

2022 Connected Communities Grants – Successful applications

Small Grants

Organisation Project title	Project description	Grant amount \$
African Australian Communities Leadership Forum Inc.	Operational costs	1970
African Community Elderly Association of Victoria Overnight bus trip / camp for seniors	Would like to take seniors on outing for 4 nights to country Victoria. To do this we hire a 30 seater bus and book appropriate hotel accommodation. This provides our senior men with the opportunity to see parts of Victoria and Australia that they have not seen before, to socialise and familiarise themselves with life here.	2000
Australian Somali Women Healthcare Community Foundation	Operational costs	2000
Carlton Gardens Probus Inc	Operational costs	1837
Carlton Residents Association Inc	Operational costs	2000
Carlton Senior Citizen Organisation	Operational costs	2000
Chinese Arts Association of Melbourne Inc	Operational costs	2000
Chinese Community Health Advisory Of Australia Inc	Operational costs	2000
Circolo Pensionate San Marco In Lamis Recreational and healthy outings	To take Italian seniors on bus trips, meals, and visit places of interest	1600
Docklands Representative Group Inc	Operational costs	2000
Drill Hall Community Garden Association	Operational costs	2000
Drill Hall Residents Association	Operational costs	2000
East Melbourne Group	Operational costs	2000
East Melbourne Historical Society	Operational costs	2000
Eastenders Inc	Operational costs	2000
Empowered Together	Operational costs	2000
Friends of Royal Park, Parkville Inc Birds and Flowers of Royal Park	Present photographs of the birds and flowers (and other flora and fauna) of Royal Park in two accessible formats: (1) electronically in photo galleries on Friends of Royal Park website and (2) a changing photograph display on pin boards in Walmsley House, Royal Park.	1500
Horn of Africa Senior Women's Program	Operational costs	2000

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Islamic Youth Organisation	7th annual community festival to bring members of the community together, particularly focusing on rejuvenating post the effects of the Covid 19 Lockdowns. There will be different elements of the festival that will facilitate the reconnection of community members, including competitive sports, showcasing community talent, stalls to support small business, rides for children	2000
Kensington Association Inc	Operational costs	1871
Kensington Chinese Friendship Association Inc	Operational costs	2000
Kensington Stockyard Food Garden inc	Operational costs	2000
Melbourne Bearbrass Probus	Operational costs	1540
Melbourne Line Dancing Group	Operational costs	2000
Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group Inc	Operational costs	2000
Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club Inc	Operational costs	2000
Melbourne University Football Club Better People Make Better Athletes = Better World	Seminars will run alongside our pre-season preparations. During these workshops, we will be holding seminar-based sessions around mental health, diversity, and inclusion and the importance of knowing "your why" and how this ties back into the sport.	2000
Morning Exercise Melbourne Incorporated	Operational costs	2000
North and West Melbourne Association Inc	Operational costs	1550
North Melbourne Chinese Association Inc.	Operational costs	2000
Parkville Association	Operational costs	2000
Parkville Gardens Residents Association Incorporated	Operational costs	2000
Residents 3000	Operational costs	1550
Rotary Club of Melbourne Make A House a Home	This project acquires homeware kits for the clients of Launch Housing who are being brought out of homelessness and are finally allocated a unit, but have no basic homeware to set themselves up. The kits comprise new basic goods for bedroom, bathroom and kitchen and are purchased from Kmart and packed and delivered by volunteers.	2000
Slavic Welfare Association Incorporated Connecting Slavic Seniors to the community	We will hold social luncheons for Slavic Senior Groups which meet in the City of Melbourne to reconnect them to the community. We will organise one large group outing to the Art Gallery. During the Senior Citizens Week in 2022 we plan to hold a lunch as an appreciation for all the seniors.	2000
Southbank Residents Association	Operational costs	2000
Spanish Speaking Elderly Group of North Melbourne	The ladies participate in knitting, crochet dolls making, sewing, projects painting canvas and alike each month	2000

