

# 2021 Connected Communities Grants – successful applicants

## Small Grants

Organisation Name	Brief Project Description	Grant amount \$
Project title		
<b>African Australian Communities Leadership Forum Inc.</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>African Australian Women in Action</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>African Communities' Elderly Association of Victoria</b>  Annual Bus Trip	The funding will be used for the Association's annual bus trip to rural Victoria. This event allows older members of the African community to see parts of Victoria they would otherwise not be able to visit due to low incomes and/or a lack of transport.	1500
<b>Australian Romanian Community Welfare Health and Services</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Carlton Gardens Probus Incorporated ("the Club").</b>	Operational funding	1545
<b>Carlton Residents Association Inc</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Carlton Senior Citizen Organisation</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Chinese Arts Association of Melbourne Inc</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Docklands Representative Group</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Drill Hall Residents Association</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>East Melbourne Historical Society</b>	Operational funding	1550

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<b>Eastenders Inc.</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Empowered Together Victoria Inc.</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Hair Aid Inc</b> Hair Aid Community Cuts Melbourne West Flag Staff (Salvation Army)	Hair Aid Community Cuts provides free hair cuts for those in need. We provide the resource kits (scissor, clippers, combs, capes, medical kit, power board, unbreakable mirror) to enable the volunteers to do the free haircuts. Due to COVID19, we require additional resources. We are required to provide each volunteer with a Covid-19 hygiene sanity pack. Each sanitary pack needs to contain hand sanitiser, hand wipes, gloves, disinfectant and mask.	1500
<b>Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association VIC</b>	Operational funding	1100
<b>Kensington Association Inc</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Kensington Chinese Friendship Association Inc</b>	Operational funding	1050
<b>Kensington Stockyard Food Garden Inc</b>	Operational funding	1500
<b>Kings Domain Football Club</b> Pre-Season Launch & Summer Series	Kings Domain FC intends to run a pre-season social competition to drive participation for locals of COM. We need to purchase 4 x soccer goals to ensure that we have adequate equipment to run successful recruitment and participation events over summer, in preparation for the winter season. This is our first attempt at driving participation over summer. It has been hampered by COVID, but this competition is still achievable.	1550
<b>Life Activities Clubs Victoria Inc</b> Out there in Melbourne	Guided walks either through the laneways of the CBD or other areas of interest in Carlton and nearby attractions. Funding is to assist group leaders with voice enhancing microphones and identifying vests and to supply maps for leaders and participants.	1514
<b>Melbourne Disc Golf Club</b> Disc golf trial at Royal Park	Disc Golf is low impact and non-contact; it does not exclude those with physical disabilities! Disc Golf does not aim to solely focus on the competitive aspect, conversely it strives to draw those looking for a relaxed, social or educational environment and this is where the most growth will come. The casual nature of Disc Golf encourages small groups and individuals to meet in a safe, fun setting to enjoy the park and healthy social engagement.	1500
<b>Melbourne Line Dancing Group</b>	Operational funding	1550

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<b>Melbourne Men's Shed Inc</b> Connecting During COVID	The funding will be used to run a telephone support program to allow the members, and potential new members, to connect and share human interaction during a time when they will still be in lockdown, or once restrictions lift, may still be wary of venturing out due to the fact they are still the most at risk demographic for COVID. Money will cover promotion and running of the service.	1500
<b>Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club Inc</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Morning Exercise Melbourne Incorporated</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Mudlarks Football Club</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Muslim Professionals Association</b> Virtual Mentoring Program	The MPA mentoring program has been running for 2 years and is an opportunity to support vulnerable and marginalised communities. This provides these individuals with access to established Muslim professionals who can provide them with more targeted guidance and direction to help them meet their full potential. Although typically a face-to-face program, due to the impacts of Covid-19, we are currently trialling out the program in a virtual environment.	1550
<b>North and West Melbourne Association Inc</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Parkville Gardens Residents Association Incorporated</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Residents 3000</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Retired Railway Employees Association</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>Salvation Army 'Support in Public Housing'</b> Community Garden and Ornamental Garden Program	The community garden is a hands on project that utilises the rear courtyard of the older persons high-rise where the residents can grow edible produce as well as create an environment that is pleasant to relax in. The high-rise accommodates 110 residents. The amount of people that make use of the garden is considerable with a fluid group of people participating in activities maintaining the garden with assistance from staff.	1550
<b>St Peter's Eastern Hill Social Enterprise Inc. ( trading as 'Heaven at the Hill')</b>	To direct our bean and food waste away from landfill, Heaven proposes to build a three bay composting system with the view to reduce expenditure and create further volunteering opportunities. This will enable the Enterprise to grow produce for our commercial and charitable activities.	1550
<b>The Parkville Association</b>	Operational funding	1550
<b>The Probus Club of Carlton-Parkville Inc.</b>	Operational funding	1550

