

## **FACT SHEET**

# **Community Development Stream**

The Services and Community Development Stream of the Annual Grants Program is designed to strengthen the social and cultural diversity of the City of Yarra, and foster the involvement and participation of people from all backgrounds of the community.

### **Community Development Vision**

To build a strong and healthy community, in partnership with not-for-profit organisations and community groups working in Yarra.

### **Community Development Mission**

Through the support of health and wellbeing projects, and cultural and social activities, Council strives to establish and sustain a vibrant community.

### **Funding Categories**

The four categories within the Community Development Stream are:

- Community Celebrations;
- Health & Well-being;
- Communities in Action; and
- Families & Children.

### **Community Celebrations**

The Community Celebrations stream supports a diverse range of smaller events that showcase, celebrate and support Yarra's culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Community Celebrations grants are only available to incorporated groups and organisations.

Applications for a Community Celebrations grant must show that the project meets one or more of the following objectives and priority areas in order to be considered for funding:

- support and nurture Yarra's diverse communities to celebrate their cultural traditions and heritage;
- support small and emerging community based cultural events; and
- create and promote a sense of local community and connectedness.

### **Health & Well-being**

Projects need to address the following priority areas:

- encourage women's participation and leadership, eg: through women taking on roles as community advocates, or as community committee leaders and members (Municipal Public Health Plan Priority: Women's Health);

### **Health & Well being** continued

- provide skill development relating to cooking classes, nutrition advice and providing venues for growing food or cooking it (Municipal Public Health Plan Priority: Healthy Weight);
- develop and implement local solutions to identified community safety issues (Safer Yarra Plan);
- undertake health promotion activities e.g. those aimed at increasing the level of physical activity of isolated individuals and groups who are at risk of diabetes, healthy weight initiatives and mental illness; and
- offer cultural programs that focus on exploring identity (Municipal Public Health Plan Priority: Mental Health).

### **Communities in Action**

Projects need to address the following priority areas:

- provide education and training initiatives aimed at building the skills and capacity of culturally and linguistically diverse communities (Multicultural Action Plan 2004/06);
- strengthen community through the development of activities and programs that support people living in community and private rooming houses (Yarra Affordable Housing Statement Strategy 2004 - 2006);
- address community priorities as identified by Neighbourhood Advisory bodies on public housing estates;
- support the implementation of the strategies outlined in Council's Aboriginal Partnerships Plan;
- increase opportunities for people living with a disability to participate in social, recreational and cultural activities in the community; and
- increase community participation by marginalised, disadvantaged and high-risk groups as identified in the Municipal Early Years Plan 2005-2008 and Youth Policy 2005-2008.

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### **Families and Children**

Family and Children's Services seek to fund initiatives that assist families with children aged 0-18 years. This may be through a range of programs which meet the physical, economic, recreational and practical needs of families in Yarra.

Family & Children's Services has the following objectives and priority areas, which a project needs to meet to be considered for funding under this category:

- support and develop initiatives that meet the objectives outlined in the Municipal Early Years Plan (2005- 2008);
- support and develop initiatives to progress the objectives outlined in the Youth Policy 2005-2008;
- support initiatives that will assist families to increase their knowledge and skills about health promotion activities;
- support initiatives to assist families caring for children and young people living with disabilities; and
- respond to emerging and specific needs of disadvantaged or vulnerable families.

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