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Crafts making	there is a next project given the ladies and all supplies is given to them prior to commencements	
The Probus Club of Carlton-Parkville Inc.	Operational costs	1850
Uniting Church Gospel Hall Melbourne (Yee Hong Group) Caring and sharing for senior members	Providing two outdoor activities throughout the year for our members. Creating the opportunities for the seniors to increase their physical activities so as to improve their physical and mental health as well encouraging them to adopt a more positive attitude towards life particularly a long lockdown since 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic.	1500
Victorian Elderly Chinese Welfare Society Inc. Wellness & Reablement Awareness and addressing cultural diversity	We will be running a one day trip to Bendigo for the elderly who live alone at the government housing in City of Melbourne. To apply this grant is an opportunity for the target group to spend a day trip and networking building with other residents.	2000
All The Queens Men Inc Coming Back Out Concert + Digital Dance Club (online)	The Coming Back Out Concert addresses social isolation through a series of creative actions that celebrates LGBTIQ+ elders (65+) including the COVID safe "Digital Dance Club" presented online via ZOOM throughout 2022. The project is conceived to support the social needs and development of this growing community, addressing the complexity of ageing and social isolation for this often marginalised community.	10,000
Anika Legal Self-Advocacy Guides for Renters	Anika Legal will produce two flagship guides for vulnerable renters, primarily located in the City of Melbourne. The first will equip renters to self-represent at VCAT, and the second will assist renters at risk of eviction to negotiate a rent reduction/payment plan. We will translate these guides into 10 priority languages spoken by vulnerable renters in the City of Melbourne.	17,338
Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria Leading a vision for greater inclusion in Melbourne	BSRV will engage people who are blind or vision impaired in co-designing and leading a series of group walks for people with vision loss in the CBD and Docklands. Through the walks, participants with vision loss from regional Victoria and Melbourne will gain skills in navigating the city while improving their safety and community participation.	13,950
Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Make It Work Job Club	Make it Work supports people from refugee or migrant backgrounds living in public housing by building skills and partnering with local businesses to create local jobs for local people. In 2022 we will host a job club to support disadvantaged local job seekers in to securing meaningful and sustainable employment coming out of COVID lockdowns.	14,000

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Disability Resources Centre The Buddy Network	A pilot peer support project addressing the loneliness, social isolation and helplessness experienced by many in the disability community during the era of COVID-19. Thirty volunteers with lived experience of disability will be recruited, trained and vetted to enable them to give meaningful one to one support to others in the disability community who are struggling in these difficult times.	19,331
Docklands Representative Group Inc Docklands Owners Corporation Network (DOCN)	Over 83% CoM residents live in apartments. They have distinct needs not well understood or supported. This project empowers high-rise communities through strengthening the capability of their volunteer community-run Owners Corporation Committees (elected to govern apartment-buildings). Employing a network approach, DRG will setup an enabling-environment to host a curated suite of peer-to-peer and expert-led activities to establish an OCC community-of-practice.	15,000
Drill Hall Community Garden Association Artwork painting of metal surfaces of plant boxes in Drill Hall Garden	Local residents' vibrant colourbright painting of nine corrugated metal plant boxes under Drill Hall Facade. Also creatively incorporating contemporary/modern concerns e.g. accessibility, social inclusion, diversity, tolerance, and homelessness. All designed to project a unique sense of place in this busy area.	2500
Drill Hall Residents Association Prevention of Violence against Women (PVAW) in Multicultural communities in the City of Melbourne Municipality	The DHRA with partner organisation AMES Australia will run an intensive training and leadership course for 25 residents of City of Melbourne in Primary Prevention of violence against women in multicultural communities. Primary prevention is key to State and Federal agendas to reduce prevalence of violence against women, this project will ensure inclusion of the multicultural communities of the City of Melbourne.	15,000
Dynamo Victoria Football Club	We aim to create and maintain community connection and support, mental health, and wellbeing by bringing CALD communities together through diverse activities. We will create a safe, supportive, welcoming environment. We will use diverse ethnic foods to create social connection, an integral component of mental health and wellbeing.	4500
Hararian Women's Group Harari Women celebrating culture	Melbourne's Harari community aims to regroup our vibrant community in COVID by supporting the intergenerational support for sharing traditional weaving and crafts, organising health and wellbeing workshops and celebrating a Shawal Eid festival for the whole community.	9,000
Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association VIC Protecting older people during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic	IERA is committed to enable connected Vietnamese senior community, targeted those who are vulnerable and living alone in public housing estate by providing activities and services that support good mental and physical health as well as better connections to the local community and access to essential services during the pandemic and beyond.	5400

