

2020 Connected Communities Grants – Successful applicants

Small Grants

Organisation Project Title	Brief Project Description	Grant amount \$
Africa Day Australia Inc. Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
African Australian Communities Leadership Forum Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Architects for Peace Operational funding	Operational funding	1520
Australian Romanian Community Health and Services Inc. Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Australian Somali Healthcare Community Foundation Operational funding	Operational funding	1300
Carlton Gardens Probus Incorporated Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Carlton Housing Estate Residents Services Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Carlton Residents Association Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Chinese Arts Association of Melbourne Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	1250
Chinese Community Health Advisory of Australia Inc. Chinese Community Health Advisory of Australia Inc	Provide free medical and health-related information and support to community in weekly meetings and community consultation groups.	1550
Circolo Pensionate San Marco In Lamis Recreational and Healthy Outings for Italian Seniors	We want to take these older Citizens on trips by bus. We plan to take 2 - 3 trips on outings for meals, bocce and visit places on interest	1550
Circolo Pensionati Italiani di Kensington Inc. Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Cohealth Supporting healthy living connections	'Supporting healthy living connections' aims to build strong social connection/inclusion/access/participation for the Horn of African communities living in and around Melbourne's public housing estates and improve social and health literacy/knowledge on issues impacting on their health and wellbeing.	1550
Drill Hall Residents Association Operational funding	Operational funding	1550

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East Melbourne Historical Society Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
EastEnders Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Happy Senior Life Inc Mid moon festival	Indoor activities for seniors during Chinese Mid moon festival in 2019.	500
Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association VIC Empower Vietnamese Senior community	Our project will build the Capacity to Meet the Needs of Older Vietnamese citizens to promote community connection, social inclusion, access and participation for City of Melbourne residents.	1550
Kensington Association Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Kensington Chinese Friendship Association Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	1050
Melbourne Line Dancing Group Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Melbourne Men's Shed Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	759
Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Morning Exercise Melbourne Incorporated Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
North & West Melbourne Association Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
North and West Melbourne Senior Citizens Centre Inc Expansion of publicity for our "Art for All Cultures" program using multimedia platforms.	This project is to reach out to the local community of Senior Citizens of all cultures. We will build on traditional methods of attracting members to our group by using our Instagram page, by setting up a "Meetup" page to promote our regular activities. We will also attract new members with regular demonstrations of the different forms of art and craft practice in the group.	1550
North Melbourne Chinese Association Inc Day Trip	We will organize a one-day trip for 150 people to countryside in Victoria at subsidized cost to the participants.	1550
North West Patch Inc. Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Northern And Inner Multiple Birth Association Inc. Operational funding	Operational funding	1550

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Num-Hoi, Poon-Yu, Soon-Duc Society Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	870
Parkville Association Project to work through our association for residents to have improved connections to community	Parkville through the Association has become a close knit community. With ageing individuals being replaced by younger families we continue the tradition of welcoming and assisting residents to settle. We also act on behalf of residents' liaison with the MCC local institutions and businesses to continue the rich heritage of Parkville.	1550
Parkville Gardens Residents Association Incorporated Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Residents 3000 Inc Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Royal Park Tennis Club The Huddle and Mercy Health	The requested funds will be used to provide a one off bus to and from our Club for children from the Flemington and Ascot Vale Community centres as part of the Huddle project 6 week free tennis coaching program we offer. We are also seeking funding for equipment purchases for a tennis based eye-ball program we run at Mercy Place Parkville - aged care residential facility.	1180
Salvation Army 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
Slavic Welfare Association Inc. Slavic Seniors Meeting and outing	In March 2020 we are going to organize one group outing for Slavic Senior Groups which meet in the City of Melbourne and other regions of Melbourne. We are going to organize Christmas celebration for our Senior groups meeting in the City of Melbourne.	1550
Southbank Residents Association Operational funding	Operational funding	1550
Spanish Speaking Elderly Group of North Melbourne Craft making	Each year the ladies participate in knitting, crochet, doll making, sewing projects, and alike each month there is a new project given to the ladies and all supplies is given to them prior to commencement.	1550
The East Melbourne Group Inc East Melbourne Group Engagement and Communication Project	We seek funding to continue the progress whereby the EMG engaged with the community through the East Melbourne and Jolimont magazine. We wish to continue producing these as well as increasing communication through online social media platforms in order to promote the connectedness of the community.	1550
The Probus Club of Carlton-Parkville Inc. Operational funding	Operational funding	1550

