

Annual Grants 2018: Recommended Applications

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Arts and Culture Stream: Arts Development

AG18-006

Ms Kelli Alred

Temporal Proximities

Project Description: TEMPORAL PROXIMITIES is an exhibition of contemporary art curated by Kelli Alred, which highlights the work of seven mid-career and established artists. It will be the first project to be delivered within the newly refurbished Magdalen Laundries at Abbotsford Convent, marking their inauguration as a new arts and culture venue within the City of Yarra.

Focusing on the presentation of video, performance and process-based installation, the exhibition will unfold dynamically across three consecutive evenings from twilight to 10pm. Audiences will be provided with a schedule that outlines trigger points, cycles and sequences within which various events and assemblages occur as part of an evolving mise en scène.

Working in response to the unique histories and architectural heritage of the site, artists shall explore ideas of displacement, agency, authority and entanglement.

Gabriella and Silvana Mangano will produce a site-specific video installation examining notions of agency and immediacy.

Sarah-Jane Norman will create a durational performance and installation addressing the history of indigenous domestic slavery and displacement.

Helen Grogan will present a site-specific installation with intermittent performances exploring a series of body-object entanglements framed by the unique spatial characteristics of the venue.

Jill Orr will produce a new site-specific performance, which responds directly to the history of the Magdalen Asylum.

Bridie Lunney will create a site-specific installation and durational performance, exploring the psycho-social relationships emerging between the body, objects and architecture.

Katie Lee will explore themes of agency and control through the production of a site-specific installation and performance.

Amount Requested: \$9,925 **Total Project Cost:** \$41,270

Recommendation: \$9,925

Panel Comments: A strong application for a considered project. As the inaugural event of the convent's restored laundry, the event has an extra layer of interest to the Yarra community. The panel were also impressed with the number of accomplished artists recruited to the venture.

AG18-051

Mr Govin Ruben

SK!N; a new work about human trafficking spanning dance, participatory performance and post-show discussions.

Project Description: We are seeking funds to present SK!N at the Abbotsford Convent and its surrounding areas from 6 – 18 March 2018.

Created in consultation with Human Rights NGO Tenaganita (Malaysia), The UNHCR, and a diverse group of individuals affected by human trafficking in South East Asia, SK!N provokes questions about the limits of our compassion and responsibility to each other. After being processed and squashed into a customised shipping container, the audience watch dancers poetically embody the traumatic cycle of forced migration, detention and deportation. Then the container moves and the audience – startled – are shipped off and dumped at a previously unknown location in the city. The work uses dance, participatory performance and post-show discussions to spark a multi-faceted, empathetic but critical response and exploration of human trafficking.

Our Abbotsford season will see us collaborating with our national community partner, Welcome To Australia, migrant communities from the Preston/Reservoir Adult Community Education (PRACE), and local volunteers from the City of Yarra area to perform in sections of the work as well as participate in the post-show discussions. By working closely with local NGOs/human rights organisations, we hope to expose the ways that migrant issues are embedded within their communities, encouraging audiences to understand how these problems affect them directly and create positive change in community attitudes towards new migrants.

This presentation in Abbotsford is part of our three-city 2018 Australian tour of Melbourne, Brisbane and Bendigo. With this application, we are seeking funding for the Melbourne leg of the tour only.

Amount Requested: \$11,740 **Total Project Cost:** \$76,030

Recommendation: \$8,500

Panel Comments: The panel felt that this was a highly innovative and intriguing contemporary project with exceptionally high artistic merit. The panel felt that it will attract new audiences and draw attention to a significant social issue. The application was also supported by a very thorough and clear application.

AG18-073

Play On Arts Ltd.

Play On | Series Four

Project Description: Play On Series Four will take place across three Friday nights in March 2018. The shows will feature Play On's unique model of one classical set followed by one electronic (DJ) set.

The classical set will showcase the talents of Play On company artists such as Kristian Winther (violin) and Mee Na Lojewski (cello) among others. The artists featured in this project are the best young classical musicians in Australia, and their performances captivate and enthrall audiences. The second - electronic - set will be an opportunity for this audience to come together after the classical performance, to connect and engage through a shared musical experience in a community setting.

The presentation of classical music is often elitist and exclusive. Tickets are expensive, and the experience of going to see it performed live can be intimidating. Play On was created in response to this situation and its shows are designed to be accessible and enjoyable to diverse audiences. The classical sets are short - 50-60 minutes total - and the second, electronic set, counterbalances and contrasts dramatically. The second set is designed to bring the audience together to socialise and connect, fostering a sense of community.

As with previous Play On series at the Underground Carpark, Play On Series Four will engage residents of the Collingwood Housing Estate in roles such as security and bump in / out. As with the first two series, residents of the estate will again have access to free tickets to the performances.

Amount Requested: \$9,750 **Total Project Cost:** \$21,150

Recommendation: \$8,000

Panel Comments: The panel felt this project responded exceptionally well to all five stream priorities. The application was clear and articulated the program, aims and benefits very astutely. The panel was also impressed with the promise to ensure that women artists were well represented.

AG18-154

Mr Bart Willoughby

Auspice: Auspicious Arts Incubator

Resonance Live

Project Description: A live musical performance at the Fitzroy Town Hall, which has been chosen for its acoustic aesthetic historic and community based relevance. The performance is a combination of recorded sounds of The Melbourne Town Hall Pipe coupled with sounds from the Bungle Bungles with contributions from remote area artists Gabe Nodia and Stephen Pigram. Recorded sounds filmed and painted imagery on a digital display accompanying the performance will allow for the melding of urban and city cultures sounds and sights in this performance. Combined with the live performance by Bart Willoughby and Soprano Shauntai Batzke, Anita Hustas and Phil Bywater and Kurdish Ude Player Fadil Suna. To be presented as part of Reconciliation week it is a performance in its combination of artists, cultures, genders, genres, and message the essence of Reconciliation in action. Coupled with local community based organizations who will aid in promoting the event and reaching out to community audiences. They will in part help facilitate an ongoing life for the performance through recording and future broadcasting of the event. It is hoped that pod casts and vox pops could be drawn from the audiences and the possibility of workshops or floor talks with the performers prior to the evening show.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$16,000

Subsidised Use Amount: \$1,700 **Venue:** Fitzroy Town Hall

Recommendation: \$10,000 **Subsidised Use Recommendation:** \$1,700

Panel Comments: This is a worthwhile project involving strong artists. The panel felt that it was an innovative program bringing together diverse members of the community as both audience and performers.

AG18-155

Ms Yumi Umiumare

Auspice: Multicultural Arts Victoria

ButohOUT! ~ Body, Our Closest Nature

Project Description: The ButohOUT! festival aims to activate artistic and cultural exchange through the powerful performing arts medium, Butoh, by engaging with local arts communities in City of Yarra (CoY). Butoh, originally called 'Dance of Darkness' in late 50's Japan, goes beyond the confines of specific cultures and aims for universal expression that touches the soul of humanity. It crosses the boundaries between dance and theatre, creating unique expressions between body and landscape. ButohOUT! will be a partnership with Abbotsford Convent (AC) and workshops, performances and public forum will be held there between February and April 2018. Multicultural Arts Victoria and the team of local artists will manage the project.

1. PUBLIC WORKSHOP

>Feb-April: Two months of workshops in studio (twice a week) to create short works, conducted by Melbourne-based, international Butoh practitioners, Yumi Umiumare and Tony Yap.

> March: Weekend outdoor workshops at AC, introducing Butoh in accessible and family-friendly ways for the local community.

2. PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION

April: Two weeks season of performances, four nights each week, at indoor and outdoor venues at AC. The works will be by local artists who emerged from the public workshops, and by local and international guest artists including Agung Gunawan from Indonesia.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

April: What is Butoh? for discussing about Butoh, Body and Landscape.

ButohOUT! will be a follow-up to the success of Evocation of Butoh in 2017 (part of AsiaTOPA).

The long-term vision for this festival is to activate and share individual interpretations of this distinctive art form, Butoh.

Amount Requested: \$14,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$56,455

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: An exciting and excellent proposal that illustrates established practitioners, solid research and community support and consultation. The project is also inclusive of diverse groups and having a confirmed venue at the Abbotsford Convent will allow for a new and engaged voice. The panel also praised the very strong and highly detailed budget.

AG18-183

Speak Percussion

Before Nightfall

Project Description: Before Nightfall is a series of artistic encounters between Speak Percussion and invited guest artists. Each encounter occurs across the course of a single day, and results in the creation of a new work which at the end of the day is performed and recorded in front of an audience.

For its 2018 Before Nightfall series, Speak Percussion would like to partner with the City of Yarra on three of its Before Nightfall projects. Each performance will occur in a different space in Yarra, and will engage audiences in differing relationships to the performers, from in the round to a traditional theatrical setting to a very intimate context. Each collaboration is documented through high quality audio recording, which is later edited, mixed and released online.

Before Nightfall 18.1: Carolyn Connors (Fitzroy, AUS)

11 Feb 2018

Greenwood Street Projects Abbotsford

Connors is one of Australia's most important improvising vocalists. She has influenced several generations of experimental musicians.

<https://carolyn-connors.com>

Before Nightfall 18.2: Dans les arbres (NORWAY/FRANCE)

17 May 2018

The Richmond Theatrette - Richmond

Dans les arbres is an internationally revered quartet, touring to Australia for the first time.

<http://danslesarbres.net>

Before Nightfall 18.3: TBC in consultation with Dancehouse

11 December 2018

Dancehouse - North Carlton

Up to 15 students (5 x 3) Yarra high school students from our Sounds Unheard program will also participate as interns. This will offer the unique opportunity of being closely involved with the creation of new music with some of the world's leading music makers.

Amount Requested: \$7,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$23,420.40

Subsidised Use Amount: \$320 **Venue:** Richmond Theatrette

Recommendation: \$7,000 **Subsidised Use Recommendation:** \$320

Panel Comments: A well written application for a project with a range of experienced artists, that includes strong engagement with and benefits to the community. The panel also noted and commended solid investment from the applicant in the project.

AG18-195

Ms Natasha Phillips

RESTORE final-development, community workshop and premiere season at Dancehouse in an international double-bill.

Project Description: RESTORE is a new contemporary performance solo developed with an all female team of international artists working in Australia and Europe. After an award-winning Melbourne Fringe 2016 development season, RESTORE will undergo a final-stage development in Carlton (Dancehouse) and in Castlemaine (Punctum Inc). The work will then premier in a double-bill season with Austrian collaborator, Mirjam Sögner's solo performance, LARA also in Carlton (Dancehouse).

RESTORE is facilitating access to best artistic and audience development practices in diverse contexts, having been developed extensively in Europe as well as in regional and metropolitan Victoria. This final-stage development and premiere will enable these discoveries to be fully realised for City of Yarra audiences and artistic communities. Additionally, the artists will lead workshops at both venues aimed at emerging artists, inviting them to engage in the expansion and delivery of these two international performance works. We will work closely with Dancehouse, Punctum and Regional Arts Victoria to develop new audiences by building a targeted engagement campaign.

KEY PROJECT DATES - April 2018:

2-6/04: Publicising workshop and performance, development preparation and creatives' meeting

9-13/04: 1-week Intensive at Dancehouse with entire creative team.

14/04: 1-day Dancehouse community workshop on creative processes and international collaboration

16-22/04: 1-week Intensive at Punctum in Castlemaine with Mirjam and Renae. Outside-eye support from Jude Anderson, artist workshop and public-showing.

24-25/04: Bump-in at Dancehouse

26-28/04: 3 x Double-bill Performances at Dancehouse of RESTORE and LARA followed by an audience exchange format, developed through Renae's selected participation in the 'Mapping Dance EU' program.

Amount Requested: \$8,840 **Total Project Cost:** \$32,672

Recommendation: \$7,300

Panel Comments: The panel felt that this was a good application which addresses the funding priorities directly. They thought the proposal would also take an innovative approach to the dance format. The panel were pleased that the local community will be included and benefit from the free workshops.

Arts and Culture Stream: Community Arts

AG18-029

All The Queens Men

Auspice: Auspicious Arts Projects

The LGBTI Elders Dance Club

Project Description: The LGBTI Elders Dance Club is a social transformation and dance project for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) elders (65+). Held at the Fitzroy Town Hall on the first Thursday of each month, LGBTI elders attend this interactive creative event for free, learn new dances, enjoy delicious catering and drinks, and interact with other LGBTI elders and allies.

The LGBTI Elders Dance Club addresses ageism, homophobia, lesbiaphobia and transphobia by supporting the recreational, artistic and social rights of LGBTI elders, through creative actions. Central to the project is creating a regular space for LGBTI elders that is safe and inclusive. The creative action of dancing encourages and fosters socialising, friendship and a chance for LGBTI elders to have fun. The project helps strengthen the community of LGBTI elders and promotes their visibility. The LGBTI Elders Dance Club facilitates the physical, cognitive and emotional benefits that come from regular creative and physical practice.

In 2017, the project received in-kind support from City of Yarra for use of the Fitzroy Town Hall. This application augments this in-kind support to cover ongoing costs for catering, transportation for LGBTI elders with mobility issues, documentation (photography / film) administrative wages and artist fees for dance classes.

This project complements a series of social and cultural events created with and for LGBTI elders including: The Coming Back Out Ball (www.comingbackoutball.com) and New Moves High Tea (the largest gathering of LGBTI elders supported by the State Government).

Amount Requested: \$14,311 **Total Project Cost:** \$32,611

Subsidised Use Amount: \$10900 **Venue:** Fitzroy Town Hall

Recommendation: \$10,000 **Subsidised Use Recommendation:** \$10,900

Panel Comments: Strong project that addresses the funding priority streams well. The project offered a great level of community engagement. The project offers a creative use of facilities and an opportunity for an often overlooked sector of the community to express and celebrate their contribution to diversity in Yarra.

AG18-102

Claudia Escobar

El Tarro 10th Birthday

Project Description: EL TARRO is turning ten years in 2018. Entering the double digits is a major milestone for this project and we want to take this opportunity to bring the community together to strengthen it and open opportunities for the future. We plan to celebrate its 10th birthday with two main activities (free entry) that will increase people's connectedness in the community: 1) An exhibition including historical footage and photographs of the 10 years and artworks by people who have been part of EL TARRO and 2) An EL TARRO experience involving the community that has been built so far and inviting new members to connect to this initiative.

EL TARRO was born in the City of Yarra so many of its community members live there and some of its supporters are based there too (SONIDO!, Trippy Taco) so we would like to run these activities at Schoolhouse Studios. The EL TARRO experience will run on Saturday 24 November from 6pm-12am involving the opening of the exhibition; a community conversation to identify common-problems and explore potential solutions and a mix of micro dance, street, theatre, circus and puppet performances; visual art projections; live and recorded music and South American street food. The exhibition will last 10 days.

To be able to run these activities, there will be a prior work of database update and direct contact with local community members to be completed between February and November. We believe these activities will guide us towards developing the project in the future.

Amount Requested: \$10,038 **Total Project Cost:** \$14,565

Recommendation: \$9,068

Panel Comments: A good application with strong community engagement and a history of producing high-quality art produced by contemporary artists.

AG18-143

Circus Australia Ltd. T/A Circus Oz

Deadly Elders Circus

Project Description: In partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS), in July 2014 Circus Oz established Deadly Elders Circus, a program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and older clients living in inner city Melbourne. Each week 10 participants come to Circus Oz for two (2) hours of participatory circus skills and music workshop including a shared meal and community time.

The Deadly Elders Circus project provides a mechanism to facilitate and stimulate conversation about leadership and community amongst the participants in tandem with fun, engaging and non-competitive activities that promote their physical and mental wellbeing. In a creative and safe place the participants focus on improving physical strength, balance and coordination, increasing their mental resilience and confidence, learning new skills and trust building with others.

The 2018 program will have a strong focus on social connectedness. Participants will continue to develop their acro-balance and clowning skills that will facilitate laughter and build social cohesion within the group. The program will also focus on drumming skills, as creating music with a group, in particular percussion, has profound mental wellbeing benefits.

The project is part of the Circus Oz broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Strategy and links with other activities of Circus Oz. We are committed to working with our local urban Aboriginal communities and providing access for older community members to a circus workshop program that is of great benefit to individuals and their immediate community.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$50,900

Recommendation: \$7,134

Panel Comments: An important and excellent project that significantly benefits the community. It strongly addresses the funding priorities and provides really positive outcomes for Elders of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members. The panel noted that there was limited in-kind support from Circus Oz, and in this competitive funding round could not fully fund.

Arts and Culture Stream: Festivals and Events

AG18-032

Progressive Broadcasting Service Co-operative Limited

Rock A Bye Baby

Project Description: Rock-A-Bye Baby is a family friendly event providing a safe and supportive environment for local families to experience high quality live contemporary music. PBS 106.7FM coordinates a musical act - usually sourced from our rich and diverse local music community - to perform a daytime concert at a City of Yarra venue. The event is free for children and only \$5 for adults, plus free entry for the first 50 concession card holders - thus making the event accessible for families from varying socioeconomic circumstances. There will be six events in the City of Yarra over the course of the 2018 calendar year (held bi-monthly), each featuring a unique band or artist. The Rock-A-Bye Baby event is already a highly successful one - connecting with families who reside within the City of Yarra, as well as attracting many visitors to the area for the purposes of attending the event and enjoying quality, contemporary music in this unique setting. Rock A Bye Baby is a staple of the local community that welcomes new young families to each gig, it's an exciting place for families to meet and support each other through the early years of childhood. After a very successful 2017 program, PBS will strive to continue to grow the event and increase attendance with more local residents from across the broad mix of cultures and communities living in the Yarra area. We will seek to achieve this through continued diverse programming and broad promotional avenues.

Amount Requested: \$7,571 **Total Project Cost:** \$28,810

Subsidised Use Amount: \$5,740 **Venue:** Fitzroy Town Hall

Recommendation: \$0 **Subsidised Use Recommendation:** \$5,740

Panel Comments: The panel felt that this is a good application for a strong project with clear benefits to the community. The program is productive and in line with the stream funding priorities, being of high artistic merit and a creative use of the town hall space. In a competitive funding round this could not be fully funded, so the panel has recommended the funding the 100% subsidised use of the Fitzroy Town Hall, but could not include any cash funding to be included with this.

AG18-043

Aboriginal Housing Victoria

NAIDOC Family Day at the Farm

Project Description: Aboriginal Housing Victoria is planning to host a NAIDOC Family Day at the Farm Event at Collingwood Children's Farm on Wednesday 4 July 2018. It will be in its 19th year AHV is hosting the free event as it continues to be a family friendly day out inclusive for everyone to come together to celebrate the history culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples.

We have planned a range of educational and informative activities including traditional dances, musical performances, hip hop workshops, boomerang painting, animal totem, toy weaving and dreamtime story telling. The day will provide a great opportunity for families to experience the rich traditions of Aboriginal cultures and feel the spirit of community connectedness. Historically the day is enjoyed by AHV tenants and their families, many who face challenges to accessing cultural and recreational activities.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$15,650

Recommendation: \$8,000

Panel Comments: An impressive and important long-standing event, with significant community benefits for all, and clear and positive objectives for impact. The panel noted it being particularly positive that the community attending can be involved in the workshops being run.