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Project title <b>Toorak Prahran Cricket Club</b>  Free Cricket	Our cricket club has established a fee waiver program which provides free club cricket and cricket camp participation to children from particularly from indigenous community's residents of public housing and students at selected primary schools within City of Melbourne. The cricket programs are based at Fawkner Park. This program is unique within our area - no other club or private organisation provides such free programs.	1500
<b>UC GOSPEL HALL MELBOURNE</b>  Caring and Sharing for Senior Members	Providing two outdoor activities (if pandemic restriction is lifted) 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 in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic.	1500
<b>University High School Victoria University Amateur Football Club</b>	Website upgrade	1500
<b>Victorian Elderly Chinese Welfare Society Inc.</b>  Wellness & Reablement Awareness and addressing cultural diversity	We will be running a one day weekend trip to Lorne for the financial disadvantaged elderly who live alone at the government housing of whom are City of Melbourne residents. To apply this grant is an opportunity for the target group to spend a day trip and networking building with other residents from other government housing estates area of the City of Melbourne.	1550
<b>Yarra Yarra Rowing Club</b>	Operational funding	1550

## Impact grants

Organisation Name	Project Description	Grant amount
Project title <b>Afri-Aus Care Inc.</b>  Ubuntu Peer to Peer Restorative Program	The Ubuntu Peer-to-Peer Restorative Program will provide culturally appropriate programs/services to young African-Australian women (aged 17-30) facing issues that contribute to mental/physical health problems and involvement with the justice system/imprisonment. These include unresolved trauma, sexual/physical abuse, cultural barriers and alcohol/drug dependence.	20,000
<b>African Australian Women in Action</b>  Empowering African Australian Women	One component of the project is to continue with the weekly swimming lessons at the Kensington Community-Centre with more than 100 women participating. We also want to include some other physical activity like Zumba classes with an instructor to increase active living and interaction with others. Other important areas are Mental Health awareness and women with special needs/disability be linked with accommodation and family needs, education and information.	5000

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<b>All The Queens Men</b>  The Coming Back Out Ball 2021	The Coming Back Out Ball addresses social isolation, ageism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia through a series of creative actions that celebrates Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) elders (65+). The Coming Back Out Ball is conceived as an annual project that supports the social needs and development of this growing community, addressing the complexity of ageing and social isolation for this often marginalised community.	15,000
<b>Asperger's Victoria</b>  Supporting our support volunteers - Mental Health First Aid	Our volunteer peer group leaders do an amazing job supporting Victorian people with Asperger's and their families. We have 13 different groups supporting Parents and Carers, teens, women, young adults, adults and partners. Particularly during COVID and the transition to online groups, some of our community have had some challenges with mental health and as a result our group's leaders have had some tricky conversations. We'd like to support them.	8980
<b>Australia Palestine Advocacy Network</b>  Enhancing Palestine National Day	Palestine National Day is an annual event celebrating Palestinian culture. It is hosted by Palestinian community groups in Melbourne, and led by Palestinian young people. This event includes participatory music and dancing performances and community market stalls including unique Palestinian food.  The event requires support to scale up the event - so it is less weather dependent and can reach a greater number of people including City of Melbourne residents.	11,000
<b>Australian Vietnamese Arts Inc</b>  Reconnecting - Together We Rise	A music, dance and visual arts event at the Mission to Seafarers Victoria to reconnect and to celebrate the 45 years of Vietnamese community's settlement in Australia combines with the celebration of the 2021 Lunar New Year. This would highlight the multicultural theme and create a new and stronger network after the pandemic Corona virus time for the city of Melbourne.	2050
<b>Carlton Football Academy</b>  Increase community participation in sports and tackle social problems in the community.	The main focus of this project is to increase participation in sports for both boys and girls in the community, mainly soccer as it is the number one sport played by young people in the community. The second focus of this project is to bring the social issues that are present in this community to the surface so that we can discuss and challenge them to create social change.	8000
<b>Carlton Scout Group</b>  Carlton Scouts Access for All	Due to COVID19 we waived fees and adapted our program for online. We need subsidy to continue to offer free participation to families in the municipality affected by COVID19. Our members from lower socio-economic backgrounds tell us fees are now a barrier. Now more than ever access to community building activity is required. We seek to recruit new members in the local community with this advantage of free participation.	10,000

