	\$9083	This project will replace the aged furniture and equipment with contemporary, age appropriate furniture and equipment to assist in minimizing accidents, supporting children's' learning, growing independence, confidence and self-esteem. This will enable an improved facility where furniture and equipment meets the needs for future growth and also community needs with a strong focus on prevention that supports sustainability, health and safety of children, staff and families.
Life Activities Clubs Victoria Inc Out there in Melbourne: Street orienteering	\$3000	 This project aims to promote healthy activity and togetherness for older people by offering two easy walking (orienteering) activities – Melbourne's Laneways and Docklands as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival. People can participate in one or both, both are free, there will be prizes for each activity and each will combine a 90 minute walk, a 'challenge' to read a map and find answers to clues. Everyone welcome to participate.

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Lotus Group Projects Lotus Wisdom Sharing	\$9000	 Co-ordinate ABI specific presentation training for Lotus Group members using the content of Lotus Wisdom (an ABI and carer information/awareness book. Invite ten City of Melbourne organisations to be involved in a group presentation and via interactive recorded discussion and surveys provide feedback for a community based Lotus Wisdom Report-a shared journey of acceptance. Invite all participating groups/interested City of Melbourne residents to the Report Launch at Town Hall December 2016.
Marco Polo Project Marco Polo Melbourne translation meetup	\$1694	 This project proposes coordinated activities to develop local peer-learning opportunities for native Mandarin speakers and Melbourne residents learning Chinese or interested in China. The project includes: a monthly Chinese-English translation meet-up during the academic year 2016. one major public event focusing on Chinese language, culture and ideas. ongoing social media engagement with participants, to build a vibrant local community and maximise social engagement and peer-learning opportunities between events.
Melbourne Farmers Markets Culture Kitchen	\$13,360	 The establishment of a viable ongoing business enterprise operated by the Carlton Estate community based around cultural cooking skills and local produce to be sold at the Carlton farmers' market. The project includes: Small business incubator training/mentorship Market retail training and support Providing an opportunity for ongoing income stream for the "Culture Kitchen"" A promotional calendar of events at the Carlton farmers market Providing portable kitchen market stall infrastructure
Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group Communication, operational support and membership database project for the Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group.	\$2000	The MSYRG has been the primary voice of residents in the South Yarra area of the City of Melbourne since 1969. The group requires financial assistance to publish and distribute notices, operate their website, and membership database - a subscription based cloud database. The membership database integrates communications and record keeping functions. The Group additionally gets professional advice relating to planning and heritage matters.
Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club Engagement for Seniors Retiring to the City	\$1150	To establish a program of social and educational activities, using the group's website and newsletters, and to develop promotional material enabling MSPC to reach out to retirees choosing to make their homes in inner Melbourne. This will help prevent the social isolation that can result in large building inner city living. MSPC has a stable membership but has the potential to increase this by about one third.

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Melbourne University Tai chi and Wushu Club	\$1000	Project to expand accessibility for people with financial limitations to help subsidise membership, competition entry or involvement in social events. Rising costs of living
Making Wushu and Tai chi more accessible		have made it increasingly difficult for students who are living away from home, including international and rural students, to afford costs. This will include establishing a fund that can be used to subsidise members and marketing to increase membership and funds generally.
National Ageing Research Institute Helping Older Adults to Flourish – Camping for a Change	\$19,952	To take older people, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, camping to support the City of Melbourne's vision to improve their quality of life. This 2 night/3 day residential camps experience will teach and anchor evidence-based principles of positive psychology at an outdoor education centre. A natural setting and activity-based learning will be used to awaken participants' sense of possibility and foster wellbeing.
Newmarket Phoenix FC Phoenix Rising	\$3000	The newly formed Newmarket Phoenix FC will establish organisational support to help meet the public demand for more soccer teams. The club will be able to increase financially accessible participation opportunities for 50 more at-risk CALD young people. This will provide a constructive engagement activity three times per week during the season and provide vital connection into the mainstream Australian way of life.
North and West Melbourne Association Inc Community engagement in North and West Melbourne	\$2000	Engage and support the North and West Melbourne community with issues that affecting social inclusion; leveraging community knowledge to provide advice to resolve local issues; enabling connectedness to neighbours; providing a two way channel of communications with relevant authorities and organisations, such as the police, the Homeless Action Group and the Council; and encouraging all residents to have a voice in their community.
North Melbourne Somali Community Organisational support for NMSC	\$3000	To assist in funding core operations of North Melbourne Somali Community, a new volunteer-operated group. Costs to include operational costs, administration (stationery, computer, printing etc.), regular events such as community awareness workshops, public liability insurance, hiring facilities, volunteer support costs such as food and drinks.
Polish Community Council of Victoria Inc Polish Activities Club	\$2276	To establish a social club for adults of Polish background who are socially isolated to participate in health related activities such as tai chi and gentle exercise and lectures on health and healthy eating. There will also be specific social exercises so that participants can make connections, networks and friendships which continue beyond the confines of the project.