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Uniting Church Gospel Hall Melbourne Caring and sharing for senior members	Providing several 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; Encouraging them to adopt a more positive attitude towards life; Giving them the opportunity to improve their connections with the community; Sharing health issues as to improve the perception of safety and good health.	1010

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Africa Day Australia Inc. Music Arts and Dance (MAD) Flavours, moving towards self-sustainability. Enabling Youth to Meet Across the Divide (MAD)	MAD Flavours is a platform through which partnerships/collaborations of creative industry organisations, creative individuals/collectives and social delivery partners' work together to unpack a social issue and deliver a project that seeks to effect social change. In this case MAD Flavours identifies youth with creative talents and facilitate their pathways into creative arts. This project encourages them to engage their creative passions and try to make a living out of it.	18,350
African Australian Welfare Bureau Inc. African Mental Health Wellbeing Program	The program provides skills to recognize signs, symptoms of mental health problems; Knowledge of possible causes, risk factors for those mental health problems; awareness of evidenced based medical, psychological, alternative treatments available; Skills to give appropriate initial help, support someone experiencing mental health problems; Protective factor skills to take appropriate action if a crisis situation arises involving suicidal behaviour, panic attack, stress reaction to trauma, overdose or threatening psychotic behaviour.	10,000
All The Queens Men Connecting LGBTI+ Elders – a social transformation program that addresses social isolation through creative actions	Presented through an innovative community partnership, this initiative addresses complex health issues including social isolation and loneliness uniquely faced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex elders in Melbourne. It delivers an extensive creative program of events designed with, by and for LGBTI+ elders over twelve months. These events will include social clubs, creative workshops, art classes - all free for participants who experience ageism, homophobia, transphobia and historical discrimination.	20,000
Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Open Door Hub - Empowering public housing residents in Melbourne	In 2019 CNLC established an outreach hub situated at Carlton housing estate called Open Door. The project addresses the need to bring services directly to migrant and refugee residents. This has created a space for residents to overcome disconnection and to learn empowering new skills. In 2020 we want to expand our offering to residents with free courses and providing employment preparedness skills as well as engaging more with agencies.	20,000
City in the Community City Leaders	City Leaders will provide training in leadership and football to young people living in the City of Melbourne. Many have a desire to deliver football activities and events to strengthen their community but do not have the confidence or capacity. Using the expertise of Melbourne City FC staff and volunteers, this program will upskill and provide mentoring to young people in coaching, refereeing, event management and tournament organisation.	7500