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<b>Channel 31 Melbourne and Geelong</b>  Moving senior viewers online	Seniors are one of the largest viewer demographics for Channel 31 Melbourne and Geelong. As Channel 31 is preparing to move online in 2021 we will be running a campaign to take our senior audience with us. The campaign will consist of instructional videos, face-to-face or phone sessions (depending on COVID restrictions) and developing an online community to support Melbourne's seniors as they navigate moving to online viewing and engagement.	10,000
<b>Community Pop-up Markets LTD</b>  The Grocer Gift Card	This project involves the developing and rolling out an Australia-first payment gateway for fresh food vouchers. In partnership with emergency relief, youth and community health services and agencies, this dignified voucher system will allow access for people experiencing severe disadvantage, for whom even highly subsidised produce is unaffordable. This will also include expanding our bicycle delivery service across the City of Melbourne to incorporate the above-mentioned partners and food pantries.	14,400
<b>HerSpace Limited</b>  HerPathway	HerPathway offers a specialised service to create a Wellbeing Recovery Plan for a woman, unique to her circumstances and experiences of trauma stemming from exploitation and based on the understanding of her mental health needs. This service is provided to women (aged 16 and over) who directly reach out to HerSpace, loved ones who are seeking ways to support a woman, and/or professionals who are interested in referring a woman.	15,000
<b>HoMie (Conscious Creative Ltd)</b>  The HoMie Pathway Alliance	The HoMie Pathway Alliance is an accredited retail training and education paid internship for young people (16-25) affected by homelessness or hardship. Every year, HoMie selects young people who apply through our partnered Alliance Community Support Services to participate in an eight-month paid on-the-job work experience at the HoMie Street Store or a HoMie Alliance trained business. Our graduates have the skills, confidence and experience to kick-start their working life.	19,736
<b>Housing for the Aged Action Group</b>  Connecting LGBTI Elders for Better Housing Project	In partnership with LGBTI organisations, we will support LGBTI elders through the formation of community reference group, who will meet monthly to inform and develop community education, and then deliver community education. These community education forums will raise awareness amongst the LGBTI community of housing options, supports available and the risk factors that may lead to homelessness, so LGBTI elders can plan for the future and avoid a housing crisis.	15,000
<b>Inner Melbourne African Australian Partnership (IMAAP)</b>  IMAAP 2021 - Life Without Covid-19	Life without Covid-19 we plan to run engaging and motivational program post covid-19 to get our community participants back on track with their lives, in pursuing their dreams trying to attain our dream jobs and educational goal. We plan to assist those seeking jobs and joining sporting clubs.	5000

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<b>Inner Melbourne Community Legal</b>  International Student Legal Information Resource (ISLI)	From September 2020, IMCL will no longer have access to funding for the ongoing development, maintenance and online promotion of our international student legal information resource (www.ishelp.org.au), which directs students to access free legal help for problems connected to where they live, work and study. Additional funding is required in order to ensure the long term sustainability and ongoing legal accuracy of the resource, particularly during the COVID-19 crisis.	5000
<b>Islamic Museum of Australia</b>  Community Week - Recharged!	The IMA's annual community week program is an exciting mix of events and workshops delivered in collaboration with partnering organisations, artists and community leaders. The week is about making connections, fostering harmony and learning through art, culture and community. Activities include art workshops for adults and children, cooking classes, lectures and forums. Our aim is to create a program that appeals to everyone and anyone who thrive on cultural activities.	12,000
<b>Kensington Neighbourhood House</b>  Space to Create – Kensington makers social enterprise beginnings (STC)	Establishing the beginnings of a mini social enterprise model, working within existing programs with Kensington women across three generations to make goods and establish the foundations/framework to build a social enterprise to sell goods. Building on existing cultural practices and craft skills, this will engage locals from culturally diverse backgrounds in public housing to create works in group settings and enable cross-cultural skill sharing, increasing participant's capacities and their choices.	16,799
<b>Kensington Stockyard Food Garden Inc</b>  Expanding the Kensington Stockyard Food Garden!	The Kensington Stockyard Food Garden's (KSFGE) motto is: We want to grow a community, not just food! Our hope is to serve, encourage, and educate Kensington residents by modelling the principals of environmentalism in achievable ways. We do this by building a welcoming space in which isolated members of our community can participate freely. Our volunteers are committed to the principal that we garden together and share together.	19,475
<b>Kensington Town Hall Compost Hub</b>  Local Waste Processing Hubs	After successfully establishing and running the Kensington Town Hall Compost Hub, we (the volunteer Committee) propose to expand to three new sites, The Venny Inc, Kensington Community Children's Co-operative and McCracken Street Church. The expansion allows us to service more community members, process more waste locally with a low carbon solution, resulting in a local resource (compost) being created for our community to use for gardening and local food production.	11,000