AG18-054

South Alphington & Fairfield Civic Association Inc. ("SAFCA")

Music From The Wetlands 2018 Festival and Expo

Project Description: The project involves the planning, organisation and management of a range of activities focused around the Yarra River Flats and Alphington Wetlands. The Festival and Expo, celebrating music, environment and community, will be held on 18 November 2018 and includes a free concert showcasing a diverse range of performers with a connection to the local community. There will be a range of interactive displays by local and community organisations such as the Darebin Parklands Association and the Yarra Riverkeeper Association as part of an environmentally focussed Expo intended to build local knowledge, education and appreciation of the value of our Wetlands.

The day will commence with a music march through the streets of Alphington to the festival site gathering local residents and friends along the way. The concert will commence with a Welcome to Country and feature professional and community performers of all ages, including bands, solo performers and choirs. Complementing the concert will be ancillary activities with a strong focus on the natural environment and the importance of the Wetlands to our community, such as story-telling, children's art and craft activities, and tours.

Local community organisations, clubs and traders will be invited to provide locally sourced produce in a market setting. There will be a strong focus on sustainability and low waste.

A festival village will be created with temporary stages, performance spaces, expo area and market stalls where the local community of all ages can meet and enjoy the performances, activities and refreshments.

Amount Requested: \$16,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$50,750

Recommendation: \$12,000

Panel Comments: The mix of events at this festival, including musical performances, workshops, and opportunities for engaging with environmental issues makes this an appealing event for a wide range of people. It is a unique, local event in an area that is not often reached in the Arts and Culture Grants, and the application demonstrated strong evidence of community support for the festival.

AG18-149

Make It Up Club Inc

Make It Up Club 20th Birthday Festival

Project Description: 2018 marks the 20th anniversary of the MIUC and we will be celebrating our mission to present and promote avant-garde improvised music and sound performance of the highest conceptual and performative standards, and to actively cultivate a diverse and engaged community around this scene.

Over four consecutive Tuesday nights in January, the MIUC 20th Birthday Festival will feature over 20 acts, comprising more than 60 individual performers, in collaborations meticulously crafted by our curatorial team to highlight the talent and innovation at the core of contemporary avant garde improvised sound practice in Melbourne. The key thread uniting the festival will be a focus on collaborations between the most exciting and innovative emerging and established artists currently performing with past and present MIUC curators—from the club's founders to current organisers, including: Ren Walters, Belinda Woods, Timothy O'Dwyer, Sean Baxter, Rod Cooper, Ned Collette, Dure Dara, Lloyd Honeybrook, Stephen Richards, Ari Sharp and Annalee Koernig. Additionally, we will be inviting some international performers to play and collaborate, most notably France's Ames Room, which features MIUC founder Will Guthrie, Jean-Luc Guionnet, and Clayton Thomas.

Complementing the sonic component of the festival will be an exhibition of recent and archival visual materials, drawn from both professional and crowd-sourced photographers, artists and videographers who have documented and aesthetically contributed to the MIUCs long history. Additionally, the festival will be recorded by ABC Radio under the direction of esteemed producer and engineer, Chris Lawson, for future broadcast on ABC Classic FM.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$30,400

Recommendation: \$9,000

Panel Comments: The Make It Up Club is a unique Yarra and Melbourne institution, with strong community support, so the panel were happy to see them celebrate what they do and how they do it, on this important anniversary. Great letters of support included in the application and the application has a strong community benefit.

AG18-151

Multicultural Arts Victoria

Emerge in Yarra 2018

Project Description: Commemorating World Refugee Week and celebrating the artistic and cultural diversity of Yarra, Emerge in Yarra takes place on the traditional lands of the Wurrundjeri People of the Kulin Nation with a week long festival spanning a multitude of workshops, theatre performances, cooking demonstrations, live music, storytelling, spoken word, comedy and conversations.

Founded in 2004 as a platform for artists in MAV's Visible Music Mentoring Program, the festival has since grown to encompass talented artists from refugee and emerging communities across the city, diverse art forms, new collaborations, innovations and commissioned works. The festival is timed to coincide with the United Nations World Refugee Day and Refugee Week and celebrates the ever-expanding contributions artists from all sectors of our diverse society have made in building the unique creative landscape and cultural fabric of Yarra, Melbourne & Victoria. The program will include events such as Slow Stylin' sustainable fashion talk and performance at The Social Studio, an exhibition at the Ownership Project, Kitchen Stories and cooking demonstrations on public housing estates, a new commissioned work in the Collingwood Underground Carpark, a theatre, music and storytelling event at Richmond Theatre, a Refugee Week interactive performance in conjunction with the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria & Melbourne Playback Theatre, the launch of our Visible 2018 album; Common Ground Interfaith spoken word and improvised music and a musical finale at the Melba Speigeltent in Collingwood.

Amount Requested: \$25,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$75,500

Recommendation: \$18,000

Panel Comments: This was a strong application for a broad-ranging festival which reaches diverse communities in a meaningful way. It has demonstrated a strong artistic merit and clearly addresses the Arts and Culture priorities.

AG18-173

Collingwood Housing Estate Arts Committee Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Collingwood Harvest Festival

Project Description: The Collingwood Harvest Festival is a community arts Festival situated in the heart of Collingwood at Harmsowth Park on the Collingwood Housing Estate. The Festival is created by the community for the community, and invites residents of the Housing Estate and the City of Yarra to connect through music, arts and food. The Festival has been running for over 15 years and is an integral part of Yarra's cultural calendar.

The activities include:

- Opening speech by local resident, a dignitary from the local council and an MP
- Music and acts performed by local and external artists
- Aboriginal sacred fire
- Art and craft sessions facilitated by professional artists
- Circus and juggling workshops
- "Conversation Pit" a community engagement space for anyone to connect and mingle with the community
- Stalls managed by local agencies and groups providing information about their services
- Catering (free of charge) managed by local residents
- Art installations made by local artists
- stalls from local businesses in and around Collingwood, Abbotsford, Fitzroy. These may include second-hand clothing stalls, jewellery stalls, food and tea stalls.

Amount Requested: \$20,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$50,000

Recommendation: \$18,000

Panel Comments: A grassroots festival that is supported and run by strong involvement from the local community on the estate. It is also a positive that it brings in audiences outside the estate, and extending the event and taking small steps to do this through external relationships is a good way to progress this further. This is a unique event for Collingwood Housing Estate and an event that really reaches different groups and individuals through the community.

AG18-185

Dancehouse Inc.

2018 Keir Choreographic Award and Public Program

Project Description: Dancehouse seeks funding to support the presentation of the eight Keir Choreographic Award (KCA) commissioned artists in a week-long performance season and the adjoining public program.

Presented in partnership with Carriageworks (Sydney) and the Keir Foundation, KCA is a national biennial cash award dedicated to the commission, presentation, promotion and dissemination of new Australian choreography. Now in its third incarnation, KCA has assumed a significant and dynamic place in the Australian dance landscape. It offers eight artists the time and space to create and present a fully funded new work, a remarkable context in which to engage with international perspectives and an opportunity to connect with new and ever-expanding audiences for dance in Australia. The KCA today is an unmissable national mini-festival, assembling an inspiring and diverse community of artists, international guests and audiences, enabled by an inspirational and functional model of public-private funding and interstate collaboration.

The rich and diverse KCA public program with its array of iconic national and international jury members, panellists, guests and workshop leaders, runs concurrently with the performance season, providing a vital context for related and relevant discourse, reflection and debate. Delivered in partnership with Yarra-based arts partners and local businesses, the public program also generates inclusive accessible dance experiences particularly crafted for audiences unfamiliar with contemporary dance.

So far, KCA has directly employed over 60 artists, attracted over 1300 audiences and activated 13 partnerships. The online KCA public program content was accessed over 12,000 times in 2016 alone.

Amount Requested: \$22,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$71,300

Recommendation: \$19,000

Panel Comments: A very strong application that addresses all the funding criteria. There is clearly interest in and a need for the project, including strong evaluation from previous events. The event that is of very high artistic merit. The panel felt the budget was reasonable for an event of this scale, with the grant funds predominately going to artist fees.

AG18-201

Midsumma Festival

Midsumma Galas: making space for diverse queer communities

Project Description: Midsumma Galas are three showcase performance events held at Collingwood's Melba Spiegeltent in the final week of Midsumma Festival 2018. These gala events are produced by Midsumma in partnership with key community organisations, strategically engaging two target demographics historically underrepresented amongst Midsumma's audiences and artists:

- Queer youth
- Indigenous and/or Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) queer people.

Midsumma will present three dynamic, diverse and vibrant gala events:

- YOUTH GALA (1 Feb 2018): presented in partnership with Minus 18 to engage queer artists and audiences who are 22 and under.
- COCOA BUTTER CLUB GALA (3 Feb 2018): presented in partnership with The Cocoa Butter Club Melbourne (a radical collective of "Queer and Trans People of Colour" producing event nights for and by their community), this event will focus specifically on Indigenous and CALD performers and audiences.
- QUEER COMEDY GALA (2 Feb 2018): this event will feature an exciting line-up of emerging and established queer comedians with an emphasis on showcasing the two key demographics outlined above.

This programme builds on a foundation of consultation with target communities, which identified that presenting full-scale events through the Open Access stream of the festival is a daunting and resource-heavy endeavour for artists engaging with Midsumma for the first time. As an alternative, the proposed showcase model is a "low-risk, high-return" strategy that provides easy-access for community wanting to perform (Galas are Midsumma-produced; performers need only prepare an act of 5 to 10 minutes) and direct connection to an audience.

Amount Requested: \$9,050 **Total Project Cost:** \$50,841

Recommendation: \$9,050

Panel Comments: A very strong application, addressing the stream priorities, and with good detail included. The program includes a wide range of streams. There is strong community benefit, as the event is aimed at a group of people who are high risk of prejudice and cultural invisibility, both in terms of performers and audience.

Arts and Culture Stream: Richmond Theatrette

AG18-095

Jesuit Social Services

'Writer's Group'

Project Description: Support After Suicide (SAS) plans to partner with theatre and arts company Anvil Productions (AP), to rehearse, produce and present the new play 'Writer's Group' at the Richmond Theatrette in 2018.

Rebecca Lister wrote 'Writer's Group' as a commissioned work by SAS in 2015/2016 (funded by Creative Victoria). The work is based on a series of interviews conducted by Lister with members of the community who have been bereaved by the loss of a loved one to suicide. The work is also based on Lister's own experiences as a facilitator of many writing groups with bereaved people for SAS and as a community member bereaved by the loss of her brother to suicide over twenty years ago.

'Writer's Group' was showcased at a reading, with professional actors, at Jesuit Social Services in 2016. The work was very well received and was described as important, real, intense, poignant, moving and funny.

For this project SAS will engage theatre director Hallie Shellam, designer Kat Chan, sound artist Declan Kelly, actors Joanne Davis, Michael Treloar, Donna Steven and Ashton Sly and producer Rebecca Lister.

SAS in collaboration with AP will engage these artists for a three-week rehearsal period, followed by a bump-in period and then a two-week (ten show) season of 'Writer's Group' at the Richmond Theatre. Discussion forums based on material presented in the play, facilitated by professional staff from SAS, will follow each performance of 'Writer's Group'.

Amount Requested: \$7,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$54,125

Subsidised Use Amount: \$4300 **Venue:** Richmond Theatre

Recommendation: \$7,000 **Subsidised Use Recommendation:** \$4,300

Panel Comments: The program proposed in this application clearly aligned with the priorities for this stream. The application was clear and addressed important community issues. The panel felt that this new work was of high artistic merit and that the partnership proposed in the application is a strong driving force which gives confidence in the project.

Community Development Stream: Community Strengthening

AG18-003

One Australian One Vietnamese One Community Association Inc.

Carers Support Program

Project Description: We are going to organise activities and support program for carers / family members of people with disabilities and older residents in Yarra. The activities include:

- Day Outing and excursions
- Cultural Celebrations
- Educational sessions/forum to assist them with self-care and access to relevant social support services.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,420

Recommendation: \$3,800

Panel Comments: The project idea has strong merit, and working with an important group who need assistance. There were not enough funds available in this competitive round to offer the full amount requested, but the panel felt that there was room in the budget to work with less funds while still achieving benefits for the community.

AG18-004

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Parish of Holy Trinity Richmond Senior Citizens Club

Social and Recreational Activities for Richmond Greek Senior Citizens

Project Description: We will run social and recreational activities for the Greek elderly of Richmond including meals, games, celebrating national and Saints' days, excursions, health lectures and visits from speakers. We support each other as we grow older and meet once a week together at the Church Hall. The recreational activities help to keep us healthy and active and stay in touch with our community. We go on excursions several times a year and often this is the only opportunity for some of the older ones to go away. We also keep an eye out for those who are now living alone. We welcome all cultures.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,900

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: This application met a clear and well defined need. It addresses the funding priorities well providing older residents with social opportunities and reducing social isolation with culturally appropriate events.

AG18-010

North Richmond Community Health

Chair-Based Exercise

Project Description: Funding is sought to continue the successful operation of a chair-based exercise program. The program targets older members of the community who reside in Richmond and who experience mobility issues, many of whom are also socially isolated.

The program provides weekly group exercise sessions and opportunities for social connection to members of the community who would otherwise be inactive and isolated.

The exercise sessions are delivered once a week by a qualified instructor who is experienced in older people's fitness training. Participants are encouraged to stay back after the sessions to have a cup of tea and catch up with one another.

It is envisaged that more participants will be recruited in 2018 if funding is obtained. Health seminars will also be linked to the program as many participants have expressed an interest in learning about chronic disease management.

Amount Requested: \$6,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,990

Recommendation: \$3,200

Panel Comments: The application was well written on the whole, A good initiative that is enjoyed by participants. Could not fully fund in this competitive grant round, so funding to cover the instructor's wage.

AG18-011

North Richmond Community Health

Social Connectedness Through English Conversation

Project Description: Funding is sought to continue the successful operation of this well-established Social Connectedness Through English Conversation Program. The program aims to develop English conversation skills in a safe, social environment, and in so doing build confidence among culturally and linguistically diverse participants.

The program is facilitated by skilled volunteers with exceptional English language and cross-cultural communication skills. In addition to verbal communication skills, the program provides an opportunity for social connectedness for both the volunteers and participants.

Amount Requested: \$1,760 **Total Project Cost:** \$13,760

Recommendation: \$1,760

Panel Comments: This application successfully demonstrated the ongoing benefits of this program to its participants. It provides a strong support for a community sector with specific needs.

AG18-014

North Richmond Community Health

World AIDS Day Event 2018

Project Description: We plan to host a community event to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and to reduce the stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. We aim to target community members at risk of acquiring HIV (including people who inject drugs, people from CALD and Indigenous backgrounds) as well as the general community. We will provide education and support to people affected by HIV. The event will be held during the day and will include a BBQ lunch and guest speakers who will reflect on their experience of HIV.

Amount Requested: \$4,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,596.50

Recommendation: \$2,874

Panel Comments: An important event, and a great opportunity to highlight the risk and ongoing concern of HIV infection with an at risk group of people.

AG18-015

Cohealth

Homeless footwear project 2018

Project Description: A program supplying suitable footwear, orthotics and aids to a homeless population in the City of Yarra.

The homeless footwear project allows eligible people to receive one free pair of shoes and/or orthotics, in a 12 month period. It can also assist with medical devices required to improve mobility for those with more complex needs, for example ankle foot orthotics.

The program will offer both an in-center and outreach approach to provide podiatry consultation. From the assessment, client eligibility will be determined and a client may receive the following:

- 1) Footwear for general purpose and every day use if current footwear is unsuitable or in need of replacement
- 2) Access to specialist mobility aids that assist with improving everyday life of people

who are homeless and suffer from poor mobility, for example post painful injuries (overuse, motor vehicle accident) stroke and cerebral palsy.

3) Access to customized orthopedic footwear/orthotics to prevent foot wounds associated with significant deformity or chronic conditions such as diabetes, which often lead to acute hospital admission.

Amount Requested: \$6,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,000

Recommendation: \$6,000

Panel Comments: This application demonstrated the clear need for this unique service. The application has also demonstrated the previous successes of the program offering assistance to this growing sector of the community.

AG18-020

North Richmond Community Health

Sorry Day Event 2018

Project Description: We plan to host an event to reflect on the experiences of the Stolen Generations and recognise moments of resilience, healing and the power of saying Sorry. We aim to target both Indigenous peoples as well as the wider community in order to promote reconciliation. The event will include a bbq with kangaroo steaks and salads. A Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony will be conducted by an Elder from the Wurundjeri tribe. A cultural dance performance (corroboree) will also be performed. Attendees will be gifted with a flower (Native Hibiscus) badge to commemorate the day.

Amount Requested: \$3,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,382

Panel Comments: A worthwhile event which recognises the resilience and struggles of the Aboriginal community, while celebrating its talents. Suggestion to develop an evaluation questionnaire to see the effectiveness of achieving objectives.

AG18-021

North Richmond Community Health

Look Good, Feel Good Day 2018

Project Description: We are planning to hold an event where disadvantaged clients who access alcohol and drug services at North Richmond Community Health are given the opportunity to raise their self-esteem and confidence. We plan to hold a bbq and host a team of people to make our clients look and feel great. Services provided on the day would include barbers and hairdressers, massage and podiatry. We would give clients packs including toothpaste and tooth brushes, hairbrushes, women's sanitary items. We will provide information and support to enable clients to gain access to mental health services.

Amount Requested: \$2,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$7,250

Recommendation: \$2,000

Panel Comments: This program represents an excellent strategy to engage and support this high needs sector in a way is very focused on developing the community. The panel were impressed with the high number of beneficiaries of the program.

AG18-023

Richmond Beijing Opera Study

Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Chinese Opera at the North Richmond Housing Estate for the community

Project Description: The group of around 30 people including singers and musicians meet twice a week to rehearse in order to perform in front of an audience about once a month at the North Richmond Housing Estate. Chinese opera performance does not mean simply showing musical instrumental playing, but with roles singing together to an audience. Our proper Chinese theatrical presentation must firstly choose a main subject of the whole performance, then the theme is to be gradually revealed by suitable stage background. The ingredients include beautiful musical accompaniments; attractive roles, singing; dancing; dialogue, and acrobatic fighting with martial arts. All of our stage accomplishment would aspiring Richmond community life mixed with Chinese long time created oriental features of theatrical beauty.

Amount Requested: \$2,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,000

Recommendation: \$2,000

Panel Comments: The project offers excellent value for money and addresses a number of priority areas with regard to community strengthening in the City of Yarra.

AG18-027

Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc.

Community Development and Harmony

Project Description: We want to continue and develop our present activities like free-English class, singing, dancing, painting and calligraphy, cooking, gardening, healthcare lectures, fishing. Later we want to expand our cooperations with more other organizations inside or outside Richmond area to give singing and dancing performances, exchange of arts like painting and calligraphy and gardening skills. We plan to have an exhibition of painting and Chinese calligraphy arts at the early of next year. Besides above we plan to organize elder people to have more suburb trips to enjoy the natural scenery spots of Melbourne if our condition is satisfied. We will invite medical specialists to give us more healthcare lectures and we will intensify the teaching of English words for Chinese elder residents in the emergency use which might save their lives. We invite Chinese painting specialist to teach us Chinese painting and calligraphy.