<p>Community Hubs Australia/ Refuge of Hope Help Centre</p>	<p>With the grant, we propose to establish a Help Centre for the increasing population of Spanish speaking International Students from Central and South America. We will provide a one stop shop of information and referrals to help to be welcomed and better settled in the City of Melbourne. We will offer a team of 40 volunteers to help them with connecting to the community and access support, mentoring and help.</p>	<p>16,000</p>
<p>Docklands Reference Group An Empowered, Active Residents Association for Docklands</p>	<p>The City of Melbourne established the Docklands Reference Group (DRG) in 2018. It is intended that the DRG become independent of Council by the end of 2020. The Centre is represented on the DRG. To make this transition, DRG proposes and The Centre agrees to assume from Council the role of secretariat for the DRG. This will serve both Council's goal and The Centre's objective of serving the Docklands community.</p>	<p>5069</p>
<p>Drill Hall Community Garden Association Local Community Maintenance and Development of Drill Hall Community Garden</p>	<p>The community garden has two worm farms and several plantation boxes, which have been maintained and added out of previous grants and city transfer of physical assets.to Drill Hall Community Garden Association. The area is soon to be greatly expanded by City funded construction of community garden assets at corner of Therry/Victoria streets. The project funds will be needed for further ongoing maintenance, promotion, signage and presentation for the space.</p>	<p>3000</p>
<p>East African Women's Foundation Somali Seniors Heritage Project</p>	<p>We aim to facilitate senior Somali women in the City of Melbourne LGA to become active respected contributors to their community and live more active lifestyles. Senior Somali women will work with volunteers from the community to share and document their experiences and knowledge of Somali culture and traditions to conserve Somali heritage for future generations, strengthen generational bonds and reduce social isolation.</p>	<p>12,000</p>
<p>Flemington Kensington Community Legal Centre Inc. Walking Alongside Program City Outreach</p>	<p>A short series of targeted and tailored community legal education workshops - led by trained peer advocates from the Peer Advocacy Team - and supported by solicitors, youth workers and partner agencies, in Melbourne CBD for young people of migrant and refugee background - focusing on their rights and personal safety when in contact with police, and PSO's. The workshops sit within the Walking Alongside Program as a part of its supportive outreach.</p>	<p>10,650</p>
<p>Flemington-Kensington Rotary Flem-Ken Festival of Arts and Ideas 2020</p>	<p>This ten day festival of arts and ideas, the second in a planned biennial program recognises "the role that artistic and creative experiences play in healthy individual development, community well-being and social cohesion". A multi-faceted inclusive program of creative activities will engage the local arts community, local residents and a wider audience will aim to "connect, create and celebrate" the artistically rich and culturally diverse communities of Kensington and Flemington.</p>	<p>15,000</p>
<p>Guide Dogs Victoria Installing navigational technology for people with low vision or blindness in City of Melbourne</p>	<p>Guide Dogs Victoria (GDV), in partnership with people living with blindness or low vision, will use assistive navigation technology to make Melbourne's built environment more accessible to people with disability, building their capacity to lead full and independent lives. This will be achieved by installing Beacon Positioning System (BPS) and Customised Location Services (CLS) at a key Melbourne public space, such as the Melbourne Museum, State Library or Arts Centre.</p>	<p>7159</p>

<p>HeartKids Ltd Congenital Heart Disease TEEN Transition Program</p>	<p>Our aim is to support an improved Model of Transitional Care within Paediatric and Adult Cardiac Centres through the provision of specialized Cardiac Transition Support staff. This program will be a purposeful, planned process that would address the medical, psycho-social, educational/vocational needs of adolescents and young adults with Congenital Heart Disease as they move from child centred to adult oriented healthcare systems.</p>	<p>15,800</p>
<p>Hotham Mission Girls' Night</p>	<p>Girls' Night is a pilot program designed to complement Hotham Mission's successful Boy's Night that it runs in association with the Venny in Kensington. Targeting young women of African backgrounds, the program will use the same techniques of co-design as established in the Boys' Night, to build a program of activities. Preliminary research suggests that this program is likely to involve guest speakers, community leaders, mentoring, social activities etc.</p>	<p>7000</p>
<p>Housing Choices Australia Ready to Connect</p>	<p>The Ready to Connect project involves delivering a series of workshops to combat digital exclusion among Housing Choices Australia residents in the City of Melbourne. We will commission two rounds of six workshops (two hours each) focused on improving the digital literacy and capability of participants. The project aims to provide participants free access to digital education that will increase their confidence and improve their quality of life and opportunities.</p>	<p>5280</p>
<p>Inner Melbourne African Australian Partnership (IMAAP) IMAAP School Holiday Program</p>	<p>Each school holiday IMAAP runs various activities disadvantaged youth in the inner city suburb, we do this in order to keep the school aged youth off the streets and away from the influence from gangs and drugs dealers</p>	<p>10,000</p>
<p>Kensington City Soccer Club The Kensington City Soccer Club (KCSC) - Expansion Programme Second Women's Team.</p>	<p>The project is designed to provide the necessary equipment and support to establish an additional women's soccer team for Kensington and the surrounding community. The equipment and support required ranges from playing uniforms, footballs, sundry equipment, website building, and first aid and coaching certifications.</p>	<p>7150</p>
<p>Kensington Neighbourhood House Growing our Green Space – phase two – implementation</p>	<p>Implementation of a community garden plan developed from Connected Communities 2019 grant funding. KNH and Christ Church Kensington (CCK) will continue to partner with local community to build on plans and enthusiasm and transform the garden into a welcoming community space of wellbeing. We will use organic and permaculture principles, working with nature to provide healthy nutritious food and a place for community to connect with fruit, flowers and herbs.</p>	<p>20,000</p>
<p>Kensington Stockyard Food Garden Inc. Growing the Kensington Stockyard Food Garden!</p>	<p>The Kensington Stockyard Food Garden's 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.</p>	<p>11,088</p>
<p>Marco Polo Project parallel translation – reinventing public conversations in multilingual settings</p>	<p>This project proposes to design a new scalable event format for public conversations among linguistically diverse communities. Engaging with English- and Mandarin-speakers on sustainability as a pilot, we will design and test facilitated bilingual audience engagement models to reveal the way that different languages and cultures frame essential concepts and ideas. This will open new ways of addressing shared challenges, and build a sense of belonging in this deeper understanding.</p>	<p>5780</p>

