

Community Grants Program 2023-2024 Recipients



Community Strengthening Grants

Recipient Organisation	Project	Description
Better Health Network (formerly Star Health)	Social Spoons Cafe Meals Program	Social Spoons assists socially isolated individuals to gain confidence and connect with community venues and services through subsidised cafe meals, with the support of key workers, peer workers/volunteers and cafe staff.
Christ Church Mission Inc	Kitchen Garden - Circle of Life	People from the local community, those who attend the free community meal and/or emergency support will use the kitchen garden to grow herbs, fruit, and vegetables to support the meal.
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.
Christ Church Mission Inc	The Community Food Project: Creating Connections	The Community Food Project: 'Creating Connections' will assist marginalised clients in becoming volunteers with our organisation. It will contribute to the connected effort in their successful recruitment, training, and retention.
Elwood Community Playgroup	All for Play and Play for All	Supporting vulnerable families in the community with quality play and social connection via a gifted membership bundle to Elwood Community Playgroup and Elwood Toy Library.
Elwood Toy Library	Community building 'Stay and Play' events, new Party Packs and STEM Toys	Implementing best practices for Toy Libraries to offer quarterly 'Stay and Play' events for families, improving Party Packs and modernizing Toys to retain and grow members to ensure financial sustainability.
International Society for Krishna Consciousness MELBOURNE Ltd	Hare Krishna Food For Life	Our project provides free meals to the needy and homeless through our Albert Park Temple. We offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner; free meals are available at South Melbourne Market on Sundays.

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Jewish Russian Community Soup Kitchen Ltd (known as Souper)	Souper's Food Security Program 2023	Souper's food security program feeds over 1000 individuals monthly & supports vulnerable seniors, people escaping domestic violence, youth at risk, migrants, people with disabilities, people in rehabilitation & single parents.
Launch Housing South Melbourne	CSSS Children's Camp and School Holiday Programs for Children Experiencing Homelessness	CSSS holiday programs provide children with lived experiences of homelessness, family violence and/or disadvantage opportunities to attend a free 3-day Children's camp and fun, educational and engaging school holiday activities.
Launch Housing South Melbourne	Parenting in a New Culture	Launch Housing is partnering with Spectrum to deliver Parenting in a New Culture (a parenting program for CALD parents) to some of the most vulnerable families living in the CoPP.
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.
One Ball	Introduction of a new program and continuation of our existing program	We wish to involve our 60 Positive Kick participants in a new program "Kids in Motion" (https://www.kidsinmotion.com.au), which is designed to build confidence through this unique program.
Pathways Melbourne Incorporated	Pathways' Social Ties Project (STP)	STP empowers vulnerable Port Phillip residents who have left their insular Jewish communities by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local peer support network • Social inclusion activities • The development of life-skills
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.

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Sacred Heart Mission	Comic-Con@theMish	Aims to improve the social/emotional health and well-being of people experiencing/at risk of homelessness and disadvantage by inviting them to participate in a comic book project facilitated by a professional artist.
Sandridge Senior Citizens and Trugo Club Port Melbourne	Sandridge Senior Citizens and Trugo Club	Friendship group supporting local people in Port Melbourne with help wherever we can.
Share&Swap Shop (c/o EcoCentre)	Share&Swap Shop	The Share&Swap Shop is a community-driven event model in the form of a pop-up shop which fosters neighbourhood connections by facilitating item sharing, encouraging sustainability practices and fostering inclusivity.
South Melbourne Sustainability Group	South Melbourne Sustainability Group gardening materials	Our volunteers (committee of 10, and 100+ members) need gardening materials to run fortnightly working bees and carry on our composting activities to divert kitchen waste from landfill into produce
South Port Community Housing Group	Get Your Ticket (GYT v3)	This project will provide SPCHG renters with tickets/passes to events/activities in CoPP including accessing health and wellbeing activities, e.g., gym access. This will result in increased community participation and improved health and well-being outcomes.
Southport Community Centre	The Art of Connection	Provides isolated women with a nurturing environment to form friendships, overcome traumatic experiences through art therapy, and communication groups and connect to community via outings to increase confidence and reclaim identity.
Space2b Social Design Inc.	TOGETHER: Connecting Through Art, Culture & Cuisine	TOGETHER: An art & cultural program of events that build capacity whilst strengthening and connecting our newly arrived CALD migrants and locals, creating a more inclusive and welcoming Port Phillip.
St Kilda Gatehouse	Outreach Van	The Outreach Van provides disadvantaged women and their families access to necessities and well-being checks that help alleviate the cycle of poverty, homelessness, exploitation, and social isolation.