We want to provide the elder people who attend our activities with more good music equipments and English books and painting books and some other appliances like inks, special papers, wool-pens and plant- or vegetable-seeds for their gardening and others. We will also hold some parties during the important festivals like New-year-party, Christmas Party, Dragon boat party, Mid-Autumn Party, Australia National Day Party and so on. We also want to have other recreational plays like cards or chess play to avoid people gambling as possible.

Amount Requested: \$4,200 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,620

Recommendation: \$2,000

Panel Comments: The panel thought that this new group is offering important opportunities to Chinese seniors in Yarra and fills a gap in the Richmond area. In this competitive round the panel was not able to offer the full amount but has offered \$2,000 towards catering and events.

AG18-038

Richmond Community Support Services, The Salvation Army

ART LIFE - a therapeutic art program for the Yarra community

Project Description: The clients of Richmond CSS have identified their need for an evidence-based art therapy program and asked us to assist them with accessing the therapy. We believe it will provide an invaluable intervention for vulnerable people to explore their strengths and strategize positive changes to improve their lives. By engaging in the treatment of art therapy, under the guidance of a qualified art therapist, participants may express, explore and resolve emotional and mental states affecting their everyday lives, as well as identify barriers that reduce their capacity to engage in community. Our clients will experience a sense of well-being within a safe, compassionate and inclusive environment. Each individual will be afforded the opportunity to set goals and actively participate in varied artistic forms, and as a result of the therapeutically focused process, learn to overcome fears and feelings of inadequacy and be able to gain a sense of achievement and empowerment. The program will be held at our centrally located facilities in Richmond. The entire program shall consist of four groups of between 8 to 16 participants, one group for each term, with each group session running for two hours. There will be a total of nine group sessions per term. The participants will be mostly drawn from the least-advantaged sectors of the City of Yarra, with complex needs/chaotic lives. Participants will be assessed for additional needs (accessibility barriers/child care issues), screened for Depression/Anxiety/Stress pre and post program and actively linked into other services in line with their individual goals.

Amount Requested: \$9,170 **Total Project Cost:** \$16,776

Recommendation: \$7,000

Panel Comments: An outstanding application with evidence of client consultation in the project establishment, external partnership building and planning for evaluation. The panel particularly noted that there were good partnerships already established. There is strong evidence included for the effectiveness of art therapy and Salvation Army are well placed to identify and support the vulnerable groups.

AG18-050

Circolo Pensionati Italiani di Richmond

Seniors' Activities

Project Description: We would like funding to help continue running our Wednesday activities. We provide refreshments for our members visiting the club for regular, informal social activities and we also have special lunch outings five times per year to celebrate special events and holidays.

Amount Requested: \$4,200 **Total Project Cost:** \$14,837

Recommendation: \$1,600

Panel Comments: A great service to the community in giving older people a chance to get out and engage with others, so this project is very valuable to the community. Funding less as some items such as the Christmas party are high, but happy to fund for the lunches.

AG18-055

Association of Oromo Women in Collingwood City of Yarra Inc

Social connectedness for Oromo women living in Collingwood

Project Description: Planned activities are:

Seven information sessions to be held and to be organised in co-operation with MiCareLtd/New Hope Foundation

Four community celebrations: Eid Al Fitri, Eid Al Adha, a Cultural Diversity Day and an Australian New Year celebration with local communities

Two excursions for children to an adventure playground in Melbourne, one to be held on each of the two Muslim festival days

Four excursions for women and children and/or families:

- Two BBQs to be held in a park in Melbourne
- Two excursions by bus to an outer area of Melbourne or a nearby park

Equipment requested:

- One video/stills camera for use by the group to record community events

Amount Requested: \$13,700 **Total Project Cost:** \$16,000

Recommendation: \$5,000

Panel Comments: The panel thought that this group does good work and provides important support for this sector of the community. The events they run are important for creating positive cultural awareness and opportunities to connect with the broader communities. In this highly competitive round the funds allocated had to be limited.

AG18-057

North Richmond Elderly Chinese Friendship Association

Community Activities and Celebrations

Project Description: The activities we are planning are classes for English, both oral and written, and a computer class. Other activities are the same as last year, including:

- three cultural events: Dragon boat festival, Mid-autumn festival and Chinese New Year celebration
- monthly cooking class
- bus trip for Chinese seniors twice a year
- weekly singing and dancing activities
- playing mahjong three times a week
- visiting anybody who is sick or the family of somebody who has passed away
- bus for the Peking opera

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$23,120

Recommendation: \$2,500

Panel Comments: An organisation providing support and breaking down isolation. Providing important activities, however funding at a less amount to cover cost of one of the festivals and some additional support, as feel activities would be able to happen anyway, and with other funding support that is available.

AG18-058

Fitzroy Atherton Gardens Table Tennis Association Inc

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Project Description: The Association provides table tennis playing opportunities at Atherton Gardens two days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7:00pm and 9:30pm. Usually we have between 20 and 30 people playing each week and more than 100 on our competition days which are held three times a year. There are volunteer coaches and people attending come from many different cultures. Everyone is welcome.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$7,600

Recommendation: \$2,500

Panel Comments: The panel thought that it was great that this group brought people together in a way that encouraged physical activity. It address a clear community need and aligned well with the funding priorities.

AG18-062

Yarra Happy Family Association

Activities & Celebrations for School-age Children and their Families

Project Description: We would like funding to continue running weekly language classes for the children of our families at the meetings room on the Fitzroy Housing Estate. We would also like to keep having our family activities so we can run them on a weekly basis. We would like to keep having weekly ping pong activities. And in summer we would like to take the families on fishing outings every two weeks. This year we would also like to run a special overnight excursion for the children and their families. This would be a special trip somewhere to do more fishing.

We would also like to be able to celebrate traditional and Aussie festivals together: including Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, Moon Cake Festival, Christmas and Easter. These are in addition to our monthly happy family meals together.

Amount Requested: \$5,620 **Total Project Cost:** \$31,140

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: The project genuinely wishes to improve the lives of those experiencing disadvantage. Good to see the focus on the children and provision of activities, providing a positive outdoors experience for the children with the fishing trip. Could not fully fund due to competitive great round.

AG18-064

Multi Ethnic Slavic Senior Group Fitzroy Inc.

Looking after ourselves Project for Slavic elderly people

Project Description: We are going to organize regular weekly meetings, group lunches, information sessions, art and craft workshops, light exercise, healthy life information sessions such as: Shiatsu, Reiki, Healthy Diet, Dementia, Senior Rights etc.. We are going to participate in multicultural event and festivals and hand craft exhibitions. Our group is going to organize one group visit to nursing home in the area and provide information on how to access My Aged Care.

Amount Requested: \$3,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,400

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: The program responds to a clearly articulated community need. It tackles social isolation with culturally appropriate activities and aligns well with the stream priorities.

AG18-065

Yarra Healthy Life

Senior's Activities

Project Description: We would like to meet weekly for our different activities. These include square dancing classes for seniors, sewing group, seasonal fishing outings to different locations (public transport or carpools arranged as necessary to help members attend), cooking classes sharing local, family and our favourite recipes with each other. We also would like to continue meeting twice a week in the evening for ping ping exercise activities. We will also have special celebrations for Christmas, Chinese New Year, Moon Day and the Dragon Boat Day.

In these classes and groups, we both bring in special speakers and teachers to bring new skills to the group and encourage group members to share their ideas and knowledge. These classes encourage our growing membership to learn new skills, meet new people, stay connected, help each other and save money.

Amount Requested: \$5,650 **Total Project Cost:** \$68,550

Recommendation: \$4,000

Panel Comments: Program that is responding to a community need. The panel noted as a strong positive of this application that the applicant highlighted the fact that they articulated well the need for physical activity for health benefits. Funding at the minimum as not funding the fridge requested. Responding to a community need.

AG18-067

Fitzroy Sudanese Eritrean Families and Children's Group Auspice: Fitzroy learning Network

Fitzroy Sudanese Eritrean Families and Children's Group Activites

Project Description: The Sudanese Eritrean Families and Children's Group involves around 100 women and children from the Sudanese, Eritrean, Somali, Afghan and Ethiopian communities based in the Atherton Gardens Estate. We have planned several activities including summer outdoor gatherings, a holiday playgroup, excursions, overnight camp, and BBQs. The activities will also

include celebrations of Ramadan, Eid and Al-Adha. Especially after Ramadan families meet and eat special meals together, women from different backgrounds exchange recipes, eat and celebrate together. Men from different backgrounds also join the celebration together. Due to limited funding, we were unable to go on an overnight camp in 2017 as planned, we would like to organise an overnight camp in 2018.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$18,500

Recommendation: \$6,000

Panel Comments: The panel felt that this this group offered great supports for a sector of the community in need. The application demonstrated that the program is successfully creating good outcomes and benefits for the community.

AG18-069

Afghan and Iranian Women's Group in the City of Yarra Auspice: Fitzroy learning Network

Social support for Afghan and Iranian Women living in the City of Yarra

Project Description: The group plans to hold the following activities:

- Weekly social get-togethers, to be held at Collingwood CoHealth. Meetings held each week except during Ramadan
- Three trips to Dandenong to visit the markets and Afghan shops, and to have lunch
- One trip to the Dandenong to go cherry picking
- One local trip to a part of Melbourne unfamiliar to members of the group
- Monthly cooking class/session to be held at a local Community Kitchen
- A creative workshop to learn a new craft
- Three celebrations:
 - Nowruz, Afghan-Persian New Year
 - Eid Al Fitri, end of Ramadan
 - Eid Al Adha, Festival of Sacrifice

Amount Requested: \$6,378 **Total Project Cost:** \$9,903

Recommendation: \$4,000

Panel Comments: A worthwhile project, and a well thought out application addressing the stream priorities. Could not fully fund as smaller number of participants in a competitive round. The panel recommended starting with smaller amount/project to see how it is received and build up in the future.

AG18-077

Chinese Mandarin Community Friendship Association Inc

Silk Flowers Art Project

Project Description: The activities that will be undertaken in the project will include: making silk flowers, using a range of fabrics and craft material to create a range of framed designs. The finished designs will be on display at various council and community locations. Some of the project items will be sold as fundraisers for various community initiatives. Some of the art pieces will also be given as birthday presents to the elderly over the age of 85. The project takes place on the Atherton Gardens

Housing Estate over 12 months and aims to encourage the Chinese community living on the estate as well as the elderly and people with disabilities. The project aims to strengthen the engagement and communication with the elderly, improve their mental outlook and create a positive and happy atmosphere. The project will also encourage the artistic creativity and skills of the elderly to assist them to maintain active brain function. The project aims to reduce loneliness and isolation of the elderly and assist them to engage with the broader community.

Amount Requested: \$1,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$3,500

Recommendation: \$1,500

Panel Comments: The panel thought that it was great to see this group teaching and exhibiting this creative skill while also offering important social opportunities and support for the group's members. The exhibitions also extend the benefits to the broader community.

AG18-079

Chinese Mandarin Community Friendship Association Inc

Celebrating Community

Project Description: We meet regularly and have singing, dancing and entertainment sessions to keep our elderly Chinese Australian members healthy and active. As well as providing educational lessons and talks about a range of subjects from healthy living to how to care for the environment. We also regularly visit any sick and frail members who may be in hospital or a nursing home. We are seeking funding to continue with our activities which apart from our weekly get-togethers includes the following four main celebrations; Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid-Autumn Festival and Christmas. Each celebration involves food and special activities.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,375

Recommendation: \$2,800

Panel Comments: A good initiative to get the community members out and about. The panel felt that focusing on the health benefits of engaging older public housing tenants is a great objective.

AG18-080

Circolo Pensionati Italiani Di North Fitzroy

The Ginnastica per Pensionati Exercise Program for Italian Seniors

Project Description: The Ginnastica per Pensionati exercise program for Italian seniors is held in the Edinburgh Gardens. The program has been running since 2010. The program is run by volunteers, and employs an exercise trainer to run the sessions. 50 - 60 people come weekly to the sessions and for a hot lunch, such as soup. Also, four times per year we run a healthy lunch for all members together. These are important because the pensioner members can have a traditional home cooked meal and socialise, which is particularly important for the widows and widowers who live alone.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$11,960

Recommendation: \$5,000

Panel Comments: Good to see the group promoting healthy eating and active life as well as providing social outlets and support to a sector of the community that is at high risk of social isolation.

AG18-081

Anglicare Victoria

Gemstone Project

Project Description: The Gemstone Project will offer a safe space for women experiencing or at risk of homelessness, providing access to skills, services and support required for them to find and maintain housing.

Gemstone will operate once a week at breakfast time (8-11 am) at St Mark's Community Centre in Fitzroy for 48 weeks of the year. It will be comprised of:

- (1) Food. A nutritious breakfast will be served that will not only attract women but also support health and food security.
- (2) Services. Health, legal, housing, welfare and other support service providers will attend Gemstone, providing an informal environment for women to connect with the services they need. Royal District Nurses Service (RDNS) and Centrelink Engagement Team are examples of two services that will be in attendance.
- (3) Life Skills Training. On-site trainer will provide the following sessions, designed to enhance self-efficacy and increase participation in the community: Health, Literacy, Numeracy, Work Skills. Sessions will be weekly, integrated into session. Participants can develop their work skills further through work experience at the St Peter's Social Enterprise Coffee Cart.
- (4) Support. Gemstone will facilitate a supportive community that can provide the emotional and practical support that women need to find and maintain housing.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$49,000

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: A very thorough application that is clear about what to do and who will benefit. The beneficiaries being those who strongly need the support. The application addresses a very real need in Yarra and aligns strongly with the funding priorities.

AG18-082

Chinese Good Voice (Melbourne) Inc.

Atherton Gardens Estate Chinese Choir

Project Description: We intend to put on a series of performances for Yarra residents during 2018. We are performing at eight cultural events including Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid-Autumn Festival, Chinese National Day, Australia Day, Seniors' Week, Housing Week and Christmas.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,000

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: This group offers good culturally appropriate activities and an important social outlet for the group's members.

AG18-083

Project Respect Incorporated

Capacity building for services to more effectively support women in the sex industry

Project Description: This project has three overarching categories

1) Outreach

PR will conduct outreach to CoY's 7 licensed brothels, allowing us to build rapport & engage with WISI, & provide information about PR services.

We will:

- Provide WISI information about local & state-wide services
- Provide localised CoY newsletter, promoting connectedness & social inclusion
- Deliver gift packs
- Provide PR brochures in relevant languages
- Monitor compliance of brothels as per Sex Work Act 1994
- Continue mapping unlicensed brothels in CoY

2) Partnership building

PR will develop strong partnerships with social service providers in CoY to better support WISI & women trafficked.

We will:

- Map social/community/welfare services in CoY
- Link WISI/women trafficked with services within CoY
- Develop referral pathways and feedback loops, following up with the woman & the service to gather feedback on processes
- Discuss training opportunities, identifying additional training areas required
- Engage closely with key stakeholders such as CoY

3) Capacity Building Training

PR aims to increase capacity of service provider staff by delivering training about the sex industry, human trafficking, barriers & issues WISI/women trafficked experience, & best practice to support WISI/women trafficked.

We will:

- Deliver 2 full-day training sessions to 50 frontline service providers
- Implement evaluation mechanisms, including follow-up with participants in months following training to identify areas which may require review
- Develop appropriate refresher materials as required

Our activities are informed by an evaluation of our outreach program. Recently, we have not had great success conducting outreach in CoY, with small numbers of women met. However, still attempting to outreach is fundamental as it allows for direct engagement with WISI.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$36,998

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: A worthwhile project targeting a difficult to reach groups in Yarra. It will have obvious benefits for the participants, and addresses the stream priorities very well.

AG18-084

Cultivating Community

Meet and Eat 2018

Project Description: Meet and Eat will be a weekly social cooking group and community lunch operating for 2 hours on a Wednesday afternoon during school terms. The group will offer numerous opportunities to build social and health capital for participants as well as increasing people's understanding of their local community and the services available to them. The group will cook together for the first hour enabling participants to develop skills in food preparation, negotiating their contribution to the group, practising verbal and written English skills and learning planning skills. The second hour will involve sitting to eat the prepared meal, practising their social and English skills and learning something about their local community. It is anticipated that there will be guest speakers from various organisations invited to the lunch to discuss programs and services as well as the facilitators of the sessions talking about services offered by Cohealth and offering nutrition advice. The group has been running since 2016 and has rotating attendance from staff and participants learning written and spoken English with the Fitzroy Learning Network, who come from a range of CALD communities. There are other community members who come along including people who are homeless, live in neighbouring rooming houses as well as residents from local public housing blocks. The program will be facilitated and supported by Cultivating Community in partnership with Cohealth dieticians and will be held in the Fitzroy Community Food Centre at Atherton Gardens -Napier street.

Amount Requested: \$5,600 **Total Project Cost:** \$19,600

Recommendation: \$5,600

Panel Comments: This is a well considered application for a program that seeks to improve the lives of some of the City of Yarra's more disadvantaged residents. The application fills a gap for a clearly articulated community need.

AG18-085

U3A Chinese in Yarra

Chinese U3A in Yarra

Project Description: This recently established U3A provides a variety of classes covering history, literature, geographer, English dialogue, Chinese languages, Chinese calligraphy, painting, dancing and cooking. The project would also facilitate excursion, fitness, exercise and other activities for members. The U3A is aimed at providing educational opportunities for seniors from a Chinese background. We have attached a list of activities in the supporting documentation section of this application.

Amount Requested: \$8,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$24,000

Recommendation: \$8,000

Panel Comments: This project is an excellent example of fostering social inclusion and offering cultural specific programming to ensure active minds and bodies. Clear aims and outcomes, with

substantial benefits to the community. Good to see the U3A branching out, and program to reach a very large number of participants.

AG18-086

Yarra Chinese Friendship Association

Activities for the Elderly Chinese

Project Description: This project aims to get elderly Chinese members of our club out of their homes to exercise and socialise for the health benefits. We have around 200 members based at the Atherton Gardens Estate. Our members sing, dance, play chess and mahjong. We hold various seminars on issues like health, Centrelink, consumer affairs and multicultural issues. We undertake day trips twice per year. We meet weekly on Monday and Saturdays and monthly on a Sunday. We hold 12-13 activities per month.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$13,300

Recommendation: \$5,000

Panel Comments: This is an active group with a large membership. They provide culturally appropriate activities and support for a sector of the community that is at high risk of social isolation.

AG18-088

Oromo Community Women's Group in the City of Yarra Inc

Social, educational and cultural activities for Oromo women and families in the City of Yarra

Project Description: This project will provide:

1. Fortnightly social gatherings on a Saturday for Oromo women and their children (every fortnight except during Ramadan)
2. Seven information sessions to be held on a Monday to cover topics such as policing and the law, child support, parenting, health and updates on services
3. Weekly children's classes on language and culture
4. Fortnightly knitting classes for women
5. Four excursions for Oromo families, one to a zoo or adventure park for children, two BBQs in local parks for families, and one excursion to outer Melbourne or a nearby town for Oromo women and children

Amount Requested: \$10,230 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,430

Recommendation: \$9,000

Panel Comments: The panel thought that this organisation offers important support for an emerging group in Yarra. The program clearly addresses well articulated community needs and clearly addresses the stream priorities. The panel is well impressed with the selection of topics covered in the information sessions.