<p>Melbourne North Police Community Consultative Committee</p> <p>Melbourne North Police SPASE program (Students Police Achieving Safer Environments)</p>	<p>Schools, local agencies and police will identify young people significantly "at risk" of being involved in crime as offenders or victims. This could also include those whose parents have had police involvement or a cultural fear of police. Participants will attend a three day adventure camp with police and youth workers. The camp is designed to educate young people in respect to safe behaviour, and promote relationships with police.</p>	<p>12,472</p>
<p>Multiple Sclerosis Limited (MS Ltd)</p> <p>MS: Wellness Workshop in the Melbourne CBD.</p>	<p>A one (1) day MS Wellness Workshop in the Melbourne CBD will provide an interactive environment, with specialist guest speakers, covering the ESSENTIALS of 'living well' with multiple sclerosis (MS) including topics such as nutrition, symptom management, exercise, sleep and mindfulness, goal setting, behaviour change, Peer Support and NDIS. The MS Wellness Workshop will be the first Wellness Workshop, for the Melbourne CBD, for people with an MS disability.</p>	<p>4000</p>
<p>North Melbourne Language & Learning Inc</p> <p>The Flourish Project</p>	<p>The Flourish Project is a pathways program. Flourish will support CALD community members to develop and deliver public workshops based on cultural traditions manifest through food, arts & crafts, providing an important medium for learning and respectful understanding across cultures. The Flourish Project will also address the identified issue of inequitable access and barriers to employment, training and education experienced by the local CALD community, utilising an asset based, co-design model.</p>	<p>16,470</p>
<p>Northern And Inner Multiple Birth Association Inc.</p> <p>Managing multiples in the City of Melbourne</p>	<p>The project will support the delivery of initiatives in the CoM that connect and support families with twins and triplets. This includes the delivery of parenting sessions tailored to the specific challenges of raising multiples. It would include two sleep and settling sessions with a sleep consultant (aimed at different age groups) and a Competition in Multiples session run by Dr Katie Wood (psychologist and researcher of twin psychology).</p>	<p>1569</p>
<p>Oromo Sports Federation Australia</p> <p>Australian Oromo Soccer Tournament and Oromo Family Day</p>	<p>Round robin type soccer tournament. We have been using JJ Holland park for the last five years. Eight teams to participate in the Annual Oromo Soccer Tournament which has expanded from year to year. In this year's tournament, a team from USA will participate for the first time. This is also the best way to engage youth outside their work and school lives.</p>	<p>10,000</p>
<p>OZ AFRICAN TV Inc.</p> <p>African Family Violence Women Program</p>	<p>The project aims to reduce violence against women and community acceptance of FV through improved attitudes to gender equity and respectful relationships. African women will benefit from increased connectedness with the community and reduced barriers to accessing support services. The program will build African community capacity to family violence and gender equality through sessions focused on FV, promoting gender equality, women's leadership, family safety as basic human rights.</p>	<p>15,000</p>
<p>OzHarvest</p> <p>NEST 2.0 Program (Nutrition Education Skills Training)</p>	<p>NEST 2.0 empowers vulnerable Australians to make low-cost, healthy eating choices through a 6-week program of cooking and nutrition workshops. The program brings isolated and marginalised community members together over educational group activities, the joy of cooking and the warmth of a nourishing shared meal. This grant will deliver NEST 2.0 at 7 charitable agencies in the City of Melbourne, benefitting 84-105 individuals including refugees, homeless individuals and single parents.</p>	<p>18,198</p>