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<b>Latin Stories Australia Inc</b> Connecting our stories	The project brings together Latin American migrants from all walks of life, gender, and age groups to participate in a comprehensive program where they can learn and reflect on the Australian culture and way of living, be equipped with skills to build connections, have a sense of belonging and build resilience. It gives participants the opportunity to be in a safe environment where they can feel heard and be empowered.	13,000
<b>Minus18 Foundation Inc</b> LGBTQIA+ Youth Leadership Program	The Minus18 LGBTQIA+ youth leadership program works with young people aged 16-25. In this program, we provide training and development to 25 LGBTQIA+ youth, to increase their ability to access employment.  Young people, especially trans and gender-non-conforming people, have more difficulty gaining employment, due to entrenched workplace biases - Minus18 is committed to providing opportunities for young people to support the community, develop skills and foster connection.	12,950
<b>North Melbourne Language &amp; Learning</b> Tech Connect - Digital Drop-In Program	The Tech Connect – Digital Drop-In will be an open access drop in centre established at NMLL to offer free access to Wi-Fi, shared working spaces, devices, digital literacy support and programs for the local community. This pilot program will start to respond to current and ongoing digital divide issues, and support community engagement while adhering to future COVID-19 safety measures.	14,700
<b>Oromo Sports Federation Australia</b> Australian Oromo Soccer Tournament+ Oromo Family Day.	Annual Oromo Soccer Tournament which has expanded from year to year. This is also the best way to engage youth outside their work and school lives. It is a community building event with youths and elders able to connect in the only event in our calendar. Not just sport driven, but a cultural showcase which includes music, food and educational workshops.	10,000
<b>Project Respect</b> Effecting systemic change to ensure services are inclusive and responsive to the needs and experiences of women in the sex industry and women trafficked.	This project will build health, wellbeing and social inclusiveness of women with experience of the sex industry and women trafficked, including women on temporary visas through a variety of support programs as they often aren't eligible for support through mainstream support programs. Additionally, it will build a responsive, inclusive and integrated service system to effect long-term systemic change leading to better health and wellbeing outcomes for women.	11,739
<b>Refugee Council Of Australia (RCOA)</b> Refugee Week	Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees, celebrate the contribution that refugees make to Australian society, and provide opportunities for the voices of refugees to be heard. Refugee Week is held in June to coincide with World Refugee Day on June 20. National organiser RCOA, aims to support refugee week events and to increase contact between people of refugee and non-refugee background.	10,000



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<b>safe steps Family Violence Response Centre</b>  Walk Against Family Violence 2021	Funding received will be used to assist in creating greater awareness about the impact of family violence through the 2021 Walk Against Family Violence to be held on November 25, 2021. Cultures and abilities representative of the dynamic mix of Melbourne will be represented as we bring the community together as a whole including sector partners, industry and government as well as individual community members.	5000
<b>Scope (Aust) Ltd</b>  Telescope 'Tell Your Story' Project	In collaboration with key partners Kathleen Syme Library and Community Service and Melbourne Fringe Festival this project runs a series of Creative Writing 'Tell Your Story' Workshops that specifically targets writers with lived experience of disability and mental health issues. It is a professional development opportunity in preparation for a live public reading performance.	10,000
<b>St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)</b>  A Multilingual Health Application	We seek to build a multilingual health application for two-way communication on day-to-day topics relating to healthcare in 10 community languages. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted interpreter services delivery and reduced number of visitors at hospitals/aged care facilities leaving patients/residents who speak little or no English incredibly vulnerable. Using the successful outcomes/learnings of the Talk To Me app, this project will empower these patients/residents to communicate with their health professionals.	20,000
<b>Statera Circus</b>  The ACCESS Project	Statera's ACCESS project will normalise accessibility in small scale live performances. We will present a fully inclusive show season, including five 50minute, live (restrictions permitting), circus shows aimed at young people aged 14-18yrs in the Dock's Performance Space. We will also run a 3hr free workshop for at-risk youth, engaging them in the arts and providing a safe space to connect post covid19.	20,000
<b>The Centre: Connecting Community in the North &amp; West Melbourne</b>  The Human Library Project	This initiative will train volunteers from diverse backgrounds to be a human 'book' that people can 'borrow' to learn more about individuals from other cultures and with different lived experiences. Our diverse communities do not always have opportunities to come together and learn about each other. We will organise events that bring people together to learn about the lives of those they may never otherwise come into contact with.	10,000
<b>The Flemington Mission</b>  Expansion of Fresh Food and Fellowship Programme	We hope to be able to provide a larger variety of fresh food and meals for the surrounding community of disadvantaged. Our aim is to hold community meals when we can gather safely, and to take away if we cannot, in addition to our weekly food parcels. To do this we require adequate refrigeration and freezer facilities for storage of perishables and extra equipment for serving meals.	5000