AG18-090

Performing Older Women's Circus (POW)

Auspice: Auspicious Arts Projects

POW as an accessible resource for local women

Project Description: POW holds regular classes in Fitzroy with a qualified trainer. Our two-hour classes run on a Saturday afternoon from February to December. Our core group of members welcomes new members for introductory, casual and longer term involvement. While we draw members from all over Melbourne, we encourage local women to join by leaving our flyers at nearby cafes and venues and advertising in local free papers. Class fees are tiered and deliberately kept low to promote social inclusion. We participate in Pride March and occasionally do paid gigs. In 2016, we performed at White Night and for Ovarian Cancer Australia and have accepted an invitation to perform at the 'Coming Back Out Ball' during Seniors' Week in 2017. In 2018, we look forward to more public performances.

POW wants to continue employing a qualified trainer (currently Dorota Scully) and sustain concessional class fees. We aim to maintain the Cecil St Dance Studio as a base, an ideal training venue because of its central location, low cost, spaciousness and easy access to public transport. The collectivist, community-based values of the Studio also accord with POW's values.

Some POW members do not drive, have serious medical conditions and English is their second language. These members comment that the combination of a qualified and friendly trainer, accessible venue and low fees results in a 'welcoming and unique space'. City of Yarra funding would POW to continue to flourish, so that our message of positive ageing can reach more women locally.

Amount Requested: \$4,751 **Total Project Cost:** \$11,351

Recommendation: \$4,751

Panel Comments: This is a unique and inventive group. The program offers great benefits to the performer. The program also enriches the cultural life and vibrancy of Yarra through the troupes performances and involvement in other events.

AG18-093

Fitzroy Chinese Association

Healthy Living in the Community

Project Description: The Fitzroy Chinese Association has 170 members and meets weekly and organizes weekly activities for elderly Chinese residents (Cantonese speaking) at the Atherton Garden's Estate. The activities include:

- Workshops delivered by volunteers on well-being, welfare and health
- Mild exercise sessions
- Free lunch for members
- Monthly excursion
- Lawn bowling
- Singing
- Festival celebration

The Association also coordinates volunteers to visit elderly members at home and to help with grocery shopping. The Association provides a social environment for its members and has fostered friendships and a social network among the Chinese community in Yarra. It also helps the elderly members to stay active. The project run by the local residents for the local residents, aims to reduce

the social isolation experienced by Chinese residents and to nurture meaningful and socially inclusive life.

Amount Requested: \$7,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,300

Recommendation: \$5,000

Panel Comments: This is a good application that meets an important need within Yarra, but due to the competitive nature of the annual grant process, the decision was made to recommend a lesser amount for this project. It aligns well with the priorities of the stream, and good to see membership fees and contributions from the organisation.

AG18-106

MiCare-New Hope Foundation

Yarra Women Behind the Wheel

Project Description: Women Behind The Wheel is a driving program for refugee and migrant women who have difficulty attaining their license. It was developed in response to a stated need by the women and is supported by a range of agencies including the Neighbourhood Justice Centre, Carringbush Adult Education, Vic Police and Fitzroy Legal Service

The program which we plan to run twice during the year with 15 women in each program.

Program components:

1. Mentoring women in the implementation of the program
2. A series of 3 (2 hour) sessions covering the following topics-road rules and road safety, licensing system and process, infringements and fines, the role of the police, the law and driving, buying and selling a car, consumer law, insurance and child safety restraints. These sessions will engage the expertise of Police, Fitzroy Legal Service, Vic Roads and Carringbush Learning Centre
3. Three 2 hour sessions on road rules using English language support and computer practice sessions
4. 5 subsidized driving lessons through the RACV

The project is a collaboration with Carringbush Adult learning who will use their resources to ensure that information is conveyed in a culturally appropriate and user friendly format.

The program also provides a pathway for Carringbush's proposed fundraising program aimed at supporting women in designing fundraising initiatives to secure additional driving lessons adding to the sustainability of the program.

Amount Requested: \$9,600 **Total Project Cost:** \$15,200

Recommendation: \$8,400

Panel Comments: A good concept, and the application is for a well researched project that demonstrates a need for this support and guidance. A positive and empowering program. Clear aims and outcomes and strong buy in from other local agencies to support the project.

AG18-109

HerSpace Limited

HerCircle - A community building mental health group program for women affected by sexual exploitation.

Project Description: HerCircle will support women who self-identify as being affected by sexual exploitation. Survivors face severe trauma, social isolation, and difficulty finding support services and pathways out of exploitation. HerCircle's specialised counsellors will offer healing through trauma-informed art therapy, mindfulness and psycho-education. This will enable participants to develop interpersonal and emotional regulation skills, address isolation and create support systems to increase safety and address disadvantage.

"This program will create a place for survivors to connect to other survivors in a safe environment - providing them with invaluable, positive and inspiring friendships that enable me to thrive" - Survivor, Brisbane, 26

HerCircle is both a new and innovative approach to addressing the issue of sexual exploitation. Research shows a significant gap in targeted mental health support for sexually exploited women, HerSpace aims to fill this gap and provide community strengthening programs to disadvantaged female victims.

HerCircle group offers 3 hour sessions weekly for 10 weeks, providing 240 hours of specialised trauma-therapy to 8 participating women. HerCircle is carefully planned by our two counselling facilitators and HerSpace Program Manager, all of whom hold expert qualifications in the areas of mental health, trauma-informed practice and women's support. Sessions offer women workshops and activities including:

- Psycho-education and empowerment
- Managing impacts of trauma
- Emotional regulation skills
- Mindfulness
- Art Therapy
- Social space and afternoon tea
- Peer support and sharing experiences
- Linkages to support services
- Life goal setting including safe housing, stable employment, education and financial stability

Amount Requested: \$9,980 **Total Project Cost:** \$50,617

Recommendation: \$6,000

Panel Comments: Strong application with a clear methodology and outcomes. Good to see connections with partners. Addresses stream priorities very well. While recognising the expense of a program like this, given the low number of beneficiaries could not fully fund in a very competitive funding round.

AG18-112

Richmond Women's Wellness Group Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Richmond Women's Wellness Group

Project Description: The Richmond Women's Wellness Group is a multicultural, interfaith support group established by and for women of the Richmond Housing Estate. The group meets fortnightly in a community hall on the Richmond Housing Estate for social gatherings, information sessions and craft activities. The group also holds a number of community cultural celebrations throughout the

year which are open to all women and their children in the City of Yarra. The group is supported by MiCare-New Hope Foundation, Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House, Brotherhood of St Laurence and Department of Health and Human Services.

1. Fortnightly sessions that alternate between information sessions (that provide links to local services and other important information related to health and wellbeing) and activity/socially-based sessions. These sessions provide a safe space for women to come together and further develop their skills in a warm and friendly environment. To augment the women's current craft skills, we will employ a local artist to work with the women once every term (four times in the year).

2. Three community events/school holiday events that celebrate the strength and abilities of all women and also the cultural and religious diversity of the City of Yarra. These will provide a safe space for all women and children in the City of Yarra to come together. Examples of these are International Women's Day, Mother's Day, Harmony Day.

Amount Requested: \$9,960 **Total Project Cost:** \$24,760

Recommendation: \$9,000

Panel Comments: This was a strong application with good links to the priority areas. The panel was impressed with how the applicant planned to support women's involvement in the group. They also felt that this program addressed a well defined need and filled a gap in current service provisions.

AG18-119

MiCare-New Hope Foundation

African Women's Group

Project Description: The African Women's Group has been operating within the city of Yarra for several years. It has a base at the Neighborhood Justice Centre in Collingwood and meets monthly. African Women from within Yarra attend the program and originate from South Sudan and North Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia-Oromo and Amharic and Somalia. The group is supported by Micare (New Hope Foundation), The Neighbourhood Justice Centre and City of Yarra Family Services. The group has focused the year 2016 on extending both the knowledge and skills on specific issues relevant to the women and on enhancing community connectedness.

In 2018 we plan to build and extend the skills and knowledge of the women through providing them with opportunities to have a greater role in the running of the program and demystifying the processes. Mentoring will be an important element of the program. For example women will have the opportunity to engage more with speakers through taking part in presenting them to the group and opening and closing sessions and they will be supported in developing the skills involved in this. Women will also be mentored to develop flyers for the sessions and outings.

The group will continue with monthly information sessions determined by the women through regular discussions. Two outings will also be planned (one during the school holidays) as well as a cultural celebration.

Amount Requested: \$6,900 **Total Project Cost:** \$12,900

Recommendation: \$5,800

Panel Comments: A very well written application that clearly demonstrated need and highlighted outcomes, and included a clear budget. A worthwhile project that provides opportunities for African

women to participate, develop skills and capacity to contribute to the broader community. Good to see the inclusion of childcare and interpreters in the budget.

AG18-133

Yarra Chinese Women's Group

Health and Happiness for Chinese Women

Project Description: Our group provides a range of activities and weekly meetings for the Chinese women of the City of Yarra. We provide healthy lunches, play Mahjong, do Tai Chi, go on outings and excursions, have seminars and guest lecturers. We have seminars in regard to health and hygiene for women. We have a series of activities and special days that we celebrate throughout the year. These include International Women's Day, Mother's Day, Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, a special Anniversary Celebration, Mid-Autumn Festival, Senior's Week, Christmas and Chinese New Year celebrations. Also people can come and be grouped together with others that enjoy the same things.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,900

Recommendation: \$4,000

Panel Comments: This program fits strongly with the priorities of the Community Strengthening category addressing cultural connections for a linguistically and economically disadvantaged group of older women. The application does a good job of highlighting how sharing information and social activities will help with social isolation.

AG18-134

You Yi Zhi Qiao - Crossing The Bridge Inc

Crossing The Bridge Happily

Project Description: "Crossing The Cultural Bridge Happily" is a program of community building/strengthening addressing the social, educational and cultural needs of both senior and younger CALD people in the City of Yarra. The program will be carried out by the You Yi Zhi Qiao - Crossing The Bridge group. We have entered into a partnership with Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House (BANH) and the Fitzroy Learning Network (FLN). Our activities will include weekly health and well-being classes, cooking classes, excursions, English conversation classes, civics sessions and choir practice. Also included are performances at City of Yarra Citizenship Ceremonies, and a number of performances in collaboration with BANH and FLN. All activities are associated with the aim of gaining yet more cross-cultural members and celebrating diversity.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,375

Recommendation: \$4,500

Panel Comments: This project aligns well with the stream priorities and is particularly strong because it provides not only important opportunities for elderly Chinese at risk of social isolation, but because it also helps build connections between this community and the broader Yarra Community.

AG18-139

Women and Mentoring - WAM Ltd

Mentor Training in cultural competence

Project Description: Last year, with funding from the City of Yarra, WAM's mentors undertook two training sessions that were successful and highly valued. This year we propose to build on their developing skill set by undertaking Cultural Competence training. It is important that WAM engages with all members of the community in which we work, in a culturally safe way. Training delivered by an external professional source will help achieve this. This training would be delivered by the Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health, who are based in the City of Yarra.

WAM currently has seven mentors in its Inner North program, with five of these currently matched with participants from the City of Yarra who are in contact with the criminal justice system.

WAM is currently recruiting for new mentors, and has several new participant referrals pending, so it is expected that these numbers will increase by January 2018.

Whilst this training will occur in the City of Yarra, we wish to open it to our mentors in the West as it would greatly enhance the practice of the organisation as a whole.

Amount Requested: \$1,950 **Total Project Cost:** \$3,525

Recommendation: \$1,950

Panel Comments: Very worthwhile organisation with a well thought out application that demonstrated that it is responding to an important community issue. A very good overall project, outcomes and methodology, and the panel felt it was good to see they are building on previous work and upskilling volunteers.

AG18-140

Richmond Joy Choir Inc

Richmond Joy Choir

Project Description: We plan for community celebration activities which can reinforce the function for our choir. These celebration include the major Chinese Festivals as follows:

- 1) Chinese New Year Festival,
- 2) Duan Wu Festival
- 3) Mid-Autumn Festival

We plan to hold our celebration at the community hall at 106 Elizabeth Street Richmond. If the turn out exceed the hall capacity we can extent the celebration outdoors. We believe that it is important to have the celebration within the housing estate because this will most effectively impact everyday community life.

Amount Requested: \$5,200 **Total Project Cost:** \$15,400

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: The group provides an important culturally appropriate and community building events. It aligns well with the stream priorities and promotes participation from the broader community.

AG18-141

Sacred Heart Mission

5 Minute Community Volunteer Program

Project Description: SH Local recruits time-poor volunteers to help our clients who receive our in-home support services and often live alone. Some clients need help with minor everyday tasks such as fitting a light bulb, putting out their rubbish bin, watering plants or just have someone checking in on them on a hot day.

5 Minute Volunteers has been operating in the City of Port Phillip (CoPP) for 4 years and City of Stonnington (CoS) for 2 years with 12 volunteers and 16 clients as at 30 June 2017 (with natural turnover). The grant would enable the program to be expanded to the City of Yarra (CoY) in line with the expansion of services provided by SH Local. We intend to re-employ our current project worker for 1 day per week to expand the program to CoY.

SH Local launched in March 2017 and expands in-home support services for vulnerable and socially isolated individuals living in the community to CoY and northern regions. It extends the traditional Home Care service offering (for clients aged over 65 years) to include supports for adults under 65 years of age who are eligible for NDIS support packages. As a specialist provider of Home Care Packages (HCP) and National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) packages for adults, SH Local provides a range of supports to eligible clients to maintain their housing and independence in the community. SH Local packages make life easier for disadvantaged community members.

5 Minute Volunteers extends the SH Local offering and fosters neighbourliness.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$35,065.04

Recommendation: \$5,000

Panel Comments: A strong application with good linkages in the community. The panel noted the importance of the project given the vulnerable nature of the target groups. The panel also had confidence in Sacred Heart's ability to get volunteers and felt need for this program will increase with a decrease in state and federal funding. However given the small number of participants and this being a pilot program, in this competitive stream could not fully fund.

AG18-145

Richmond Hill Senior Citizens Club

Richmond Hill Senior Citizens: An Active Community

Project Description: The purpose of our Club is to bring together a group of elderly people to socialise, talk to one another, share their joy and problems, provide support, play cards, bingo, singing, dance, have meals and cultivate diversity. During the year we have a few excursions. The project will support our activities and the elderly community of Richmond. The majority of our members are from Italian backgrounds and over the age of 70.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,400

Recommendation: \$3,500

Panel Comments: This group offers good culturally appropriate activities and an important social outlet for the group's members.

AG18-147

Cohealth

Foodcraft: affordable, seasonal meals

Project Description: Foodcraft will comprise of a skill focused cooking program of eight sessions, complimented by one- off seasonal themed events. The two series of eight week programs will bring a small group (8-10 people) together to focus on cooking nutritious meals on a budget using seasonal produce and/or fruit and vegetables that are less than perfect. Participants will learn how to shop for healthy and seasonal foods within a budget and prepare, cook and store food safely. The group will share a healthy meal together at the end of the session. These sessions will be designed by the dietician in consultation with the facilitator and the dietician will co-facilitate some sessions. Kitchen-based sessions will be complimented by a range of other activities and teaching methods, such as market trips, planning and shopping for the group. Four 'themed' community meals will run through the year. themed according to a particular health need/condition e.g. heart healthy, diabetes, arthritis and overweight and include additional content in the form of presentations and/or demonstrations. The program also aims to strengthen connections between Cohealth and Holden Street Neighbourhood House, to raise awareness of what the services offer and to facilitate access to both services to consumers, who may not have been previously aware of them.

This grant would allow us to pilot this program to determine its viability and effectiveness.

Amount Requested: \$6,540 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,395

Recommendation: \$5,600

Panel Comments: A well written application and excellent proposal, addressing a community need for a geographical area that does not always receive as much attention as other parts of Yarra. Strong methodology, good partnership formation and targeting vulnerable people in Yarra. Could not fully fund in a competitive grant round, recommending reduction in staff costs.

AG18-148

Australian Yugoslav Pensioners

Australian Yugoslav Pensioners Social Club

Project Description: The Australian Yugoslav Pensioners have regular luncheons every Wednesday at the new community hub, Bargoonga Nganjin at the North Fitzroy Library, for around 60 pensioners from Yugoslav backgrounds. Our members come from all of the countries of the former-Yugoslavia including Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, Montenegro and Croatia. This year we will be moving to the newly built Council facility, the North Fitzroy Community Hub, to continue our activities. We also organise picnics, camping and other activities like fishing. We visit the sick in hospitals and in homes, assist the elderly with their shopping and visit other multicultural groups. Each year we take two trips - one to Yarrawonga and one to Bright staying for three nights each time.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$28,500

Recommendation: \$4,000

Panel Comments: A good application with clearly articulated plans, events and benefits for participants. It helps to facilitate culturally appropriate participation for an elderly community otherwise at risk of social isolation.

AG18-163

headspace Collingwood

Auspice: YSAS Pty Ltd

More than Just Footy

Project Description: The project seeks to address barriers for engagement with health and support services by strengthening the Collingwood Knights program's capacity to provide linkages to services at hsC as well as the multiple other organizations involved with the Collingwood Knights including Victoria Police, VAHS, CoHealth. The project will provide direct preventative and early intervention support by the workers as well as through the linkage to other professionals for mental health, general health, vocational & drug & alcohol support. Using the evaluation that was conducted in 2015, the staff employed to deliver services will look to strengthen the identified positives of the program and work to support individual team members to achieve their identified goals. This worker will also endeavour to enhance current record and evaluation strategies to ensure the wellbeing of participants are monitored to effectively ensure clinical safety is maintained.

Amount Requested: \$9,993 **Total Project Cost:** \$36,231.36

Recommendation: \$9,000

Panel Comments: A great proposal and opportunities for participants to receive targeted individual assistance and early intervention. Capitalising on existing strong networks and existing work, and the application demonstrated that the project will respond to an identified issue. Application also included a good evaluation strategy.

AG18-165

Australian Vietnamese Women's Association Inc.

Independent Cald Senior Group Support

Project Description: AVWA is currently supporting two independent senior groups in its Richmond Office. This project will enable the continuation, enhancement and enlargement of the necessary activities for seniors with Vietnamese and Indochinese background who are residents of Yarra city. These activities consist of:

- Light physical exercise
- Singing practice and performing at cultural functions
- Enhancing English skills
- Educational excursions
- Improving digital skills
- Light lunch and social activities

The time will be between 9:30am to 1:30pm on Monday and Wednesday most weeks

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$18,698

Recommendation: \$2,000

Panel Comments: The panel thought that this group offered a good initiative supporting a high need community while promoting positive aging. Due to insufficient funds the panel was unable to fund the group to the full amount given that there was not a clear explanation for all the budget items in the activity descriptions.