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Project Respect	\$20,000	This project will enable an outreach worker to engage women in the sex industry in the eight legal brothels within
Outreach work to women in		the City of Melbourne. This will ensure women are
the sex industry while		knowledgeable about, and linked into relevant
fostering a safer, more		organisations to seek relevant support if required. It will
connected City of Melbourne		also allow us to provide information to women who may
		have been trafficked-most of whom fear authorities and
		will not speak to police to gain help.
Rabita Centre Australia	\$7600	Project Connect is workshop based program targeted at
		African youth living in North Melbourne, Flemington,
Project Connect		Kensington and Carlton areas of the City of Melbourne.
		Addressing the high threat of marginalisation and
		radicalisation due to recent events relating to police
		treatment of African-Americans and the events taking
		place in the Middle-East, this program aims to build
		stronger families to reduce the vulnerability of youth to
		radicalisation/marginalisation.
Reading Out Of Poverty Inc	\$18,500	To scale-up the current pop-up library program which is
Deed Learn and Diev		currently provided to disadvantaged children in Fitzroy
Read, Learn and Play -		and South Melbourne, to include more inner city suburbs
Community Homework and		and communities. The program will expand to include a
Reading Club		homework and reading club for pre-school and primary
		school age children. The aim is to support parents and
		ensure children develop a love of reading, provide free
	.	access to children's books and make homework fun!
Residents 3000 Inc	\$2500	3000 Steps is a monthly talk and free guided walk created
"3000 Steps"		for CBD residents. It embraces new and current residents
		by providing a tour showing city lifestyle essentials as well as highlighting current issues and historic points of
		interest. Importantly the talk and walking tour is designed
		to "get to know" the neighbours and demonstrate the
		amenity of the "world's most liveable city".
Somali Community Inc	\$9000	This Project is designed to help the Somali community in
contail continuity inc	\$3000	the City of Melbourne to experience better settlement in
Community participation,		Victoria and in other important life issues. This project
awareness and support		aims to address important issues that Community face on
		a daily basis, which includes safety, education (school
		retention), advocacy, informal counselling, settlement,
		youth training and developing and sports.
Southbank Residents	\$3000	A year-round support program aimed at community
Group		advocacy and connection through offering support and
-		guidance of community concerns and issues within the
Resident Advocacy and		local community. SRG aims to provide a voice for local
Connection Project		residents via advocacy with local and state governments;
		and provide general advice on matters relating to planning
		and development and understanding their rights. SRG
		works with residents to determine future infrastructure,
		schools, open space and traffic management planning.

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Spanish Speaking Elderly Group of North Melbourne Activity and Program for Spanish Speaking Elderly Women 2016	\$1000	To support mainly the Spanish speaking elderly women with a regular activities program including physical exercises program, eating healthy foods program, talks on health and other important information to be delivered by guest speakers. Other activities such as outings celebrating Mother's Day and Christmas festivities will also be supported.
St Jude's Anglican Church, Carlton Carlton Debt Centre	\$12,000	To establish the Carlton Debt Centre as a pilot project to assist low income, financially and socially disadvantaged people in inner Melbourne to get out of debt. The Centre will operate in association with the not-for-profit national organisation, Christians against Poverty (CAP), using local staff and volunteers. Open to all, the project will be evaluated during the first year of operation to assess effectiveness and ongoing need.
The Community Grocer The Community Grocer - free Community BBQ	\$5000	This free community meal is provided by the TCG, and highlights the powerful positive change food can bring to local communities. Every Friday TCG serves on average 65 people a healthy nutritious meal in a warm, engaging and inclusive community setting. TCG provides not only serves as a meal, but also a place for everyone to sit together, attracting people from all different cultural backgrounds.
The Parkville Association Communication in Parkville	\$2000	The project is a continuation of a community based project that started in 1967 as a means of raising awareness of issues that impact on the suburb and its residents. The way in which information and communication is carried out nowadays has changed over the years and as a result the association is undertaking a review of their communication methods and the overall aims of the association.
The Push Inc Walk This Way	\$18,027	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. 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. Through their involvement, young people will improve and enhance their local infrastructure and cultural knowledge/understanding, communication skills, networks, opportunities and wellbeing.
The Squeaky Wheel Productions Limited Wheelie Good Day - Melrose St Village 2016	\$10,000	Wheelie Good Day is a mini street festival in Melrose StVillage, North Melbourne, providing bike themed entertainment, education, skills development and experiences in partnership with local community organisations for local residents. The activities on offer will be framed around appealing to people of diverse cultural, linguistics, social and economic backgrounds from a diverse interest base and skill level, and to underpin community activities to strengthen community relationships.