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Kensington Junior Soccer Club Engaging and enhancing soccer experience and development in Kensington	Kensington Junior Soccer Club will engage local girls as ambassadors for the club and run events to get more young women playing soccer and to train up young women to be coaches and on-going mentors.	4800
Kensington Neighbourhood House Green Time not Screen Time (GTNST)	Covid-19 has kept us at homes on screens. The impact hasn't been equally experienced. For migrant/refugee families in high-rise public housing with no backyards, lockdowns and quarantining has disproportionately affected their mental health and wellbeing. Time (GTNST) will work with families facilitating social recovery, reconnection with nature and community through excursions with local facilitators, Indigenous educators, and bi-cultural therapists.	20,000
Launch Housing Southbank Launch Housing Southbank Outdoor Gym	We're will install a permanent outdoor gym onsite for residents to use as part of our wellbeing program. Exercise is an important part of health and wellbeing and unfortunately, accessibility can be an issue for our clients due to cost, mental health, and other factors. We'd like to provide that space to encourage fitness and all its benefits.	18,000
Little Dreamers Australia Young Carer Tutoring Program	The Young Carer Tutoring Program builds capacity amongst Young Carers by addressing the extra educational support needs facing young people aged 12-18 who provide unpaid care. The project works by mobilizing a team of subject expert volunteers from diverse communities, and facilitating the connection of volunteer tutors to diverse Young Carers while supporting them with necessary resources where required.	20,000
Lively Community Ltd Intergenerational Model for CaLD Digital Inclusion and Local Jobs	The project will employ and train young people (18-25 year olds) as digital allies for older community members from CaLD backgrounds. Co-design program features which support accessibility and engagement for older people in digital literacy and provide employment to young people. Both outcomes come needed at the end of a pandemic.	16,236
MacKillop Family Services Seasons for Growth (SfG) - Supporting young people through change, loss and grief	Local school and community professionals will train in our evidence-based change and loss education program to build knowledge, skills and social connections for children and young people to respond to adverse life experiences. We are focusing the project on schools and organisations in the Kensington and North Melbourne areas, with increased populations of people from migrant, refugee and asylum-seeker communities.	13,000

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Magnet Galleries Melbourne Inc 'WeCreate' - Connection Via Creativity	A partnered program helping isolated international students connect via the universal language of creativity. In collaboration with B-Friend, Share Some Journey and William Angliss Institute, this weekend creative-workshop series embraces photography, cooking and visual arts/design. Devised and presented by international and local students, sessions include hands-on creative expression and significant social components	16,890
Melbourne Community Toy Library Play in the Primary Years	The benefits of play based learning for primary school aged children are numerous. Through this project, MCTL will expand its range of board games, STEAM toys and sensory toys for children aged 4-12. Children will also be provided with after-school opportunities to play and socialise with their peers, building connections between families and different groups within our community.	19,300
Melbourne Youth Alliance Young African Australians Navigating Employment	The Young African Australians Navigating Employment project will connect young African Australians with industry professionals, through workshops and events. The workshops encourage dialogue between the young people, industry experts and mentors through knowledge sharing, networking and mentoring. We aim to provide the participants with the opportunity to build their employability skills and ultimately secure paid internships and/or work experiences.	20,000
Mentoring Men Connecting Men – Reaching Out and Speaking Up	There is a significant lack of early intervention programs that help men address issues that impact their mental health - we will match at-risk men with a trained volunteer Mentor for a free one-to-one life mentoring relationship.	12,000
North Melbourne Language and Learning Inc Community Connects	The Community Connects project provides NMLL community members with opportunities to reconnect during the COVID recovery period by delivering regular co-designed activities showcasing the cultural diversity, resilience and determination of the local communities. Surrounding local residents will also be invited to participate in Community Connects activities.	10,000
Oromo Sports Federation Australia Australian Oromo Cultural Week	It is a community building event with youths and elders able to connect in the only event in our calendar. It will be a different change to the annual soccer being scrapped to showcase cultural music, food and educational workshops, fashion show, mini concert.	10,000
Parkville Gardens Residents Association Incorporated Community Strengthening and Inclusion	Our project consists of a series of events aimed first at supporting the mental, social and psychological wellbeing of residents in response to the trauma of the COVID-19 lockdowns. Whilst also continuing to build up a strong sense of community in this relatively young residential area with a growing and culturally diverse population.	5000