AG18-166

Victoria Street Business Association

VSBA Community Enhancement

Project Description: From what was traditionally an Asian dominated demographics, Victoria Street, and North Richmond at large has evolved with many 'non-traditional' members taking up residence within the community, and on Victoria Street. This project's mission is to diversify VSBA's representation, capture the new business demographics, develop VSBA's systems and organisation, and to broaden VSBA's scope in community projects to ensure long term sustainable growth and development of Victoria Street's businesses, and in-turn their support and services to the local community.

Initiatives to be carried out under this project will include:

- Increase VSBA's membership by 50% through consultation, and campaign with local businesses and traders
- Enhance VSBA's social media platforms through introducing new resources or by further training and developing current resources
- Review and re-organise VSBA's organisational structure with its new and long serving members
- Develop a project pipeline and a sustainable delivery model
- Re-engage local community through consultation and survey

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$24,700

Recommendation: \$7,000

Panel Comments: A well thought out application which clearly addresses the funding priorities. If the outcomes can be achieved the benefits of this policy will be far reaching. A well functioning traders association is important for street vitality.

AG18-178

Fitzroy Brunswick Resident Solidarity Society

Community Care for Atherton Gardens

Project Description: We meet every Tuesday, including providing 50 free lunches over the year, and also do the below activities. There are indoor activities:

- Learning community law
- Cooking group
- Sewing group
- Walk chesses
- Exercise group
- Singing group
- Dance group
- Riddles
- Current affairs forum
- ping-pong group
- Festivals (dragon boat festival, mid autumn festival, Christmas, New Year, Chinese New Year)
- Mahjong group
- Teaching tai chi

And there are outdoor activities:

- Farm
- excursion
- Outings excursions

- Walking Groups
- Visiting the elderly and disabled in hospital
- Swimming group
- Participating in Community activities
- Participating in government related activity
- Aged and Disability Services

With festivals such as Chinese New Year, we invite people to perform and guests to come. We also provide a sewing service to the community.

Amount Requested: \$4,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$28,280

Recommendation: \$3,500

Panel Comments: Good application for a project that provides opportunities for the elderly and disabled groups on the estate to engage and participate in a range of social and recreational activities. Also included a good budget which strengthened the application

AG18-180

Infoxchange

Collingwood and Atherton Gardens Live & Learn Hubs Reboot

Project Description: This project will refresh and support services that Infoxchange currently runs in Atherton Garden and Collingwood public housing estates to support residents' internet use. Atherton Gardens has 16 public access computers and Collingwood has 4 all with free Wi-Fi access for the residents. This project will run a series of learning events (10) to:

- 1) Introduce Residents to the Internet
- 2) Deepen the experience for Residents with a degree of digital knowledge
- 3) Introduce some higher end computing activities such as VR - especially for younger residents and families.

Amount Requested: \$13,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$22,750

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: The panel felt that that this is a good application addressing an evidence based need. The organisation has provided good evidence of their capacity to deliver on their outcomes and address the funding priorities well.

AG18-208

Collingwood Basketball Association Inc

Community Liaison with players and families from local public housing and CALD communities

Project Description: Collingwood Basketball has proactively engaged with players from local public housing and CALD communities. There are currently over 100 participants, from many countries, including a majority from South Sudan.

The club wishes to ensure the ongoing success of this engagement by employing a Community Liaison Officer in 2015.

Akech Manyiel has been engaged at the club since April 2013 and has proved invaluable in facilitating connection between players, families, team managers, coaches, and club administration.

The role includes:

- Visiting families in their homes to explain involvement with the club in their own language (Akech speaks 6 languages)
- Encouraging families to attend games, Presentation Day and other activities
- Liaising with team managers and coaches to assist with communication, transport and understanding of individual player and family situations
- Mentoring players regarding behaviour and attitude
- Providing advice to the club and players in responding to racial discrimination from outside the club
- Attending basketball tournaments in Adelaide and Ballarat, providing confidence to African families whose children are attending, mentoring players and liaising with team managers and coaches
- Speaking at community information nights about the challenges for players from CALD backgrounds

The club is very keen to continue Akech's role at the club.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$18,316

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: This is a positive and important program worthy of continued support from Yarra. The project strongly aligns a number of the stream priorities and the applicant does an effective job of clearly outlining this. Paid staff support is vital to ensure the social outcomes of the club.

AG18-209

Mei's Art (Mei Lan Fang's Art Chinese Beijing Opera Friendship Association)

Celebrating Chinese Beijing Opera in the City of Yarra

Project Description: We are an amateur Chinese Opera group based at the Richmond Housing Estate. The purpose of our project is to provide an ongoing opportunity for our members to come together and practice in a social setting. Our members enjoy learning and it keeps them in contact with their culture. The members also enjoy performing and sharing their culture with other members of the community. We meet weekly at the community centre at 110 Elizabeth St, Richmond. It is a great social event for our members and helps to prevent social isolation. During the year we perform at many different venues including the Lunar New Year Festival in Victoria St and the Moon Lantern festival at the Richmond Estate. This year we also had a show at the Richmond Theatre on a Sunday afternoon and we intend to do this again in 2017.

Amount Requested: \$4,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,850

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: This is good application for a clearly defined project. It promotes cultural awareness and community connections as well as important social opportunities for their members. Unfortunately the panel was not able to provide the full amount requested due to insufficient funds.

AG18-214

Reconciliation Victoria

Victorian Reconciliation Network Forums in Yarra

Project Description: Reconciliation Victoria will host two Reconciliation Forums in the City of Yarra. They will provide

the public and members of the organisation an opportunity to discuss meaningful reconciliation - what it looks like and how people can get involved. The forums will be an opportunity for local reconciliation networks to share successes, challenges and information around progressing reconciliation across Victoria.

The focus of the forums will be decided closer to the events in response to current developments impacting reconciliation; for example Treaty and Constitutional Reform both in Victoria and nationally and will be informed by the Victorian Aboriginal Community.

The forums will engage expert panel speakers from the Aboriginal Community and will support Aboriginal owned and operated businesses where possible.

The City of Yarra would also be invited to showcase their Aboriginal Partnerships Plan and the work that you do to progress reconciliation in the municipality.

As there is currently no Local Reconciliation Group or network in the City of Yarra we would also encourage interested local attendees to use the opportunity to network with other Local Reconciliation Networks attending the forums and consider progressing a local group.

Amount Requested: \$9,027 **Total Project Cost:** \$12,252.50

Recommendation: \$6,500

Panel Comments: A good sound application with a good evidence base that will provide excellent benefits. The Panel strongly encourages Council to support this program outside of the grants program.

AG18-233

Nuer Community in Victoria Inc

Nuer Language & Cultural Activities in the City of Yarra

Project Description: The project is to provide training and development opportunities to people from a Nuer background. The training is provided in separate activities including Nuer language (Dinka) training, cultural dancing, women's cooking classes, Children's homework club and youth sport activities. All the activities will take place on the Housing Estates of the Collingwood and Richmond Estates.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,000

Recommendation: \$2,500

Panel Comments: The panel felt that this was a good application for an emerging group in Yarra. It will help encourage community participation and engagement as well as providing opportunities to strengthen cultural activities.

Community Development Stream: Community Celebrations Category

AG18-028

Melbourne Irish Festival Committee

Melbourne Irish Festival

Project Description: We will organize a Sunday afternoon of Irish related activities in a city park. The Edinburgh Gardens has been used since 2006.

This is an annual Festival on the Sunday afternoon next to St Patrick's Day (17th March) and always attracts large numbers of people from all cultures.

Everyone is happy to be Irish for St Patrick's Day.

The Festival will run from 12 noon to 5 pm.

The activities will include a main stage where local talent in music and dance will be displayed.

The schools of Irish Dance will put on displays during the afternoon.

Irish music groups such as Comhaltas will have a gig.

Entry is free and families come from all over to picnic on the grass and enjoy catching up with friends and enjoying Irish culture.

Activities will be organised for the children such as face painting, craft activities, music, theatre, sporting events such as team games and also fun type races.

Some vendors will be selling Irish type food (baked potatoes) as well as coffee, ice cream and cold drinks.

No alcohol will be sold.

All the Irish groups will be invited to be present. Many will have their own tent or stall and will be promoting their activities, for example the Irish Families Group, Irish Language group, Irish History Circle, Irish Mothers' Group, and all the sporting groups.

This is especially valuable to new and smaller Irish community groups as a chance to promote themselves and build partnerships.

Amount Requested: \$4,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$26,050

Recommendation: \$2,500

Panel Comments: This is a good application with well defined outcomes. A solid festival with a long history and great attendance numbers good that there is a family friendly option for St Patrick's Day.

AG18-041

Carringbush Adult Education

Auspice: Collingwood Neighbourhood House

Annual Yarra Gala Ball 2018

Project Description: The Yarra Annual Gala Ball is an opportunity to recognise, gather and nurture the partnerships that have been created amongst the residents, artists, groups and organisations that live and operate within the City of Yarra.

This celebration is a chance for the residents of the City of Yarra (in particular residents of Richmond, Collingwood and Fitzroy housing estates), the organisations and its volunteers to celebrate their individual and collective achievements in a healthy, fun and inclusive social event. This is an affordable event featuring local artists residents of Yarra where they showcase their skills in music, performances and dance catered for all ages and abilities. The food is prepared by the social enterprise Cultural Catering which is operated and managed by residents of the housing estates within the City of Yarra.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,000

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: The panel was happy to fund this iconic event supporting the disadvantaged among Yarra's community. The proposal was supported by a strong and clearly articulated application.

AG18-068

North Richmond Community Health

Harmony Day Event 2018

Project Description: We plan to host a community event to celebrate Harmony Day. We aim to target Richmond Housing Estate residents and other members of the Richmond community who come from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. The event will be held during the day (Wednesday 21st March 2018) and will include a BBQ lunch, live music and Harmony Day promotional materials.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$7042

Recommendation: \$2,000

Panel Comments: The application demonstrated that the event is responding to a community need. This addresses the stream priorities by celebrating cultural diversity.

AG18-091

Melbourne Comhaltas Inc

St Patrick's Night celebration

Project Description: The project aims are to celebrate St Patrick's Day. This is an Irish festival but is now celebrated all over the world, enjoyed by all cultures. It is always on 17th March. In 2018, this will fall on a Saturday so we will expect a bigger than usual crowd and are hoping to put on a big display. Yarra council are kindly renting us the Collingwood Town Hall. Our celebration will start at 6 pm and continue until 10.30 pm. Our night will consist of Irish music, dancing, storytelling and poetry. We will have activities and games for the children, prizes for the child best dressed in green and prizes for children who wish to show their talents in music or dance. We will have a nice supper and tea and coffee will be available all night. Our night will be a real family night, where grandparents will be partying with their grand-kids. It is a night when young and old come together to celebrate their culture and preserve the traditions. It will be advertised widely, among many

different communities who wish to share the day with the Irish. It promotes cultural diversity and an enjoyment and appreciation of what different cultures have to offer.

Amount Requested: \$1,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,900

Subsidised Use Amount: \$1,379 **Venue:** Collingwood Town Hall

Recommendation: \$1,000 **Subsidised Use Recommendation:** \$1,379

Panel Comments: A well presented application which clearly outlines the benefits of the event. It addresses the stream priorities promoting the celebration of Irish culture in Yarra.

AG18-108

Cohealth

Yarra Multicultural Community Lunar Year of the DOG

Project Description: The Dog figure is the eleventh animal in Chinese/Vietnamese zodiac. Lunar Year cultural event in the South East Asian countries usually meant to farewell all the bad occurrences in the past year, while preparing and predicting a Lucky and successful year on the place where the event occurred - Yarra. The multicultural communities in Yarra will start coming together to discuss the Lunar Year celebrations from the past and plan for the New Year activities such as cooking and entertaining. The celebration will occur on the public housing estate and open to All. Yarra Council Mayor will open the event with representatives from the communities and government. Multicultural performances and entertainment will alternate with a presentation on an issue of choice and interest from the community that themes with the celebration. The entertainment will be discussed and decided by members of the community that would be multicultural and meaningful. There may need to have 2 interpreters. The 2 Dragons will make their entrance and ceremony, opening up the lettuce in their traditional performance, and the Laughing Budha will follow with its big fan and smile, to the happy drums of the Young Chinese team. Young, mature, and older generation from the diverse communities will enjoy sharing the multi-cultural lunch provided by our local caterer of BANH Catering company mixed with the catering from our local community. All will help in the setting up, organising, preparation, cleaning, and the packing up. Evaluation will occur on the day, as well as afterwards.

Amount Requested: \$2,660 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,400

Recommendation: \$2,660

Panel Comments: A good application that is strong in its intercultural and partnership approaches. Cohealth have run this event successfully for many years.

AG18-117

Cohealth

Breaking Fast Eid ul Fiter ,Eid Ul Adha Events

Project Description: These are 3 separate cultural events .Breaking fast occurs during the month of Ramadan and will be celebrated in the evening with events in Fitzroy and Collingwood. Each of these events will require separate rooms for Men's and Women's celebration. At the end of Ramadan, Eid Ul Fiter is a community celebration with 100 people expected to attend the festival in Collingwood, Providing Cultural entertainment and also a focus on children's activities .Eid Ul Adha occurs later in the year and would also be a community celebration with a similar scale of the earlier Eid Festival

,but this time will be held in Collingwood all of these events will invite participation and attendance by both Muslim and non-Muslim Men, Women and Children.

Amount Requested: \$9,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,500

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: The panel thought these were worthy celebrations however could not fund to the full amount requested because it exceeded the maximum for this stream. The panel have offered \$3,000 on the basis that it will fully fund one of the proposed events or more with a scaled back plan.

AG18-124

Societa' Isole Eolie

Children's Christmas Party

Project Description: The Societa' will schedule about 20 events for the 2018 calendar year with others to be organised at short notice, as we sometimes sponsor or host performances and shows by non-members eg the coming St Jude's Anglican Church Carlton Trivia Night of 22/7/17. Our Standard events include: Dinner dances, Bingo nights, Sunday afternoon films, , Bus Trips for Seniors, Stage Events, Cultural Cooking Demonstrations, an annual Luncheon for Seniors and our annual Children's Christmas Party, which is the subject of this application.

We bring children/grandchildren together to be given gifts by Santa Claus and La Befana, a friendly witch who is the Italian counterpart to Father Christmas. As well as food, we will present activities, such as kids games, face painting and a professional magician providing children's magic. All gifts are specially selected (most are educational in nature) and labelled with the child's name- Santa arrives 'by roof helicopter' using special effects- he appears and calls the names of each child who is presented with their gift- the process is assisted by Santa's Helpers. In 2018, the date is still to be confirmed, but will likely be the second-last Sunday in November. Second option is the first Sunday in December.

Amount Requested: \$2,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,000

Recommendation: \$1,700

Panel Comments: A great project for linking the families within the Italian community. A great example of intergenerational positive ageing fun with a rich local tradition. Application was clearly written with well defined outcomes.

AG18-126

Oromo Community Women's Group in the City of Yarra Inc

Celebration of the Festival of Sacrifice, Eid Al Adha

Project Description: To hold our annual celebration of the Festival of Sacrifice, one of the two important festivals in the Muslim calendar. We plan to hold an outdoor, all-day festival, probably in the grounds of a City of Yarra housing estate. We will invite all residents of the local City of Yarra public housing, other residents of the City of Yarra, local councillors and other office-holders and organisations, and members of the Oromo community from other parts of Melbourne.

Amount Requested: \$4,550 **Total Project Cost:** \$11,300

Recommendation: \$2,000

Panel Comments: An important event promoting community connections and cultural awareness of the Oromo community.

AG18-130

Boroondara Kindergarten

Educating about and celebrating Aboriginal cultures at Boroondara Kindergarten - Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC and NATSICD

Project Description: Boroondara Kindergarten recognises Australia's First Peoples and works towards true reconciliation within our community by embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural perspectives within the teaching program every day. In order to connect with nationally recognised community celebrations and provide an opportunity for families to understand media reports and community events, we focus this learning by marking the following:

- Reconciliation Week/Sorry Day in May: educating both children and families about the impacts of the Stolen Generation
- NAIDOC in late June: a little before official events in July, educative role for families to become involved in official events as well as the strong and positive celebration of Aboriginal culture.
- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day on 4 August: celebrating the strength and potential of children – the Elders of tomorrow.

To highlight the Wurundjeri people as traditional custodians of the land on which Boroondara Kindergarten is placed, Uncle Colin Hunter Jnr will spend time with children at the kindergarten during class times, as well as participate in a Reconciliation Week event as organised with the Aboriginal families enrolled in the centre.

Amount Requested: \$2,700 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,406

Recommendation: \$2,000

Panel Comments: A great application for an event that responds to an important community need.

AG18-160

Australian Somali Women's Healthcare Community Foundation

Somali Day Festival

Project Description: The Somali Day Festival will bring together people of the Somali-Australian and African-Australian community to come together to celebrate Somali culture and history. The event will take place at Collingwood Town Hall on a Saturday in August 2018 from early afternoon until late in the evening. There will be traditional Somali dresses, food, dancing, music and other cultural activities. It will be a day packed with community celebration, traditional dance, food and storytelling. The event will bring together the Somali community young and old in celebration of the cultural roots and provide an opportunity to celebrate their new life in Australia. The event will showcase the Somali involvement in developing Melbourne into the multicultural capital of the world. Events such as this are a crucially important in developing Somali connections to the wider community and building links between the Somali community living in the City of Yarra.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$9,500

Subsidised Use Amount: \$1840 **Venue:** Collingwood Town Hall

Recommendation: \$2,000 **Subsidised Use Recommendation:** \$1,840

Panel Comments: The group thought that this was a good proposal that addressed an important community need. The element of women's education and empowerment made this application stand out.

AG18-161

Australian Vietnamese Women's Association Inc.

Vietnamese Tet Festival

Project Description: The Vietnamese Tet Festival project is designed to celebrate the Lunar New Year; showcase the artistic talents of the Vietnamese culture; and promote social harmony within the local multicultural community.

This festival will be scheduled around Friday 16th February 2018, being the Lunar New Year's Day.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,906

Recommendation: \$2,500

Panel Comments: This was a good application with clear outcomes and well articulated benefits. A great community led event that provides good opportunity for celebration and cultural practice. Recommending the minimum due to limited funds in the competitive grant round.

AG18-200

Atherton Gardens Residents Association

AGRA 2018 Eid Al-Adha Festival

Project Description: The aim of the project is to bridge fear and distrust by promoting social acclimatisation of cultural norms and values, acceptance of diversity and safe opportunities for cultural integration and interaction.

- To strengthen community ties by meeting community needs.
- To promote equality and respect by role modelling through facilitating community events such as these.
- To celebrate cultural diversity and harmony
- To create a safe space which facilitates community connections
- To foster respect for cultural differences and create opportunities for social exchange
- To enhance feelings of well-being and personal/cultural identity in young people
- To provide opportunities for social participation for residents and members of the greater community
- To facilitate connections for socially isolated and vulnerable individuals and groups
- To provide opportunities for personal development and high social return (volunteer work)
- To creatively and respectfully use public spaces for the enjoyment of others
- To decrease social disadvantage and negative stereotyping of CALD groups
- To promote a shared sense of belonging to a community
- To decrease adverse social issues caused by fragmented societies (i.e. prejudice, isolative practices, victimisation, low-level crime caused by disillusionment etc.)

