

Community Grants Program 2024-2025 Recipients



Community Strengthening Grants (up to \$10,000 per project)

Recipient Organisation	Project	Description
C Care Inc	Community Volunteer Welcome and Induction Program	Establishing a Community Volunteer Welcome and Induction Program to empower locals in engaging with charities, fostering social inclusion and addressing food insecurity.
Christ Church Mission Inc.	Circle of Life Community Garden	The local community will be encouraged to volunteer in the garden providing an opportunity for people of different backgrounds and ages to socialise and get to know each other.
Christ Church Mission Inc.	Creating Connections through Community Food	'Creating Connections through Community Food' will assist marginalised clients become volunteers with our organisation. The program will centre on successful recruitment, training, and retention.
Christ Church Mission Inc.	Garden Nomads	We recruit, train and support volunteers to assist frail, elderly, or disabled local residents by maintaining their gardens. The service is provided on an ongoing and regular basis.
Elwood Toy Library	Marquee for Promotional Events and Family Hire	"Elwood Toy Library would like to buy a marquee for use at: Festivals and markets to promote the Toy Library; and to be hired by families for Birthday Parties."
For Change Co.	Skills for Change	Interactive and hands-on workshops introducing local young people facing barriers to employment to kitchen and barista skills. These transferrable skills will support participants with their next steps into work.
HousingFirst	Botanical Children's Garden	The transformation of an underutilized backyard into an engaging and safe Children's Garden & Playspace conducive to child development and community cohesion for the mothers and babies of Botanical Apartments.
Jewish Russian Community Soup Kitchen Ltd. (Souper)	Souper Food Security Program	Souper's Food Security Program supports over 1000 people in need each month through distribution of free groceries, meals & items of necessity.

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Launch Housing	Tenancy Plus (TP) Brokerage	"Tenancy Plus brokerage provides flexible financial assistance to social housing renters living in Port Phillip. This can be used to establish or maintain their tenancy and support long-term secure housing."
Linden New Art	Native Flora Art and Learning Space	The Native Flora Art and Learning Space will be a vibrant garden fostering connections to First Nations culture, environmental stewardship, and creative expression through art activities and educational programs.
Melbourne Orthodox Jewish Community Centre	Masbia - Uniting people through food and volunteering.	The Melbourne Orthodox Jewish Community Centre (MOJCC) project aims to combat food insecurity and waste by creating Masbia, a community-run kitchen empowering volunteers to prepare nutritious meals for vulnerable individuals.
NCJW (Victoria) Community Services Inc.	Connect Golden Age Club Members for better Physical and Mental Health	Connect our senior members including our CALD members to improve their physical and mental health to become active, confident and strong members of City of Port Phillip community.
Pathways Melbourne Incorporated	Pathways Social Ties Project	"Our project will provide opportunities for social inclusion and skills development for Port Phillip residents who have left their insular Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities to seek a self-determined life."
Poets Garden	Poets Garden - New Beds/Beds Replacement	Replacing the older, weather worn, and no longer watertight beds with new Wicking Beds, an innovative veggie bed irrigation solution, significantly more water efficient than standard raised wooden beds
Port Melbourne Colts Junior Football Club	Coaching program 2024-5	Improving our coaching program for future seasons by providing comprehensive training for volunteer and youth coaches, alongside continuing the successful girls director role.
Port Phillip Citizens Reconciliation	Forum for Early Learning Centre Teachers	In August 2025 at South Melbourne Community Centre, Our group PPCFR will run a Yarning Circle with Indigenous Elders and invite Early Learning Centre Teachers to discuss their RAP proposals.

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Sacred Heart Mission	Creative Connections	"Creative Connections aims to improve the social/emotional health and well-being of disadvantaged women and nonbinary gender specific people, by inviting them to come together and participate in a creative/therapeutic activity."
Sacred Heart Mission	Share the Beat Music Group	Provide resources to support the existing SHM weekly music group to encourage engagement and participation.
Sandridge Senior Citizens and Trugo Club	Sandridge Senior Citizens and Trugo Club	Friendship group supporting local people in Port Melbourne with help wherever we can
SouthPort Community Centre	Sounds of the South	Creative workshops will be run to encourage confidence and skill development with public performances scheduled to demonstrate the talent of people with mental health issues /disabilities to a public audience.
SouthPort Community Centre	Waterfront Welcomers	The Waterfront Welcomers program operates at Station Pier welcoming Cruise Ship Passengers and Crew to the City of Port Phillip. There are over 50 local volunteers involved in the program.
Space2b Social Design	UBUNTU: Sharing to connect humanity through art & culture	UBUNTU: A program providing work and training opportunities for cultural diverse migrants. Trainees work and train together with a volunteer buddy, culminating in a series of art & cultural events.
St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated	Outreach Van	The Outreach Van provides disadvantaged individuals (predominantly women) weekly access to basic necessities and wellbeing checks which contribute to alleviating the cycle of poverty, homelessness, exploitation and social isolation.
St Kilda Life Saving Club Inc	Revitalising St Kilda Life Saving Club: Community Engagement Initiative	A comprehensive program to recruit and train 80 new members for the St Kilda Life Saving Club, bolstering community safety and engagement.