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Urban Communities Kensington Urban Food Forest	\$20,000	Partnering with a local permaculture practitioner the Kensington Urban Food Forest will address food security and build community capacity by establishing a public orchard with a herbal / tea garden on the Kensington redevelopment site. It will provide food such as olives, nuts, fruits, berries and basic 'medicine cabinet' plants and food education to help local and vulnerable residents become more resilient and sustainable as a community.
Victorian Deaf Society (Vicdeaf) Building for the Future - Celebrating International Day of People with Disability	\$3000	Vicdeaf will host a function to celebrate International Day of People with Disability and the richness that people with disability and from CALD backgrounds bring to Australian society. The aim is to bring together Deaf people with disabilities from all backgrounds and nationalities to celebrate their achievements. The primary focus will be to reflect on opportunities they intend to pursue into the future with their developing language (Auslan) skills.
Victorian Lithuanian	\$1500	Funding will be used to provide cultural and educational
Pensioners Association Inc.		activities for seniors. This will include the choir singing, computer classes, excursions to country Victoria and folk
Cultural Activities for		dancing classes as well as presentations on the stage at
Lithuanian Seniors		our community centre.
Wear for Success, Melbourne Preparing for work and beyond: Helping more humanitarian migrants in Melbourne Wimble Street Childcare	\$10,000	This project aims to assist humanitarian migrants and refugees – CALD men and women of Melbourne – to prepare for entering the workforce through the provision of free, interview-appropriate clothing and culturally sensitive employment skills workshops. Clients will be referred through social welfare agencies, and each individual will receive a one-hour, clothing and grooming consultation and access to workshops building the knowledge and skills to participate in employment.
Glass Replacement	\$11,350	Wimble Street provides long day care to in excess of 30 children at Parkville. It has been identified that no glass at the centre including floor height windows, is safe. This risk is best mitigated by replacement of glass, which will
		involve: Remove all float glass from timber windows, doors and timber sashes. Replace with Double Glazed 4mm toughened safety glass providing 12mm airspace and aluminium spacers.
WIRE Women's Information Money Problems with your partner? Dealing with financial abuse' information booklet (A5 colour 16pp booklet)	\$3000	Financial abuse is a form of family violence that is pervasive but often hidden and unrecognized, with long- term consequences on women and children. By updating, printing and distributing 5000 copies of an easy-to-read info booklet 'Money problems with your partner?', WIRE aims to support women in the City of Melbourne who experience(d) financial abuse to better understand what financial abuse is, how to deal with it, and support services available in Victoria.

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Women with Disabilities Victoria Women Leading By Example	\$18,683	The Women Leading by Example project aims to increase the gains we have achieved through our leadership programs particularly in the area of intergenerational leadership. The project will provide customised leadership development to 30 women with disabilities who reside in greater metropolitan Melbourne. Twenty of these will be younger women (18 – 30 years) who have been identified as emerging leaders and who might otherwise have limited opportunities for personal development.
Youth Development Australia trading as Youthworx Split Second - Empowering Young People to Prevent Violence in Attitude and Action	\$20,000	A pilot prevention/early intervention project geared towards empowering marginalised young people through a process of Respectful Relationship workshopping and participatory CSA filmmaking. SS challenges the moment of choice that sits behind the 'one punch theory'. Through a collaborative workshopping process, Split Second will create entertaining and impact-driven resources to educate participants and peers on gender identity and violence. SS challenges gender stereotypes and encourages cultural activism aiming to educate youth and reduce violence in attitude/action.
Youth Disability Advocacy Service at Youth Affairs Council of Victoria Get a Life Expo	\$19,364	YDAS will run an exhibition and host how-to seminars, showcasing the broadest range of inclusive study and work opportunities for young people with disabilities. The expo will be unique in its focus on demonstrating how young people with disabilities can access the supports they need to do what they want with their lives.
Youth Projects Ltd Outreach Women's Wellness Worker	\$16,416	The project will employ a Social Worker to identify homeless women within the Melbourne CBD and connect them with health services, housing and employment. There would be a particular focus on women with a family violence history and creating positive opportunities that would help them transition into long term housing.
Youthlaw: Young People's Legal Rights Centre Child safety compliance training - new legal obligations for youth workers and volunteers under fail to disclose and protect laws	\$10,000	Following the Betrayal of Trust Inquiry, the Victorian government recently passed laws to introduce significant legal responsibilities for youth workers and other adults who work or volunteer with children. Youthlaw proposes to develop resources and deliver training sessions to educate youth workers and other volunteers within the City of Melbourne about their new legal responsibilities to report child sex offences and protect children from the risk of abuse.