Amount Requested: \$3,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$5,500

Recommendation: \$1,000

Panel Comments: The panel felt that this was a good event that promoted positive cultural awareness among the community. However the panel did not have sufficient funds to fund to full the applications fully.

AG18-202

Atherton Gardens Residents Association

AGRA' 2018 Multi Cultural Event

Project Description: The aim of the project is to bridge fear and distrust by promoting social acclimatisation of cultural norms and values, acceptance of diversity and safe opportunities for cultural integration and interaction.

- To strengthen community ties by meeting community needs.
- To promote equality and respect by role modelling through facilitating community events such as these.
- To celebrate cultural diversity and harmony
- To create a safe space which facilitates community connections
- To foster respect for cultural differences and create opportunities for social exchange
- To enhance feelings of well-being and personal/cultural identity in young people
- To provide opportunities for social participation for residents and members of the greater community
- To facilitate connections for socially isolated and vulnerable individuals and groups
- To provide opportunities for personal development and high social return (volunteer work)
- To creatively and respectfully use public spaces for the enjoyment of others
- To decrease social disadvantage and negative stereotyping of CALD groups
- To promote a shared sense of belonging to a community
- To decrease adverse social issues caused by fragmented societies (i.e. prejudice, isolative practices, victimisation, low-level crime caused by disillusionment etc.)

Amount Requested: \$3,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$5,500

Recommendation: \$1,000

Panel Comments: The panel felt that this was a good event that promoted positive cultural awareness among the community. However the panel did not have sufficient funds to fund to full the applications fully.

AG18-204

Atherton Gardens Residents Association

AGRA 2018 Lunar New Year Festival

Project Description: The project aims to meet the special need of AGRA residents especially the disadvantaged and forgotten families and individuals celebrating Lunar New Year's Festival at their locality. Apart from celebrating the New Year' Eve, family feast at home, it will be equally important for them to do so in the wider community with their family members and friends together. The festival is time for renewal family gatherings, eating rich foods, and paying respect to the ancestors and elders. Also it is believed that how you do and how you act during the period is crucial in determining how the rest of your year will go. New Year celebrations in Asia take on a different and richly diverse flavor. Despite a number of differences, there is one common theme and that is time

for family reunions, gatherings and reflection and reaffirming bonds and affection. And thus what our project is planning to accomplish.

Amount Requested: \$3,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$5,500

Recommendation: \$1,000

Panel Comments: The panel felt that this was a good event that promoted positive cultural awareness among the community. However the panel did not have sufficient funds to fund to full the applications fully.

AG18-224

Greek Pensioners Club of North Fitzroy

Exhibition of Traditional Food and Embroidery

Project Description: Our group is planning to organise an exhibition of Greek traditional food along with an exhibition of Greek embroidery, some pieces of which are more than 100 year old. The exhibition will take place at the new North Fitzroy Community Hub in Brunswick St, North Fitzroy.

Amount Requested: \$200 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,400

Recommendation: \$1,800

Panel Comments: An interesting and innovative project, that is well defined, and different.

Community Development Stream: Social Enterprise

AG18-044

Jesuit Social Services

Just Voices Speakers Program

Project Description: The Just Voices Speakers Program is an initiative that we hope to grow from the Just Act Youth Speaks (JAYS) project previously funded by an Investing in Communities grant 2015-2017. It has been a successful and inclusive project bringing together artists, educators, poets, storytellers and (emerging) leaders to start social justice conversations with the broader community.

JAYS helped develop and enhance the skills of young people to share their aspirations about social justice with schools, community, and corporate groups. These powerful messages traverse many social justice themes and have been delivered in unique and engaging ways, using arts, music and poetry. We are keen to develop the next iteration of the project to include more of an intergenerational focus, and explore ways for the program to become financially sustainable over time.

Under our current proposal, the project will include an older cohort of participants from multicultural communities. We believe adopting an intergenerational approach will be beneficial for younger participants, giving them opportunities to connect with community elders and enhancing social connectedness with all. Having an intergenerational group of speakers will also diversify who we target for speaking engagements.

This project is a developing social enterprise that looks at upskilling participants and offering them opportunities for paid employment. Our goal is to increase these opportunities for our speakers and

look at new partnerships and funding opportunities that will make the program viable in the longer term.

Amount Requested: \$15,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$123,771

Recommendation: \$15,000

Panel Comments: This was a carefully considered application that meets the funding stream priorities very well in its response to a clearly articulated community need. The application demonstrated an impressive track record working with disadvantaged groups in similar programs.

AG18-056

SisterWorks Incorporated

Supporting Migrant Women to Access Better Employment Opportunities

Project Description: Our activities under the 2 key Development Areas are designed to assist the most vulnerable and marginalised migrant and refugee women to take their first steps towards working in the Australian context.

The first step is to engage the women through our Entrepreneurial Development Area where they receive social, emotional and product development support to create either:

- (a) Their own handmade product in craft or food; or
- (b) SisterWorks Label products (i.e. our self-branded craft and food lines). This is our primary method of supporting the most vulnerable migrant women who come to SisterWorks without an existing product or idea, have little confidence, limited English and little to no work experience beyond the family context. SisterWorks Label products provide these women with crafting skills, industry expert support, vocational English skills and the inspiration to develop their own products.

Once they have handcrafted a product (their own or a SisterWorks Label product), the second step is to engage the women in the Business Development Area. Here they continue to receive mentoring and support as they test their product in the market, develop selling skills, participate in community events and earn an income. Through these activities, they empower themselves to continue on their entrepreneurial/work journey.

Each activity adopts our 'learning by doing' approach. By actively engaging in a variety of contexts (e.g. product conception and development, production and sales) the women have taken their first steps towards earning an income and building a set of transferable skills for the workforce.

Amount Requested: \$15,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$651,680

Recommendation: \$12,500

Panel Comments: A very professional application prepared by an organisation that understands its customers' needs and how to effectively address them. The application has a great purpose and outcomes, and the panel liked the way it is being scaled-up in terms of both beneficiaries and benefits for the agency itself. Could not fully fund due to the competitive nature of this stream.

AG18-129

Conscious Creative Limited (trading as Homeless of Melbourne - HoMie Street Store)

'HoMie work-ready pathways': increasing employment opportunities for disadvantaged young people in Yarra

Project Description: HoMie is incredibly grateful to The City of Yarra for their grant of \$12,000 in FY16-17 toward the establishment of the Brunswick Street HoMie Street Store. Funding enabled HoMie's growth - in the past 12 months alone, 250 people have participated in HoMie VIP days and we have distributed 1,082 items of brand new clothing to people experiencing homelessness. HoMie has also been able to introduce Australia's first ever Retail Training and Employment Program for young homeless Melburnians aged 18-25 (known as 'The Pathways Project'). HoMie's first group of trainees entered The Pathways Project in May, 2017. Over the next six months, HoMie trainees will undertake paid employment placements at The HoMie Street Store, whilst being housed by Launch Housing and receiving holistic social support from The Ladder Foundation. Upon their successful graduation, HoMie trainees will be guaranteed short-term employment at either The HoMie Street Store, Cotton On or an employer of the choice.

With the support of The City of Yarra, in 2018 HoMie will:

- train and employ six homeless young people (aged 18 - 25) at The HoMie Street Store through The Pathways Project
- develop 'HoMie work-ready': a comprehensive training course for organisations willing to employ homeless Melburnians in their businesses
- deliver 'HoMie work-ready' to businesses operating in The City of Yarra, and match-make youth at risk of, or experiencing homelessness with these organisations for work experience/paid traineeships.

Amount Requested: \$15,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$486,538

Recommendation: \$12,500

Panel Comments: This application was for an excellent initiative offering substantial benefits for participants and broader social attitudes in Yarra. The application demonstrated the successful outcomes of the project.

Community Housing Stream

AG18-033

Launch Housing

Community Housing Tenants Support Program

Project Description: The Community Housing Tenants Support Program (CHTSP) will provide advocacy and support for tenants of community housing in the City of Yarra. The program aims to prevent homelessness by supporting people whose tenancies are at risk, to maintain safe, appropriate and sustainable housing. Our target population are people experiencing housing stress and are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

The activities of the Community Housing Tenants Support Program include:

- providing advice and information;
- offering liaison and support with legal/VCAT interventions;
- addressing rent arrears and making payment plans;
- delivering tenancy skills training and financial counselling;
- making referrals and linkages into a range of mainstream and specialist services;

- providing support and case coordination to people with hoarding behaviours; and
- providing support via a case management approach to address underlying issues impacting on the ability to sustain tenancies.

Sustaining stable and secure housing will be achieved through assertive outreach, practical day-to-day involvement with participants, case work and coordination. Case plans will be created to work towards reducing tenancy concerns or issues, developing participant's skills, accessing relevant services and support, improving their health and wellbeing, enhancing relationships and building resources, addressing challenging behaviours or areas of risk and improving connections with local communities.

Amount Requested: \$50,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$70,000

Recommendation: \$50,000

Panel Comments: A well written application that clearly describes the project's aims, goals and benefits for the consumers and community. This is a very worthwhile project which is supported by a key partner landlord (Unison) to target some of the most vulnerable people to remain housed in the City of Yarra and avoid the damaging and costly experience of homelessness. The continuing strong partnerships with local entities strengthen the applicant's capacity to provide effective timely and targeted support to achieve the project aims.

Family, Youth & Children's Stream: Family & Early Years

AG18-025

Northern and Inner Multiple Birth Association Inc

Sustaining the PUMP (Pop Ups for Multiples Project)

Project Description: The multidimensional project aims to provide critical initiatives to support multiple birth families in Yarra to survive and thrive in the early years. Expanding on the activities NIMBA tested in 2017, the project aims to provide tailored and much needed activities to address the challenges of raising twins or more from pregnancy to preschool. At the heart of the project is to provide opportunities for multiple birth families to connect, play and support each other, supported by expert information delivered by trusted partners.

The project will continue to fund the highly successful monthly weekend playgroup, a Victorian first, at Bargoonga Nganjin. The playgroup will utilise the terrific new space and provide organised activities that can be out of reach given cost, accessibility or work commitments of parents. The project will also support the delivery of two expectant parent sessions, two sleep and settling sessions and an event to reduce the stigma associated with perinatal depression and anxiety.

Lastly we will develop five information sheets to be distributed across Yarra that provide vital information about local support available to multiple birth families in regard to seeking help, government services, premature babies and sleep. These information sheets will provide an ongoing legacy of project funding.

A key focus of the project will be to embed and develop a sustainability strategy for these initiatives to be delivered beyond 2018. This will include further deepening our partnership relationships with Perinatal Anxiety and Depression Australia and the Australian Breastfeeding Association.

Amount Requested: \$4,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,230

Recommendation: \$4,000

Panel Comments: A very well written application for a program addressing a cohort that needs support and can often be overlooked. The project is well respected and involves true early intervention, and excellent evidence was provided to support the application. The panel praised the applicant for developing a sustainable program, including the inclusion of matching funding.

AG18-105

Yarralea Children's Centre

Wattarang Play and Learn - Children and Community Create a Nature Play Space

Project Description: Combining the expertise of local artists Kate Herd and Phil Stray, park rangers from Darebin Parklands and the educators of Yarralea Children's Centre (YCC) and Alphington Primary School (APS), we will deliver a unique, enduring nature play project to benefit thousands of children and families over years to come.

Working collaboratively with children, the artists will create an inviting and accessible new nature play space out the front of YCC, with a giant sculpture of the wattarang (Wurundjeri for platypus) at its heart. The wattarang is an important mascot at YCC, and the sculpture will be both a work of art and stimulus for active play. Darebin Parklands rangers will deliver informative talks on recent platypus sightings and lead a discovery walk through its habitat, encouraging children to make connections between their mascot, its significance in Indigenous culture and the animal returning to their local community for the first time in over 20 years.

The children will create a nature-inspired stone mosaic on the platypus sculpture. Workshops with the artists will encourage decision-making about the design process, and Grade 6 students from APS will support pre-school children to explore ideas and materials - experimenting with 'nature' paint brushes, choosing colours and symbols to reflect elements of the natural environment, while exploring sustainability concepts in the materials used. The narrative of the project will be displayed in glass frames at the front of the Centre.

The completed work will be utilised daily by local people to meet, play and form connections.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,420

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: The panel commended the applicant for inclusion of the community involvement, and the educational aspect in the development process. They noted that the application is strong in terms of building a sense of community, and that it was good to see a strong indigenous component. This is a positive program aimed to build adventurous play and include the broader community in its development.

AG18-118

National Council of Jewish Women (Victoria) Community Services

Caring Mums

Project Description: Caring Mums is a confidential, home-based, free-of-charge, non-denominational program providing emotional support to mothers of infants and pregnant women of all backgrounds. We plan to ensure that new mums living in the City of Yarra don't have to face the journey of motherhood alone.

We will reach out to support additional vulnerable, isolated and at risk women in the City of Yarra by extending the capacity of the program. We will promote the program locally, training local residents as volunteers to add to our already diverse volunteer pool. This will involve training and supervising additional volunteers.

Having completed the 20-hour training, volunteers will be matched with referred mums by the coordinator who would have visited the mum completing a formal intake. Once matched, the volunteers meet with their allocated mum weekly for up to 2 hours. The visit's main focus is for the mother and volunteer to develop a trusting, open, non-judgmental relationship. Volunteers are mentors, role-models, observers, companions and sounding boards. They are often seen as 'stand in mothers' to the new mothers. They support the mother in gaining confidence to leave the house, go for walks and to connect with local resources. This weekly relationship can continue for up to 12 months. Caring Mums is unique in its delivery of support for the well-being of new mothers and pregnant women, as there are no programs available that run for this length of time and accepts all women, including those that don't fit into an identifiable category of need.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$376,000

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: This was a strongly written application that demonstrated that the project offers significant benefits to the community, and provided strong evidence to support it. The panel felt that this was an important project that will have a strong ripple effect, and meets a need that is not provided through any other service or program.

AG18-127

Fitzroy Primary School

Supporting Knowledge in Language and Literacy (SKILL) Program

Project Description: -In 2015, the Australian Early Development Census reveals children in the Fitzroy area possess communication skills in "developmentally vulnerable" range- almost twice that of the national average

-Research repeatedly shows that success at school depends on strong language and communication skills

-Children from CALD or language impaired backgrounds in the Fitzroy area are at critical risk of failure at school without additional intervention

-The City of Yarra approved funding in 2017 to run the SKILL program; an evidence-based program proven to develop language capabilities in children through storytelling

-Both schools cite that currently no funding avenues exist via Department of Education or Catholic Education Office to provide language intervention programs for students with mild to moderate language delays

-In 2017, the program is currently running successfully at Sacred Heart Primary and Fitzroy Primary with the full support of teaching staff to continue next year

-By the end of 2017, many students will not have completed the program due to the complex nature of their difficulties and thus, their slow progress through the program.

-In 2018, program organisers seek further funding for current children to complete the program, make adaptations in delivery (such as provision during school hours), include a new cohort of

students, provide further training to staff and parents and conduct additional assessments where required to make recommendations to teachers and parents on the individual needs of students

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$36,700

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: An outstanding application that addresses in precise detail a cohort in need, and has clear aims and outcomes. The application matched the stream priorities and clearly outlined the benefits for the children.

AG18-158

Kids Space in Yarra

Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Kids Space in Yarra

Project Description: The Kids Space in Yarra project, will provide a twice- weekly opportunity throughout the school term for primary and early high school children to access educational support in the form of homework and reading assistance. Also children will have good time of interacting with their parents to connect with each other a long with culturally diverse volunteers. There will be holiday programs to engage these kids in fun & indirect education

Amount Requested: \$13,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$19,560

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: An excellent project that provides a community benefit, particularly for young people that may not usually engage. The panel recognises the strength of the existing program that engages well with the community, and felt this application articulated the goals and outcomes of the project as well as community need.

AG18-169

Australian Catholic University

"Talk with me": Speech and Language Support Program

Project Description: It is well known that communication difficulties may have a significant impact on school success, self-esteem, social skills, literacy development, not to mention behaviour and occupational success.

The 'Talk with me' Program is a new initiative between the Connie Benn Centre and the Speech Pathology discipline at Australian Catholic University. The Program aims to provide quality student delivered speech pathology services onsite, at the Connie Benn Centre, to children and their carers who attend kindergarten, child care or playgroups at the Connie Benn Centre and who would otherwise not be eligible or be unable to access speech pathology support.

'Talk with me' will also offer both formal and informal training, support and consultative services to both voluntary and paid staff of the Connie Benn Centre. These services will equip and up-skill interested adults in their knowledge of paediatric speech and language development, identification of children who may benefit from additional support, and strategies to facilitate and enhance communication opportunities and skills in children 0-6 years of age.

A pilot program will be launched in August 2017, when 2 x year 4 speech pathology students and an ACU funded speech pathology supervisor will provide services for 32 days to children aged 0-6, their

families and support workers at the Connie Benn Centre. This pilot will establish the value of such a service which will be expanded and consolidated into the 'Talk to me' Program in 2018. To enable viability and sustainability, we are seeking assistance from City of Yarra funding.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,786.90

Recommendation: \$9,500

Panel Comments: This application demonstrated that the project addresses a pressing need in the community, evidenced by a high level of community consultation. It will provide a great opportunity to students, as well as benefits to the wider community.

AG18-207

Save the Children Australia

It Takes a Village Program - Fitzroy Community Playgroup

Project Description: Save the Children Australia (SCA) established the It Takes a Village (ITAV) program in 2012 to engage with migrant and refugee parents and carers and their young children (ages 0-6) from the Housing Commissions of Fitzroy, Collingwood, Carlton and Richmond.

A key component of the ITAV program has been the Intensive Supported Playschemes (ISP's) where play-based early learning activities prepare children and their families for the transition to school, and parents are supported to develop their parenting skills and improve their community connectedness. Since the establishment of the ISP's, the needs of families have evolved. Consultations with the local communities and other key stakeholders indicated the benefit in transitioning the ISP model to a community-led model where local staff and volunteers take on operational responsibility for the playgroups.

SCA staff support will be slowly phased out resulting in a more sustainable model for communities, while ensuring continuity of care for children and families experiencing vulnerability. SCA commenced this transition at the start of 2017, and local staff and volunteers have already demonstrated the capacity to successfully manage the playgroups in Collingwood, Carlton and Richmond under this model.

Recent feedback from the local community and key stakeholders has indicated a need for a drop in community playgroup in Fitzroy. Given the success of our current model, we are seeking funding for a local Bi-Cultural Worker to support the implementation and delivery of a Community Playgroup at the Cubbies Adventure Playgroup, targeted towards families living in the Atherton Gardens Housing Estate.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$13,075

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: A strong application addressing a clearly identified and currently unmet need. The application demonstrated clear consultation, and utilises a terrific model of building community skill. The application also includes clear outcomes and evidence to support the program.

