COVID-19 Community Quick Response Grants program 2020/21

Successful recipients

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The COVID-19 Community Quick Response Grants program is an extension of Council’s Community Grants program and aligned with [Council’s Community Funding Policy.](https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/media/cnidt0ug/community-funding-policy-2018-web.pdf) This is one of a range of community-based initiatives that Council is progressing, as part of its wider COVID-19 social and economic recovery planning for the city.

This program provided a one-off funding opportunity to support service providers who are responding to community members, and in particular our most vulnerable residents, who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. All projects will provide immediate benefits to the Port Phillip community.

Objectives of City of Port Phillip COVID-19 Community Quick Response Grants program:

1. Support service providers to develop and provide immediate solutions that remove digital barriers for socially isolated community members.
2. Build the capacity of local community organisations to deliver programs that support social connections and community resilience, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The successful Grant recipients are detailed below, many of which have responded to the need to provide ‘on-line’ programs and improve digital literacy, as a way to address social isolation within our community:

| **Project** | **Project Description** | **Target Group/s** |
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| ÀBRISA - Brazilian Association in Victoria | | |
| Come, Share and Connect | This community program will connect and provide benefits to Brazilian residents, who are newly arrived and visa holders. The safe online platform will link individuals with each other, not for profit organisations and support services. | Multicultural Community Socially Isolated |
| Borderline Personality Disorders (BPD) Community | | |
| Enhancing Capacity | A new laptop and phone will support this small organisation to grow and continue effectively supporting people impacted by mental illness which has been further compounded by the pandemic. | Socially Isolated Mental Health |
| C Care Inc. | | |
| CoPP Connect | Expanding the organisation’s highly successful Social Outreach program to provide further support to vulnerable, isolated Jewish residents enabling them to be socially connected through volunteers. | Multicultural Community Socially Isolated |
| Christ Church Mission Inc | | |
| Connecting the Community | Funding will support this organisation to develop and implement online training and digital information services to reach out and connect with some of Port Phillip’s most vulnerable residents during COVID-19 restrictions. | Low Income Socially Isolated |
| Elwood Children's Centre | | |
| 'Book a Book Buddy' Pilot Project | An intergenerational, literacy and social connection initiative for children enrolled in Elwood Children's Centre. Families can book story time for their child, to be read at their door by a local young person and parent connected to the centre. This socially distanced activity supports literacy in the lead up to school and helps foster social connection during this difficult time. | Families and Children Socially Isolated |
| Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre | | |
| Laptops for Loan | The upcycle and refurbishment of five laptops to be used as loan items for local residents experiencing social isolation and barriers to accessing technology. | Low Income Socially Isolated |

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| Flying Fox Services Limited | | |
| Online COVID-19 Safe Training Buddies-For-Children-with-Disabilities Training | This program will build the capacity and skills of volunteers to support and buddy with families of children and young people with disabilities. | People with Disabilities Families and Children |
| Galiamble Men's Recovery Service | | |
| Removing Social Barriers During COVID-19 | Computer improvements will assist the organisation’s First Nations clients deliver and transition their traditional artwork onto a digital platform. This project will also help vulnerable community members be engaged and connected during the pandemic. | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander |
| HousingFirst Ltd | | |
| Home Is Where the Art Is | Innovative project will provide recorded art workshops and live tutorials to engage social housing residents who are experiencing financial hardship and social isolation during COVID-19. | Low Income Socially Isolated |
| NCJW Victoria Community Services Inc. | | |
| Stay Connected Virtually - Continue Independent Living | The purchase of a laptop will support older CALD community housing residents be trained in accessing online activities for continued social and community connection. | Multicultural Community 55 years and over |
| Reclink Australia | | |
| Reclink Sports Share - City of Port Phillip | An innovative program designed to engage some of Port Phillip's most vulnerable residents in online and at home sports activities. | Low Income Socially Isolated |
| Rotary Club of Port Melbourne | | |
| Port Talks | Series of webinar sessions inviting people in the Port Phillip community to join a live conversation each fortnight. Each session will include a presentation by a well know local person about local community subjects. | Low Income Socially Isolated |
| St Kilda PCYC | | |
| Boxing for Parkinson's | A valuable online program for Port Phillip residents experiencing Parkinson's disease to keep participants active whilst at home during COVID-19. | People with Disabilities Socially Isolated |
| Star Health | | |
| No Barriers to Connect | Volunteers and consumer advisers will be provided with phone data to support their representation of vulnerable residents and valuable contribution and connection to Star Health. | Low Income Socially Isolated |
| Uniting - St Kilda | | |
| Materials and equipment to support remote delivery of group activities | Port Phillip’s most vulnerable residents, who are experiencing severe and enduring mental health issues, will be engaged through the provision of individual online activities to keep participants connected during COVID-19. | Low Income Socially Isolated |