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St Kilda Police and Citizens Youth Club (PCYC)	3-on-3 Basketball Challenge	The 3-on-3 Basketball Challenge will run over three sessions in January on the St Kilda Foreshore. This is an organised basketball tournament for youth and celebrates Indigenous culture.
The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust	Upcycle4Good!	Upcycle4Good! brings people together through workshops to re-purpose waste materials and discarded furniture to make unique reimaged items for sale. The workshops will provide a learning and problem-solving journey to create community benefit.
The Salvation Army: Access Health	Women's Space and Sexual Health Incentives Program	To increase accessibility to sexual health care for people who do street sex-work, experience homelessness and/or who inject drugs.
Windana Drug and Alcohol Recovery	Writers in Residence	Writers in Residence provides a therapeutic and non-judgemental program for clients to develop writing and creative expression skills as part of their AOD recovery.
Windana Drug and Alcohol Recovery	Art Therapy Community Studio	Clients aged 18 plus will attend Community Studio to use Art Therapy as a tool to address the impacts of substance use on their recovery journey.

Social Inclusion Partnerships Grants

Recipient Organisation	Project	Description
Launch Housing South Melbourne	Tuning into Kids (Launch Housing and Better Health Network partnership)	Tuning into Kids (Launch Housing and Better Health Network partnership) makes the evidence-based parenting program Tuning into Kids accessible to families in CoPP who are experiencing homelessness and/or family violence.
Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre	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.

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Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre	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.
Launch Housing	Launch Housing and FITKids Partnership	The LH and FITkids Partnership provides opportunities for primary-school-aged children experiencing homelessness to access FITkids health and wellbeing programs which support children to develop physical and cognitive skills in a fun and safe setting.
Linden New Art	Mental Health + Wellbeing Art Workshops	The project unites individuals with mental health disorders, and associated substance abuse, homelessness, and family violence, through two transformative Art workshop series, fostering social connections, wellbeing, and personal growth.
St Kilda Gatehouse	Off The Streets	Off The Streets is a social inclusion program for women reliant on street-based sex work. It provides positive recreational experiences away from life and work on the streets.
The Salvation Army: Access Health	Pets in the Park St Kilda	Monthly pop-up Veterinary Clinic in St Kilda for marginalized members of the community, including those experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, family violence and mental health issues

Program Support Grants

Recipient Organisation	Project	Description
NCJW (Victoria) Community Services Inc.	Movements for Life	Regain and improve physical and mental health programs for our CALD Golden Age Club members. Nordic walking group in local parks and gardens, Zumba Gold chair sessions will take place weekly at Betty Day Centre.
Christ Church Mission Inc	Quilters at Christ Church St Kilda	People of all ages with varying levels of skills meet twice a month to work on individual and group quilts. Sewing machines and cutting equipment are provided and beginners are welcome.

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Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre	Kitchen Garden 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.
Emerald Hill Toy Library	When two become one	Merging two toy library branches and brands into one single brand with two branches.
Heichal Hatorah Inc.	"Harmony of Identity: Empowering Youth Through the Heichal Choir"	Empower Port Phillip's youth (ages 12-18) via cultural expression, cultivating belonging and tradition. Delivered via weekly services, events, and programs, igniting a harmonious journey of self-discovery in our community.
St Kilda Gatehouse	Drop In Community Meals	The weekly Community Meals program provides a socially inclusive opportunity for marginalised women and their families to share a nutritious meal.
St Kilda Gatehouse	Health and Overdose Prevention Program (HOPP)	The Health and Overdose Prevention Program provides personalized training and education to opioid users and access to everyday health support for people who would otherwise not afford them.
St Kilda Scouts	St Kilda Scouts Sustainability Project	The St Kilda Scouts Sustainability Project (SKSSP) will contribute to St Kilda's biodiversity through the construction of a garden bed using sustainable materials, providing connections for pollinators in urban environments.