Family, Youth & Children's Stream: Youth and Middle Years

AG18-007

Clifton Hill Cricket Club

Clifton Hill Cricket Club Community Youth Development Project 2018

Project Description: The Clifton Hill Cricket Club Youth Development Project will build on the previously successful model of community cricket clinics to enhance participation and involvement of local youth from CALD, Indigenous and refugee communities in sporting activities. Cricket clinics will be conducted at Ramsden St Reserve, Clifton Hill, Collingwood College and in partnership with Concern Australia, at the Collingwood Neighbourhood House and Youth Centre. Participants in the clinics will receive free cricket gear (caps, shirts, etc) and be encouraged to continue participation by taking up a free junior playing membership at the Clifton Hill Cricket Club.

Amount Requested: \$4,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,750

Recommendation: \$4,000

Panel Comments: A well written application to engage young people in sport. There was a strong articulation of community need, clear objectives, budget, and expected outcomes. The panel felt it was good to see the plan to provide memberships to join the club after the clinic, but would encourage the applicant to increase the number of memberships to be provided.

AG18-008

Operation Newstart Nothern

Operation Newstart Yarra

Project Description: Operation Newstart uses challenging outdoor adventure activities as a means to reconnect young people, deemed to be at significant educational risk who are aged 14-17 and enrolled in a Yarra Secondary School. Outdoor activities in surfing, hiking, mountain biking and caving promote personal growth in line with adventure therapy research. The 8 week program also promotes personal development opportunities through experiences in TAFEs, fitness and physical wellbeing, first aid and community projects. Community partnerships with local agencies such as YSAS and Headspace allow mental health, sexuality and drug and alcohol workshops, as well as providing post program mentoring. The program utilises Yarra facilities such as the Richmond Recreation Centre and Yarra Youth Services space at Napier St to run activities and introduce the young people to the local programs in Yarra. These workshops will include a hip hop session which allows the young person an opportunity to express their life situation through a narrative and a street art project to illustrate their values. Victoria Police Youth Resource Officer, Tony Brewin will engage with students on activities and run community safety awareness classes as part of his proactive policing and community engagement role in Yarra, The donate a bike program will allow our young people to fix up a bike, gain skills in teaching basic bike skills and give the bike and a few lessons to a new arrival student who is experiencing socio economic hardship. As well as providing a school re-engagement focus, the program allows strong community connection.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$43,620

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: A well written application for a worthwhile program that is much needed in the Yarra community. The application has clear outcomes, a clear budget and strong support letters. An intensive program that requires high staffing costs.

AG18-030

Sacred Heart School Fitzroy

Atherton Gardens Homework Support Program (AGHSP)

Project Description: The AGHSP runs once a week on Wednesday afternoons and provides support to primary school children from Atherton Gardens Estates in their homework task.

This homework support program is evidence of community partnership between Sacred Heart Primary School, Australian Catholic University (ACU) and The Smith Family (TSF) in response to community concern about ways to improve the children's learning experience in a safe and culturally responsive environment.

The tutors are mainly 3rd year students from ACU's Bachelor of Education with a focus on primary education. Other tutors come from Faculty of Health Sciences and Business. On a yearly basis, more than 200 tutors provide their support to the 125 school children. They have 1 on 1 support from their tutors who are students from Australian Catholic University.

The activities organised by AGHSP are focused upon developing the learning and social experience of the children. Homework sheets are prepared by class teachers according to the respective curriculum and tutors ensure that the school children complete these task sheets. The children benefit from the tutor's individual support and a collaborative approach through peer to peer learning. After their homework tasks, educational games & resources are provided to enhance their literacy & numeracy skills.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$148,100

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: An excellent application, with clear objectives and including findings from past successes. The application addresses a clear need, proposed objectives, and budget. Good inclusion of support letters. A very well attended and active program.

AG18-034

Collingwood Homework Club

Auspice: Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House

Collingwood Homework Club 2018

Project Description: Every Wednesday Collingwood Homework Club brings together a dedicated group of volunteers to provide free, one-on-one tutoring to primary and secondary students from the Collingwood Housing Estate. For many students, it is the most time they will have one-on-one with a fluent english speaking tutor.

We provide tutoring to around 30 students each week. In 2018 the club would like to continue and expand its activities including:

- deliver tutor retention and attraction activities to expand our capacity and take on more students from our waiting list
- deliver tutor training to improve the confidence and skills of volunteer tutors
- take students, parents and tutors on an excursion to build relationships

- update our educational resources, including text books for junior high school students, stationary, educational games and purchase a new filing cabinet to store materials
- continue to provide catering for students who attend.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$51,000

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: A strong application that meets a community need on Collingwood Housing Estate. The application is clear, well written, highlighting the need for the project and proposed outcomes, and meets the stream need and funding priorities.

AG18-040

Yarra Blue light Victoria

Auspice: Blue Light Victoria

Wild Beasts Basketball Team (WBBT)

Project Description: The Wild Beasts Basketball Team (WBBT) was developed in 2010 in relation to community consultation held in line with the Yarra Blue Light weekly sports and recreation programs evaluation process. An aspiration for a dedicated local African youth basketball team was evident. The ongoing support provided by Victoria Police to the WBBT allows our organization to continue to foster positive engagement between police and young people and to build strong relationships. Being part of the WBBT allows local young people (13-25 years) to connect with other friends and relatives while participating in the South Sudanese Australian National Basketball Association Tournament twice a year. This community basketball program also allows the young locals to increase their skills and live out their basketball passion with others in their community.

In 2018 the squads will be participating in two tournaments, in July and December. One tournament will be held locally in Werribee and it is anticipated that the second tournament will be held in Sydney.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$70,500

Recommendation: \$9,000

Panel Comments: A strong and well written application for a positive program that reaches a large number of young people. The application clearly demonstrates the need for the project, and addresses how it will meet the needs of young people. The panel recommends not funding the grant management fee, as the applicant organisation is a subsidiary of the auspice organisation.

AG18-047

Yarra Blue Light

Auspice: Blue Light Victoria

Toolangi Adventure Soccer Camp (TASC)

Project Description: The Yarra Blue Light Toolangi Adventure Soccer Camp (TASC) provides young males aged 13-18yrs living on the Yarra High Rise Estates (Richmond, Collingwood & Fitzroy) an opportunity to receive ongoing mentoring to reduce the risk of criminal involvement. TASC has been running for 3 years in partnership with Sports Without Borders, State Blue Light, Anglicare, Australian Sports Commission, APS – Associated Public Schools of Victoria and the City of Yarra. The Camps are coordinated by Tarik Bayrakli, the General Manager of Sports Without Borders. The Yarra

youth that participate are predominantly of African descent and also regularly participate in Yarra weekly programs. The mentors of TASC are selected and recruited from nearby Private Schools (Carey, Hailebury, Scotch, Xavier and St Kevins). TASC attendees are mixed according to needs and strengths to ensure mutual benefits for each individual. The teams compete against each other over the 4 days and gain points through soccer, outdoor and indoor activities. The camp incorporates crucial life skills such as cooking, cleaning, preparation, activity planning and working in a team environment. Melbourne Victory also attends the camp to run a half day clinic. TASC camps are run 4 times per year during school holidays.

Amount Requested: \$9,800 **Total Project Cost:** \$33,500

Recommendation: \$8,800

Panel Comments: A well researched and well written application. The panel commended the move to developing mentors from the local community, recognizing the training and experience this would provide. The application demonstrated clear evaluation methods, and a strong partnership model. The panel recommends not funding the grant management fee, as the applicant organisation is a subsidiary of the auspice organisation.

AG18-114

Australian Vietnamese Women's Association Inc.

Richmond Tutoring Program (cont.)

Project Description: Following the success of the program in previous years, we propose that the Richmond Tutoring Program (RTP) be continued into 2018. This on-going program will provide free tutoring support to primary school students from the disadvantaged CALD families, particularly those in the Richmond housing estate with non-English education background who cannot help their children at home nor afford to pay for private tutoring in order to improve the children's confidence and performance at school.

The tutoring program will be inclusive and supportive of other ethnic communities especially new comers.

The program will be run every Tuesday afternoon during the school terms to strengthen the children's bilingual language and communication skills.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$19,567

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: This is an excellent application and a valuable program that addresses a need. The application was strong, well researched and well written. It was helpful to see photos of the program in action.

AG18-120

MiCare-New Hope Foundation

Youth Behind the Wheel

Project Description: This project will provide driver safety education to young people from CALD backgrounds in the City of Yarra. This early intervention project aims to equip young people with essential knowledge and ensure greater safety behind the wheel. This project will reduce barriers to

social participation, education, training and employment by providing greater accessibility and knowledge of safe driving.

The program will consist of five information sessions on important topics such as road rules, legal rights and responsibilities, infringements, interactions with the police, dangerous driving (including alcohol and drugs), buying a car, insurance, car maintenance and how to obtain a probationary licence. Two participants will take part in the running of each session, and develop the quiz for the end of the program. This will assist to build their leadership skills and confidence. Each participant will receive driving lesson vouchers from RACV to assist with the development of practical driving skills.

This program has been running for five successful years. A key strength of this program is that participants are able to learn theoretical knowledge and put it into practice by accessing professional driving lessons. It is also developing stronger links with other organisations in Yarra to ensure a collaborative approach. Another key strength is that two young people will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and confidence, as they will be involved in aspects of planning and running the program.

Amount Requested: \$4,675 **Total Project Cost:** \$7,375

Recommendation: \$4,175

Panel Comments: A well researched and written application for a project that addresses key barriers that many multicultural young people face in gaining independence and employment. The application clearly articulates the need and proposed outcomes of the project, which compliments the L2P program well. The application is not auspiced so not funding grant management fee.

AG18-144

1st Fitzroy Scout Group Auspice: 1st Fitzroy Scout Group

Operation of the 2018 Scouting Program of the 1st Fitzroy Scout Group

Project Description: The Project is about operating a successful Scouting program in 2018 for youth members from the Fitzroy Community.

The full array of activities taught and encouraged by Scouting are via learning through instruction, participating, having fun, camping, hiking, bush walking, canoeing, Camberwell Showtime, and including the badge-work schemes relevant across the three youth sections (Cubs, Scouts & Venturers).

The volunteer Adult Leaders will operate a variety of Scouting activities over the course of the year. These range from outdoor activities such as bike rides, hikes, camping, abseiling, and visits to community organisations like the Victorian Police, Emergency Services, and learning activities such as first aid, safety, knot tying, flags, cooking, health, construction, environment, wildlife, singing, acting, and map reading.

The 1st Fitzroy Scout Group commenced in July 2012 and continues to grow in many ways. The youth interest in the program continues to grow with our biggest challenges being financial and having sufficient trained Adult Leaders to conduct the program.

The program is conducted weekly, during school term.

Scouting is about participating in a program that encourages youth of similar ages, in age appropriate sections, to grow through adventure by experiencing new challenges, making new friends, building confidence, building skills, taking responsibility for themselves, and being provided

with opportunities to explore their own abilities, interests, whilst nurturing and building their resilience.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$61,793

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: A well written application that would result in benefits for young people around Fitzroy area. The application aligns well with the stream funding priorities, and the panel felt that it was encouraging to see the significant input from volunteer leaders.

AG18-153

Rotary Club of Richmond Next Step Trust

Rotary Next Step Project

Project Description: The Rotary "Next Step" Project is now in its 10th Year. Each year we recruit 30 disadvantaged young people nominated by the Collingwood College and Fitzroy High School Youth Workers because they are disadvantaged, need longer term individual mentoring support and guidance to overcome the effects of their background, life experiences and environment. Our mission is to help them identify and understand their strengths (using online career guidance testing donated by CmyPeople) and guidance from Katrina Dwyer our Youth Worker who is also an experienced recruitment specialist. This strengths analysis helps identify appropriate jobs focus (this discovery is very motivating). We arrange work experience using our Rotary and community networks. This helps discover if the career direction interests the young person. Our next step is to develop job application skills then interviewing skills with volunteer business professionals. The relationship and support with each young person will last until they leave school for their further education at a College or University and or employment or both. This may be at the end of Year 11 or 12. 70% of all the young people who commence this project will achieve this objective. This project is made possible because the schools value this project enough to integrate it into their operations with an office, privileged access to the schools database. Some young people need the support of a young adult, Try Mentoring manages this service. The Rotary Network helps identify the job opportunities and companies provide work experience will also employ the student.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$61,141

Recommendation: \$10,000

Panel Comments: A strong and very well written application that clearly demonstrates capacity to deliver this project which brings significant benefits to young people. The panel commended the inclusion of case studies, which added great value to the application. The panel encouraged the applicant to consider connecting with other organisations or possibly a local university with a view to research for potential further expansion.

AG18-159

Fitzroy Clubhouse

Auspice: Fitzroy learning Network

Fitzroy Clubhouse School Holiday Program

Project Description: The Fitzroy Clubhouse School Holiday Program builds upon the very successful work of the Clubhouse After-School program which was established in 2001 under the umbrella of

Fitzroy Learning Network. The School Holiday Program fills a gap in our community by providing supervised programs of activities during the school holidays for those age 10 to 18 years.

Our target is young people aged 10 to 18 years from the local community. These young people are predominantly from families who live in DHS public housing estates in Fitzroy and Collingwood and, are predominantly from refugee and migrant background.

The proposed program will be conducted in the informal and culturally sensitive learning environment of the Fitzroy Clubhouse and will offer young people the opportunity to collaborate on projects based on music, the visual arts and digital technologies.

The Fitzroy Clubhouse uses strength-based strategies to engage young people, increasing their confidence and capacity to explore their interests and aspirations to participate in education, employment and community life. These approaches will continue through the proposed school-holiday program.

Young people will be encouraged to actively participate in the planning and development of these programs building on their existing talents and interests.

Amount Requested: \$10,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$12,082

Recommendation: \$7,500

Panel Comments: A strong application with clear objectives and evaluation methods. The program meets a need and will compliment other programs in the area.

AG18-177

The Song Room

Reading Bug Literacy Program

Project Description: The Song Room proposes to work with Save the Children and its Reading Club program at the Atherton Gardens Housing Estate in Fitzroy aimed at African-Australian children aged 5 to 12 years.

The Song Room use music and storytelling as a vehicle to enhance the students' literacy skills and social skills through learning songs in English to complement the after-school Reading Bug homework club.

The Song Room Teaching Artist, in partnership with the Save the Children facilitators, will develop a tailored program plan based on the needs of the student cohort.

The Teaching Artist will deliver music and arts workshops at the Reading Club program for once a week over the school semester – held after school at the Atherton Gardens Housing Estate. The workshops will also work towards a performance for Education Week in May 2018, at a combined-schools performance at Deakin Edge at Federation Square.

Finally, there will be an evaluation of the program undertaken by The Song Room.

Amount Requested: \$8,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$11,500

Recommendation: \$7,000

Panel Comments: The application is well written, with clear links to the funding priorities, for a project that is a strong collaboration attuned to the needs of a key community within Collingwood.

The panel liked that the project was working towards a performance, providing a chance to celebrate success, and felt that there was a good learning component with a nice approach.

Youth-Led Stream

AG18-026

Mr Joseph Aklilu

Auspice: Fitzroy learning Network

The Video Club

Project Description: This will be a program 13-18 year olds which will run for 6 weeks, at the beginning of the year 2018 in Fitzroy. Each week guest presenters/mentors will come and deliver short workshops to build skills and confidence in film. The Project will finish with an outdoor cinema event which will showcase participants' creative works with their family and community.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,200

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: This is a great project with strong benefits for the participants and links in with the funding priorities through the peer-to-peer learning and by providing opportunities for youth to showcase their talents. The project will help the participants develop new skills and will also produce public outcomes in the form of films that will be shared with the broader Yarra community.

AG18-031

Fitzroy Lions

Auspice: Fitzroy learning Network

Fitzroy Lions

Project Description: Two days training for Youth at Artherton Gardens weekly and then joining most participated summer tournaments. We are currently the defending champions of not 1 but 2 tournaments hence we might schedule 3 days training sessions. Also before the tournaments starts we will be organising Family and Youth BBQ at Artherton Gardens.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$7410

Subsidised Use Amount: \$800 **Subsidised Use Venue:** Fitzroy Town Hall

Recommendation: \$3,000 **Subsidised Use Recommendation:** \$0

Panel Comments: This is a great application that demonstrates strong links with the community. The panel were impressed with the way the program promotes the participation of young women and the involvement of the parents and families in the celebration events. There were insufficient funds available to grant the Council Facility Subsidy in this case. The panel recommends contacting YYS to request use of their space.

AG18-059

Mr Daniel Cotesta

Auspice: Australian Catholic University

Fitzroy Youth Alive

Project Description: Fitzroy Youth Alive will be run in partnership with the student volunteers from Australian Catholic University (ACU) and Save the Children. ACU student volunteers, from the School of Allied Health and Education respectively, will contribute in the planning, implementation and running of these sessions once a week.

The project will target primary aged children and those in early secondary school years living in the Estates from Collingwood and Fitzroy area. Many of these children come from CALD and Refugee communities and the focus of the project will be on Health & Wellbeing as well as the development of leadership skills for the local youth. The program will provide a safe space for children to engage in a variety of topics including cultural identity, community values, effective communication skills, goal-setting amongst others. The delivery of these topics will be hands-on, fun, engaging and interactive.

The program also aims at including local young people (mainly Year 7 & 8) in the planning and implementation of the sessions. The purpose is to maintain their active engagement in their community, beyond the primary school years. These young people will be given the opportunity to take on roles and responsibilities, which will build their capacity in taking the lead of the project in the future.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$25,000

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: The panel thought that this was a strong application that demonstrated very good project planning and management. The program will offer significant benefits for the participants by helping them to develop their communication skills and enhancing their connection and engagement with the community. The project also provides important opportunities for youth who are in a transitional age bracket which often misses out on other programs.

AG18-076

Ms Davinia Coelho

Auspice: Australian Catholic University

Read To Learn

Project Description: The Read to Learn (RTL) Program is a youth-led initiative which runs once a week on Monday afternoon (3-5pm) with the aim of enhancing the literacy and reading skills of children from the Fitzroy neighbourhood.

Class teachers from Sacred Heart School Fitzroy identify twenty to twenty-five students, from Grades 2 to 6, who have been assessed as having development delay in literacy & reading. The selected children are then matched with one of ACU's students, mainly from the School of Education and Speech Pathology. These tutors support the children by identifying the best strategies to enhance their reading and writing skills. Through a range of diagnostic learning activities and comprehensive assessments, tutors are able to provide specialised and individualized attention to the children. This process contributes to building the children's confidence in reading, writing and comprehension.

Through encouragements and praise, the tutors also help the students to build capacity around deeper thinking skills, beyond word recognition as well as provide them with opportunities to connect their word recognition to experiential learning.

Amount Requested: \$3,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$31,500

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: The panel thought this was a fantastic application that strongly aligns with a number of funding priorities. It very clearly articulates the need for the proposed project and outcomes for the children and young people involved. The application was well supported with letters from ACU and other documentation.