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St Kilda Park Primary School	Nesting boxes and pollinator hotels for wildlife corridors	St Kilda Park Primary students in partnership with the EcoCentre will create nesting boxes and pollinator hotels for wildlife corridors, focusing on areas around the Canterbury rd Urban Forest
St Kilda Police and Citizens Youth Club	Friday Night Activities	Structured sport and recreation activities for youth located at PCYC every Friday night facilitated by our youth workers. Transport pick up and drop off provided in the CoPP area.
The Salvation Army (Victoria)	Upton Road - Community biodiversity project	Upton Rd youth refuge backs on to a section of land that TSA are required to maintain for community use. We plan to increase native vegetation to improve biodiversity.
The Salvation Army (Victoria)	Empowering Women: through access to safe and considered sexual health	To increase accessibility to quality sexual health care in a safe and respectful setting for people who street sex-work, who are experiencing homelessness and/or who inject drugs.
Uniting Vic Tas - The Engagement Hub	Artistic Expressions: Cultivating Creativity at The Hub	'Artistic Expressions' is a weekly art program at The St Kilda Engagement Hub (The Hub), fostering creativity through diverse artistic mediums for program participants. The project will conclude with an exhibition of participants work.

Social Inclusion Partnerships Grants (up to \$5,000 per project)

Recipient Organisation	Project	Description
Christ Church Mission Inc.	Free weekly social community BBQ	Christ Church Community Centre & Hope4Tomorrow will host a free Community BBQ Monday evenings 6pm-8pm at the Community Centre – St Kilda's Little Mission, 14 Acland St, St Kilda, 3182.
Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc.	Winja Ulupna – Mental Wellbeing Program	ESNLC and Winja-Ulupna partner to provide a safe and welcoming space for mindfulness, meditation, and facilitators to run weekly curated Mental Wellbeing workshops as an addition to the rehabilitation program.

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Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc.	Galiamble - Therapeutic Painting and Development Program	ESNLC and Galiamble partner to provide a safe art space, equipment, consumables and facilitator to run a weekly Therapeutic Art Course as a crucial, successful part of the rehabilitation program.
Jewish Russian Community Soup Kitchen Ltd. (Souper)	Showcase of Jewish and Multicultural Communities Cultural Heritage Exchange	25 seniors from CALD communities and the broader Port Phillip community will participate in 10 monthly luncheons with cultural activities at Souper Bistro, where culturally specific meals and program/entertainment will be offered.
Jewish Russian Speaking Association	Australian Pathways: EmpowerEd Educational Seminars for Russian-Speaking Migrants	Deliver a series of educational seminars which foster connections within the community and facilitate the integration of newcomers. Seminars will be tailored to meet the diverse needs of our audience.
Linden New Art	Mental Health + Wellbeing Art Workshops.	The project is an immersive art workshop series with an exhibition outcome, we will cultivate social inclusion, bolster mental wellbeing, and empower participants to express themselves artistically.
Port Phillip Community Group	5 Minutes of Fame	5 Minutes of Fame will be an inclusive 'open mic' event for people with limited access to spaces in which they can feel safe and comfortable to creatively express themselves.
Sacred Heart Mission	Intergenerational Connections	Inclusive resident and student art project creating an installation of "small houses" and a series of hand-crafted mosaic garden totems to be located within the grounds of both parties.
Sephardi Association of Victoria	Sassoon Social - arts, friendship and fun	Sassoon Social – Where Friendship, Tradition, and Connection Come Together! Our social gatherings that celebrate friendship, Israel, and Judaism in all its diverse forms!
St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated	Off The Streets	Off The Streets is a social inclusion program for those reliant on street-based sex work. It provides positive recreational experiences away from life and work on the streets.

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Program Support Grants (up to \$1,000 per project)

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Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc.	Gardening Community Connection Program	The project aims to provide an avenue for community members to come together in a volunteer capacity to work together to nurture and grow the existing Kitchen Garden at ESNLC.
Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc.	Sewing Sustainably at ESNLC	The project enables ESNLC to continue to provide an avenue for community members to come together and learn sewing and craft skills that enable them to live more sustainably.
NCJW (Victoria) Community Services Inc.	Golden Chairs Zumba program	NCJWA(Vic) would like to introduce weekly Zumba classes to improve physical and mental health for our Golden Age club members.
Sacred Heart Mission	Between the Lines	Aims to improve the social/emotional health and wellbeing for people experiencing/at-risk of homelessness and disadvantage by inviting them to participate in a drawing group.
St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated	Drop-In Community Meals (Weekly)	The weekly Community Meals program provides a socially inclusive opportunity for marginalised women and their families to share a nutritious meal with local CoPP residents, Drop In staff and volunteers.
St Kilda Gatehouse Incorporated	HOPP (Health and Overdose Prevention Program)	The Health and Overdose Prevention Program provides personalized training and education to opioid users and access to everyday health supports for people who struggle to access mainstream services.