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<b>Transition Town Kensington</b> Kensington Community Farm Collective	Kensington Community Farm Collective is a partnership of local community organisations and residents who have joined together to collaborate to build food security, resilience and sovereignty for our local community. It comprises farming on 65m of land shared across 5 sites, This project builds on learnings from local community food growing projects since 2011 and recently the fresh food pilot and surplus program in response to Covid19.	12,000
<b>Travellers Aid Australia</b> Travellers Aid Mobility E-Buddies	Mobility E-Buddies is a sustainable and adaptable e-bike assistance solution for people living or travelling within Melbourne who experience mobility challenges. It is free, bookable and provides a volunteer pilot/rider to transport (up to) two passengers with mobility challenges on short-distance journeys. It will be trialled at major transport hubs, iconic city locations, significant Melbourne events and around construction disruptions. Pilots/riders will use new and existing cycleways within the city.	20,000
<b>Ubuntu Project</b> In Our Hands	In Our Hands is a program that was designed to enhance and support the leadership potential of young residents of the City of Melbourne public housing estates in Kensington, Carlton and North Melbourne. It is a tailored and culturally appropriate approach to leadership development with on going case management and a scholarship fund in place prior to this application.	12,000
<b>United through football Inc.</b> United through African football and Cultural Festival	The United through football and Cultural festival is a week long festival culminating cultural festival with football and capacity building leadership program. Our project will enable many member of the African Australian community to participate in our programs as footballers, community focus groups, cultural entertainers, volunteers, singers or simply through food and amusements. Our festival will attract many of the young disadvantaged youth living in housing commissions and surrounding areas.	10,000
<b>Victoria Walks Inc</b> Women Who Walk: Kensington and North Melbourne	Women Who Walk is a new and innovative program of facilitated, social walks for women targeted to meet the needs of specific communities. The regular wellbeing walks, while inviting all local women, will particularly target women from culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Kensington and North Melbourne who experience additional safety, cultural and socio-economic barriers to recreation and exercise in the City.	6000
<b>Victorian Immigrant and Refugee Women's Coalition</b> Hey Sis: After School Homework Club	Hey Sis is an after school homework club that facilitates a safe and supportive environment for women of colour to work towards personal growth in order to reach their full potential. We will be providing assistance with homework, however our main aim is to support participants to maintain wellbeing and independence through planned activities, workshops, guest speakers and purposeful conversation.	5900

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<b>Victorian Skateboard Association (VSA)</b>  Kensington Skateboarding Curriculum	The Kensington Skateboarding Curriculum project will be a close collaboration between the VSA and existing City of Melbourne participants to build a sustainable skateboarding ecosystem in Kensington. Select participants will earn a VSA accreditation to teach skateboarding. Partnering closely with the YMCA and The Venny, we will be able to facilitate a comprehensive apprentice program, teaching a user-pay systems and leaving the community with its own skate equipment for perpetuity.	20,000
<b>Vincentcare Victoria</b>  Women's Group founded as "The Nest"	The women's program is aimed at integrating vulnerable women back into society and social inclusion. The women have experienced a range of complex disadvantages such as DV, homelessness, childhood trauma, Substance misuse, mental health, and a range of disabilities.  The group will educate the women to gain the skills needed to integrate back into society and in the long term empower them to become active members of our community.	7800
<b>Westside Circus Inc.</b>  Sisi Wote = All Together	Sisi Wote = All Together is a series of workshops for term 1 and 3 2021, teaching Circus skills to benefit the mental and physical health and wellbeing of CALD young people (12-25y/o) who reside in and around the North Melbourne housing estate towers. These will be initially modelled on current successful programs and subsequently adapted to the creative interests and wellbeing needs of the participants for a second term.	20,000
<b>Youth Activating Youth</b>  Girls Leading Change	The project will bring together young women aged 13-25 from multicultural communities in a safe gathering space for young women who may be socially disengaged or disadvantaged. The project will focus on co-designed activities that support young women to participate in learning opportunities and activities. The project will include interactive sessions, forums, workshops, excursions, and opportunities to interact with mentors, peers, instructors, women in leadership positions and other professional speakers.	12,000