<p>Parkville Association Parkville Community Part in the Park</p>	<p>A daytime outdoor party to be held on a weekend in late 2020 in Levers Reserve Parkville between Story Street and Morrah Streets so that local residents can get together in a family friendly environment to enhance community connectedness. Proposed venue is a bookable space through City Council. Our first event is in November 2019 and we need a further grant for 2020 to ensure this becomes an annual event.</p>	<p>7550</p>
<p>Parkville Gardens Residents Association Incorporated Community inclusive gatherings/events</p>	<p>Community Picnic on village oval with visiting food trucks. Easter egg hunt events for local children. Community Events and meetings for consultation and information sharing with residents.</p>	<p>4800</p>
<p>Reading Out of Poverty Bilingual children's books exchange and resource centre</p>	<p>The establishment of a new Bilingual children's books exchange and resource centre in the City of Melbourne for children and families from migrant, refugee and non-English speaking backgrounds who can loan and exchange books, audio books, educational resources and support to help them learn English in conjunction with their mother-tongue. We will provide bilingual books in 40 different languages to lift the reading skills of children from non-English backgrounds.</p>	<p>10,000</p>
<p>Ross House Association Providing Equal Access - Upgrading accessible community facilities at Ross House</p>	<p>Ross House Association (RHA) empowers a community of small environment and social-justice organisations to work together for social change by providing affordable office space, meeting room facilities, resources and a collaborative and supportive environment. RHA is seeking funding towards the installation stage of the total refurbishment project of the main passenger lift at Ross House, ensuring vital and equal access is maintained to all levels of the Ross House building.</p>	<p>20,000</p>
<p>Society Melbourne Society Melbourne - Tackling Youth Homelessness</p>	<p>Society Melbourne's Hospitality Training Program (HTP) was designed to create sustainable pathways to quality employment, education, community and confidence for young people experiencing homelessness. Three modules of training equip the HTP participants with key skills to support their ability to secure further education or employment in their chosen industry.</p>	<p>20,000</p>
<p>South Sudanese Australian Youth United (SSAYU) INC. South Sudanese Youth Conference (SSYC)</p>	<p>The SSYC aims to create a space where South Sudanese youth can meet, network and engage with key figures and stakeholders from the community, government and private sectors, thereby improving social cohesion between the youth and the wider community. The objectives of the conference are to promote social cohesion, dialogue about issues concerning young people and to learn about other organizations and the services they provide to the community</p>	<p>6000</p>
<p>Southbank Sustainability Group Sustainability Education Days</p>	<p>A series of community education mornings and workshops, that will help bring the community together through fun learning activities. An opportunity for neighbours who live in isolated high-rise apartments to connect through a common interest of learning how to do better in terms of sustainability and environmental impact. Six education mornings, each on a specific topic, spread throughout the year where different community members can get involved.</p>	<p>5000</p>
<p>Switchboard Victoria Public ASIST Workshop: Toward a Suicide-Safer LGBTIQ+ Community</p>	<p>Suicide-safety begins in the community. LGBTIQ+ people are more affected by suicide than heterosexuals and are at greater likelihood of experiencing suicide related distress. That is why we want to prepare our LGBTIQ+ community to help their peers, friends and families by offering suicide intervention skills training, ASIST, to the community at a subsidised cost. ASIST is an internationally recognised and empirically tested program delivered as a two-day workshop.</p>	<p>20,000</p>