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PlantingSeeds Projects Re-Generation	This project connects and engages three diverse school communities in the City of Melbourne through creating habitats and hubs to foster regenerative corridors of biodiversity, learnings and social connections. Habitats for endangered birds, insects and plants are established and practical learning educational sessions engage and empower the students to become biodiversity and citizen science champions. Students and families share learnings.	17,900
Refugee Council Of Australia Face to Face/Refugee Speakers Bureau	The Face to Face/Refugee Speakers Bureau is a unique series of facilitated, interactive sessions where refugee speakers share their personal, powerful stories. The program raises awareness and addresses negative perceptions about refugees. Each speaker is taken through an intensive program, which covers effective storytelling, collaborating, planning for various audiences, rehearsing and self-care. This is followed by ongoing mentoring.	14,000
River Nile Learning Centre Wellbeing of Refugees & Asylum Seeker Women	The Wellbeing Program is a new initiative to complement our Welfare Program for disadvantaged refugee and asylum seeker women. Our Welfare Programs removes obstacles to our students attending classes. Our Wellbeing Project will promote learning, inclusion, social cohesion, through group activities such as music, dance, art and exercise.	17,100
Rotary Central Melbourne Inc Provide Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Programs	To provide two Youth Mental Health First Aid programs for adults whose employment within CoM brings them in touch with youth who may be at risk of mental health illness or worse still, suicide. Targets include youth workers, sports coaches and teachers. Each program will be delivered by a qualified trainer over two days to 20 participants.	7060
Slow Food Melbourne Inc Carlton World Food Market	A monthly multicultural food market, supporting local businesses and the projects of diverse residents in Carlton. With the support of Carlton Primary School and local agencies, the market will create an inclusive, welcoming space for the social cohesion of local families from all backgrounds, a site to celebrate the cultural richness of Carlton, and a much-needed platform to support micro-businesses.	14,505
Somali community Inc. Somali Day Australia Festival 2022	Somali Day Australia Festival (SDAF) is an integral part of community life, it provides social and recreational opportunities to celebrate a sense of belonging and connectedness within the community. On this day, many activities and celebrations are held which celebrate and acknowledge the Somali culture performance, dance, and history.	10,000

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St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Enhancing a Multilingual Health Application	The Multilingual Health Application, funded by the 2021 Connected Communities Grant provides two-way communication on day-to-day healthcare topics in 12 languages. We seek to improve its audio quality and implement three additional community languages. This project aims to expand the reach of the Application and further empower vulnerable CaLD patients/residents, particularly from refugee/asylum seeker backgrounds to communicate with health professionals.	8400
Stem Sisters Vic Incorporated Soapbox Science - Melbourne	Soapbox Science is a novel public outreach platform for promoting women and non-binary scientists and their science. Since 2011, Soapbox Science has grown from one event in London to dozens of events worldwide by transforming public areas into an arena for public learning and scientific debate. STEM Sisters bringing the first-ever Soapbox Science Melbourne during the National Science Week 2022.	10,000
The Centre: Connecting Community in North & West Melbourne Docklands Comes Together	This project is a suite of community development activities for residents of Docklands, focused on providing meaningful social opportunities, particularly for socially disconnected people. Docklands Comes Together comprises two key Indian cultural festivals (Holi and Diwali), a social sports program where "friendlies" are played between Docklands residents, and a repair cafe through which residents extend the lifespan of various goods.	20,000
The Equality Project Beyond the Rainbow and LGBTIQ+ Health and Wellbeing Day	"Beyond the Rainbow" is a 1-day event for workplaces/organisations to engage with LGBTIQ+ communities. Raising awareness of the importance and benefits of inclusive, diverse workplaces, sessions would include LGBTIQ+ awareness, cultural safety/theory. Day 2 is directed at reconnecting the LGBTIQ+ communities, empowering people with tools and strategies to improve health and wellbeing post covid lockdowns.	12,000
The Federation of Chinese Associations Vic Inc. Promoting health and wellbeing and building connection for the Chinese seniors	To reduce Covid-19 impact, promote health and wellbeing and build connection for the seniors in the community the FCA will provide bimonthly online Covid-19 information sessions and support for Chinese seniors living alone in the public housing estate.	10,744
The Probus Club of Carlton-Parkville Inc. Facilitating greater social inclusion and participation in the Probus Club of Carlton-Parkville activities	Probus is a social club for elderly members of the community to advance intellectual and cultural interests; to progress healthy minds and bodies through social interaction and activities. Some members are struggling to pay the costs of some of our excursions. Grant money will go towards subsidising coach hire, entry costs to special events and sundries.	3600

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Youth Activating Youth Building Connections	The Project will engage disadvantaged multicultural young people and provide them with the opportunity to participate in activities that promote access, social inclusion and participation in the City of Melbourne. It will include recreational and capacity building excursions, supporting their engagement in the broader Melbourne community. The excursions will focus on social and community connections, community involvement and environmental sustainability.	10,000