<p>The Community Grocer Pedal Powered Produce goes Electric</p>	<p>Pedal Powered Produce is having a positive impact on the food security of box customers who experience multiple barriers to food security. It also supports community engagement at Grocer Hub locations and reduces Co2 emissions. We want to extend our service and geographical reach with an Electric Cargo Bicycle. These enterprises will use a tiered-pricing system, increasing dignified affordable access to fruit and vegetables, while ensuring financial viability.</p>	<p>8149</p>
<p>The Huddle Huddle Holiday Program</p>	<p>The Huddle Holiday program is a school holiday program, designed to take young people out of their comfort zones and introduce them to new experiences they wouldn't have access to otherwise. The program will give participants exposure to activities in sports, arts and community inclusion and is aimed at newly arrived migrant children, building their capacity to be happy, healthy and introduce them and their families to extra-curricular developmental opportunities.</p>	<p>10,000</p>
<p>The Probus Club of Carlton-Parkville Inc. Facilitating greater social inclusion and participation in the Probus Club of Carlton-Parkville activities</p>	<p>Probus is a social club for members of the community to advance intellectual and cultural interests; to progress healthy minds and bodies through social interaction and activities. Not all of our activities are free. Some members are struggling to pay the costs of some of our excursions. Grant money will go towards subsidising bus hire and entry costs to special events, eg. visits to museums, exhibitions, gardens and stately homes.</p>	<p>5500</p>
<p>Transition Towns Kensington Kensington Repair Hub</p>	<p>This project is to run 10 pop-up repair hubs at various locations throughout Kensington during 2020. The hubs are intended to build awareness, skills and education about a repair economy to reduce hard rubbish going to landfill and build repair skills in our community. The pop-up Repair Hub concept was successfully trialled at the at the Sustainable Living Expo component of the Kensington Community Festival in March 2019.</p>	<p>9565</p>
<p>United through football Inc United through African football and Cultural Festival</p>	<p>The United through football and Cultural festival is a week-long festival culminating cultural festival with football and capacity building leadership program. Our program will enable many member of the African Australian Community to participate in our programs as footballers, community focus groups, cultural entertainers, singers or simply through food and amusements. Our festival will attract many of the young disadvantaged youth living in housing commissions and surrounding areas.</p>	<p>10,000</p>
<p>Women's Information and Referral Exchange Incorporated (WIRE) Explore Melbourne: Lunch-time excursions for those experiencing isolation and homelessness</p>	<p>Explore Melbourne will run weekly lunch-time excursions across the City of Melbourne for women, non-binary and gender-diverse people experiencing isolation and homelessness. Through excursions, the project will break the cycle of social isolation by making city spaces accessible to those who would otherwise be excluded. In socialising and attending events, activities and places, participants will build connections, foster friendships and establish a sense belonging to the Melbourne community.</p>	<p>20,000</p>
<p>Youlden Parkville Cricket Club Building Social Connection, Physical Literacy & Involvement of Girls in Cricket</p>	<p>We'll deliver a free community led physical literacy program for girls into primary schools and create a path for them to then extend their skills and social connections in a Girls Cricket Gala held over six weeks at Ryder Oval. The project builds on a successful 2018 pilot program that delivered almost 30,000 minutes of extra physical literacy to about 400 boys and girls in the City of Melbourne.</p>	<p>8210</p>