Sports and Recreation Stream

AG18-089

Morning Starz Football Club

Morning Starz Football Club

Project Description: After 6 seasons playing in the VCFA on a social basis, our club is determined to continue to be equipped to provide a basis for a strong and healthy sporting club culture for the benefit of players, volunteers and supporters, the majority of whom come from West Papua. Examples of these are effective administration, quality of equipment, injury treatment and prevention, coaching, fitness and use of facilities. The project encompasses our participation the UNITE Cup - a community tournament for Melbourne's diverse multicultural communities. All stakeholders are volunteers and we are applying for this grant to make it easier for everyone who is committed to the club. We are seeking to improve every aspect of our club. We also want to be able to be in a position that is attractive for people to participate so that they can gain a quality experience that will be beneficial to them in the long term, from both an individual and community perspective.

Amount Requested: \$1,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$2,650

Recommendation: \$1,000

Panel Comments: This project has good intentions and is a good project. Used to be a Yarra-based club but fell off recently. They have done some good work. They are no longer a seasonal club. The application fits with the funding priorities to support CALD communities.

AG18-122

Edinburgh Cricket Club

Atherton Gardens Housing Estate Cricket Program & Junior Girls Cricket Project

Project Description: 1. ECC has now for a number of seasons run a successful cricket program at the Atherton Gardens housing estate. The program this round will consist of twelve 2- hour sessions held at Atherton Gardens as well as a gala/come and try day at the Brunswick Street Oval. On average 35 participants at each session, with at least half participants consistently being girls. ECC view this program as a great opportunity to introduced underprivileged children from diverse backgrounds to Cricket, new experiences and potentially diverse and new people.

The sessions include training, games, specialist coaching from International players. The children are all provided with a cricket pack that includes Cap, shirt, bat, ball.

The aim of the program is ensure the children of the housing estate are introduced to cricket, outdoor activities & team sport.

2. At the completion of the AG Project, the ECC has formed a junior girl's side to compete in the ECA junior girls' competition on a Wednesday night at no cost.

The club will aim to supply equipment, uniform, travel, food for all that participate. It's hoped that the club can enable 50% of the girls from the AG cricket project into a team sport

Amount Requested: \$4,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,000

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: There was support for the broad objectives of the program although there was a bit of confusion about which parts of the program they were actually applying for – the Atherton Gardens program or the junior girls' cricket. Nonetheless a good program worth supporting.

AG18-142

Collingwood City Football Club (CCFC)

Richmond Estate Soccer Program

Project Description: A soccer program for children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds whose low socioeconomic background limits their opportunity to be involved in formalised sporting activities. Coaches in conjunction with a youth worker from Yarra Youth Services and a worker from the City of Yarra will co-ordinate and run the program to engage local children and youth.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,572

Recommendation: \$5,000

Panel Comments: A really good application, very clear about the pathways for young people. Another plus is the involvement of the Yarra youth worker. This program has been running successfully for a while and requires Council's ongoing support to continue.

AG18-157

FC Clifton Hill

Defibrillator for Coulson/ Yambla

Project Description: Defibrillator units for both our playing and training venues for Coulson Reserve and Quarries Park (formerly Yambla Reserve)

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$12,000

Recommendation: \$3,750

Panel Comments: This is obviously for a good cause and the panel recommends paying 75% of the cost of the defibrillator.

AG18-176

Collingwood City Football Club (CCFC)

Collingwood Junior Eagles

Project Description: The Junior Eagles program is a soccer skills training program for children and young people aged 6 to 25 years with an intellectual or physical disability. The program has been extended to include 15 weekly training sessions in Terms 2 and 3. The aims of the program include

to provide the children and young people with an opportunity to learn soccer skills in a safe and welcoming environment where the players' abilities and progress is valued; to improve player physical fitness and to prepare children for integration with other teams as appropriate. The program also supports families of children with special needs by providing recreational/ sporting opportunities for their children and inclusion in a community club, being the Collingwood City Soccer club. The goals of the program have been expanded this year to include working with the FFV to develop an All Abilities soccer league which commenced in 2017. The club now has 2 teams playing in the new league. Additionally the program has been expanded to include young people aged 18 to 25 and to incorporate younger children from 6 to 10 years.

Amount Requested: \$4,885 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,995

Recommendation: \$4,885

Panel Comments: One of the better applications which is auspiced by the Collingwood City Football Club. One of the few Access All Abilities programs in Yarra. This is a well planned and written application and it is a great positive to see them building on from last year's program.

AG18-188

Richmond Junior Football Club

Richmond Junior Football Club - 2018 Youth Development Scholarships

Project Description: The RJFC is a junior Australian rules football club located at both Citizens Park and Kevin Bartlett Reserve.

We maintain an ongoing commitment to ensure access to participating in Australian rules football is open to all local residents. This grant represents support the continuation of that commitment to the social housing and CALD community.

The program is year a long commitment, including both in-season and out of season engagement activities.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$13,750

Recommendation: \$5,000

Panel Comments: This is a priority area for Council targeting kids from CALD communities based in the housing estates. The project provides an avenue of participation for people from CALD backgrounds and people living in social housing.

AG18-189

Clifton Hill Cricket Club

Clifton Hill Cricket Club Women's Development Squad

Project Description: As part of its Strategic Plan 2016-19, Clifton Hill Cricket Club is committed to increasing female participation and developing a full pathway for female cricketers from junior girls to senior women's competition. In 2017-18, the club seeks to run a full program for senior women, including a social and training program, the establishment of one or two senior women's competition sides and the development of a pathway from junior girls to senior women's. The CHCC Women's Development Squad will be an important part of this program, focusing on drawing in women who are currently not playing cricket or other organised sport into an open and relaxed

come-and-try program. The focus will be on mothers of junior players and local residents. Participants in the program will be encouraged to take a more active role in junior team management and coaching and undertake level 1 community coaching training where possible. Participants in the program will also be encouraged to join the main training program for the senior women's competition team for season 2018-19. The main activities will be: weekly training program for women in summer; fortnightly indoor program in winter; intra-club and friendly social matches; level 1 community coaching training; training in scoring and team management.

Amount Requested: \$2,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$5,072

Recommendation: \$2,000

Panel Comments: A priority under the guidelines as the project is directly aimed at increasing women's participation by firstly introducing them to cricket and then giving them an opportunity to play for Clifton Hill CC. A great program.

AG18-212

Alphington Football Club Inc

Purchase of a Portable Defibrillator

Project Description: We plan to buy a portable defibrillator for use by our Over 45 Football Teams

Amount Requested: \$1,650 **Total Project Cost:** \$2,725

Recommendation: \$1,650

Panel Comments: A good application. Portable defibs are definitely required for older teams and may become a funding priority for Yarra in next year's grants.

AG18-221

Collingwood Basketball Association Inc

Inclusive Beginner Basketball Programs

Project Description: Beginner basketball programs for young people with special needs and young people from public housing and CALD communities.

Programs include the Access for All Abilities basketball program for boys and girls aged 8 -16 with special needs and the After School beginners basketball programs for primary aged children which particularly target participants from public housing and the CALD communities.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$26,088

Recommendation: \$5,000

Panel Comments: The two programs are both worthy and beneficial to the community and fit the criteria of the grants. CBA have been running these programs for a long while and have strong experience in involving disadvantaged communities in sport.

AG18-227

Richmond Junior Football Club

Richmond Junior Football Club - 2018 Coach Development program

Project Description: In the past 2 years RJFC has grown from 7 teams to 20 teams.

That has placed enormous strain on the talent pool of coaches we are drawing upon. In 2017 we introduced the "RJFC Coaches Connections" support and mentoring program.

In 2018 we are seeking support to expand the mentoring to assist with the cost of attaining junior/youth and girls' accreditation, as well as additional tailored sessions to assist. To date we have had female assistant coaches and hope that someone is able to progress to head coach in 2018, but if not we better support those that are coaching.

RJFC currently has 7 girls' teams, both male and female participation from Melbourne Indigenous Transition School, as well as kids from CALD communities.

Amount Requested: \$1,500 **Total Project Cost:** \$8,000

Recommendation: \$1,500

Panel Comments: The projects matches the grant criteria as it is important for Council to support coaches, especially of female teams.

AG18-230

Collingwood Basketball Association Inc

Support for young basketballers to play competitive basketball

Project Description: Collingwood Basketball Association has proactively engaged with players from local public housing and CALD communities and has over 100 players from these communities playing in the club's teams.

The club currently subsidises registrations and uniforms for financially disadvantaged families.

This project will allow the club to continue to provide this assistance to players from local public housing, CALD communities and financially disadvantaged families.

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$131,869

Recommendation: \$4,000

Panel Comments: As one of the only basketball associations based in Yarra it has a unique role to play in the community and for the young people it engages with. The club and the profile it has developed in the community is also acknowledged by a number of partnerships.

Sustainability Stream: Partnering for Sustainability

AG18-072

Wellington Collingwood Inc

Greening St. Martin's

Project Description: This project seeks funds to green the St. Martins building which is used by multiple service users. It will contribute towards the installation of solar power at St. Martins, replacement of high energy using lights with LED lights, blocking of door draughts and rain harvesting for the community courtyard and garden.

We have determined these measures after consulting with the Yarra Energy Foundation and receiving four quotes from approved/endorsed YEF solar providers.

This project will nest within a broader community education program which will see the Wellington along with YEF conduct bi-annual open days and community/information/education workshops for services users of the Wellington and residents from the broader community showcasing the sustainable energy initiatives at the St. Martins facility.

Amount Requested: \$7,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$13,600

Recommendation: \$7,000

Panel Comments: The panel noted that this application had a good budget, and included an excellent project plan, with clear aims, and obvious community and environmental benefits. They noted that it included a novel approach to addressing the issues with partnerships, utilizing strong networks so that the project will have significant reach. They also noted that the applicant has consulted well with stakeholders and experts, which will help the project succeed.

AG18-096

Uniting Kildonan on behalf of Uniting (Victoria and Tasmania) Ltd.

Uniting Kildonan Energy Program

Project Description: This project will partner to provide face-to-face/over-the-phone energy assessments and group community education sessions to vulnerable households in Yarra experiencing financial difficulty and offers a proactive way to get ahead of the growing problem of bill shock. As a member of the current Uniting Emergency Relief network, Uniting Kildonan is aware of the increasing presentation of vulnerable people who are unable to pay utility bills.

Our highly-skilled energy workers will provide support to low income households in Yarra on ways to minimise utility costs without affecting comfort and enhancing financial stability by attempting to match energy usage with affordability and providing sustainable consumption options.

Funding sought in this application will complement Uniting Kildonan's existing Energy Program by providing vulnerable households in Yarra, who are not customers of our corporate partners and/or eligible for existing programs, with access to the benefits of energy assessments. Uniting Kildonan has access to a small pool of funds to provide appliance replacements and retrofit items which will be accessible for Yarra residents through this program. Uniting Kildonan also offers No Interest Loans (NILS) and low interest loans (StepUP) that program participants can access and we are also the lead agency of the North Eastern Tenancy Assistance and Advocacy Program and the North Eastern Financial Counselling Program and receive Federal Emergency Relief funding in the region which will provide program participants with the opportunity to access more in-depth financial and advocacy assistance if required.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for examples of Kildonan Energy Program collateral.

Amount Requested: \$15,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$20,000

Recommendation: \$15,000

Panel Comments: This is a good existing program that is expanding its reach. The application strongly links in with all the identified funding priorities, and the application is well written, demonstrating the track record of the project and the value it provides to the community. The panel

would like to strongly encourage the partnership with the African Australian Food Relief Association noted in the application, to engage their involvement in the program.

AG18-110

Gowrie Victoria-Carlton North

Growing Partnerships for Sustainability: Nurturing Urban Greening and Nature Play

Project Description: Using Gowrie Victoria's Carlton North site, we plan to create a bush kinder-style setting for Gowrie's children, local educators and community members (including Girl Guides and BirdLife volunteers) whilst simultaneously enhancing the biodiversity and habitat value of the area by improving the understorey and availability of water to local fauna. To accomplish this goal, we will install a natural lagoon wet area and plant bush food and local plants. In keeping with Yarra Environment Strategy Pathway 2, we are enhancing community awareness and engagement with local environment by partnering with Girl Guides Victoria, BirdLife Australia, Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre (Museums Victoria) and bush kinder guru, Doug Fargher.

The establishment of the environment will include a creek area (recirculated water from a water tank) and local plant and bush foods understorey to existing established trees. This area will be sectioned off with an indigenous shrub hedge so that when children, educators, community members and volunteers enter the space their mind set is shifted into nature-based pedagogy. The space would be shared across Gowrie, as well as with Girl Guide and BirdLife volunteers, for purposeful and meaningful exploration of nature.

To disseminate the pedagogical strategies, Doug Fargher, Director, Bush Kinder will deliver bush kinder workshops to educators from Gowrie and Yarra Early Learning Centres utilising the newly established environment as a demonstration site.

The ultimate outcome is to engage children, staff and local residents in the monitoring of the improvements to the biodiversity and ecosystem health of the site through bird surveys.

Amount Requested: \$8,395 **Total Project Cost:** \$25,231.50

Recommendation: \$8,395

Panel Comments: A strong, thoughtful and well written application for a project that will provide a great environment for inner city children to start their education. The project has a strong community benefit, both through allowing the children to interact with nature and through the workshops available to external educators - Lady Gowrie Centre has experience in innovative projects, and it is positive to see them incorporating sharing their experience with other early learning centres.

AG18-179

3000acres

Planter Box Revitalisation

Project Description: There is lots of potential growing space in the City of Yarra that at present is not utilized to its full potential. The planter boxes scheme is a promising initiative to reclaim this space for the benefit of the community, but there scope to make it even better. 3000acres has recently completed an audit of all the existing planter boxes in the City of Yarra, allowing us to identify the boxes in need of attention and design a tailored revitalization program to maximize their aesthetic potential and productive capacity.

The Planter Box Revitalisation program will involve 2 separate events in the north and south of municipality. These weekend workshops will be designed to give people the skills, materials and connections they to make better use of planter boxes and create stronger neighbourhood dynamics.

Each workshop will involve,

- gardening demonstration, including the processes of replanting and soil conditioning
- how-to for small scale urban composting systems using worm farms.
- kids activities and strategies to beautify the planter boxes through decoration, including community mural painting and craft activities.

Each participant will receive a pack of goods on the day to take home to improve their planter box, including;

- Seedlings, compost, mulch, mini worm farm.
- information pack

Amount Requested: \$5,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$5,800

Recommendation: \$5,000

Panel Comments: A well written and well thought out project which should appeal to residents responsible for the planter boxes. The application included a strong, realistic budget, for a project that empowers and encourages connections within the community, and demonstrates multiple community benefits. The applicant has a good track record in the area of urban agriculture, and this project will enhance council's service of providing planter boxes, ensuring they reach their full potential.

Sustainability Stream: General Sustainability Grants

AG18-036

Fitzroy North Primary School

Fitzroy North Primary School Kitchen Garden Project

Project Description: This application provides information to support a funding request for the establishment of a school-wide composting system at Fitzroy North Primary School (FNPS). The FNPS Composting Project supports the larger aims of the FNPS Kitchen Garden Project, for which we have submitted an application for an Investing in Community Grant. The FNPS Kitchen Garden Project aims to redevelop the school grounds and purchase materials and equipment to create a fully functioning and innovative permaculture garden, which would be closely linked with the school's Italian curriculum. The establishment of school-wide composting system is one the initial objectives of this larger project.

The FNPS Composting Project would see a school wide composting collection system established across all areas of the school, including classrooms, staff rooms, the canteen, kitchen and schoolyard. Links will also be made with local businesses in the area in order to collect additional food waste. Food waste will be utilised as a valuable resource to support a slow composting bay system and at least six moveable worm bins. The compost created by the project will be used to enhance the fertility of the school vegetable garden, which supports our Italian Language Kitchen Garden Program.

Amount Requested: \$4,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$10,600

Recommendation: \$3,000

Panel Comments: A strong application with good and achievable goals. The application included a well thought out project plan to promote sustainable practices and waste reduction to primary school students, which aligns well with the funding stream priorities in that it encourages connections within the community to increase sustainable lifestyles. A lesser amount of funding is recommended to encourage fund-raising activities.

AG18-053

Woodside Street Sustainability Group

Auspice: Holden Street Neighbourhood House

Woodside Street Community Composting

Project Description: This is a joint project between the Woodside Street Sustainability Group and the Fitzroy High School.

The project is to develop a community composting facility at the Fitzroy High School, which will compost leftovers from local residents, and potentially from the school.

This facility will reduce landfill, and increase awareness about the benefits of composting across local residents, and the whole school - covering the students' years at the school and into the future.

The school is committed to the project, and keen to use the composting as part of engaging with students on sustainability, project management, communication, the mechanics and chemistry of composting, plus the benefits and how to utilise the compost in the garden.

Members of the group are keen to help students with the maintenance of this kitchen garden.

The compost produced will be shared between the residents and used in the school's own existing kitchen garden.

We would set up three compost bins, along the lines of the one designed by Sebastian Beck, at Carlton Neighbourhood House.

We expect three bins and a storage unit for materials, printing, assorted tools, printing and signage. Estimated to cost \$4,500.

We see this has having an outstanding legacy in building sustainability and composting awareness to all school students at Fitzroy High School in partnership with residents.

The legacy will reach across residents, students and teachers for many years to come.

Students will decorate the bins, to build ownership. These panels can be refreshed as new students come through.

Amount Requested: \$4500 **Total Project Cost:** \$13,600

Recommendation: \$2,500

Panel Comments: This is a straightforward and well written application for a great initiative with good outreach. The encouragement of the local community to use the composting facilities is a positive point of difference for this application, so that the program is also good for residents and fosters greater connection between the school and the wider community. The application is being funded at the minimum required, with the panel encouraging the applicant to begin as a trial with just the two bins, then evaluate and build on the program in the future.

AG18-135

North Fitzroy Community Garden Group

Reducing food waste and improving compost in the North Fitzroy community.

Project Description: The project aims to reduce the amount of food waste going to landfill in the local neighbourhood and use this to create quality compost.

This will be done by:

- improving the volume and quality of our compost bins and worm farms;
- promoting the composting facility in the local neighbourhood through letterbox drops, community billboards and City of Yarra newsletters;
- providing improved signage at the compost bins;
- holding 3 workshops/year on good composting and worm farm practices for all garden members and the local community;
- measuring the output (volume and quality) from existing compost bins for 6 months and comparing with the latter 6 months of the project.

Amount Requested: \$4,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$6,000

Recommendation: \$4,000

Panel Comments: A well written and thoughtful application that states the clear need and outcome. The application addressed the funding stream priorities by encouraging community action of sustainable behaviour. The project is simple and easily implemented, with the applicant having identified a shortfall they had with regards to compost bins, and then clearly set out their needs and how these would be addressed.

AG18-156

Richmond Primary School

Community Garden Off Grid Solar Power

Project Description: We would like to set up an off grid solar panel array to:

- (a) power the shed in our award winning Community Garden
- (b) create a teaching resource for our students about sourcing sustainable energy through solar power

The funding we are seeking would finance the installation of: solar panels; battery storage; a power meter; and signage to help demonstrate to students the purpose of the project and power is obtained for use in support of the garden.

Amount Requested: \$4,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$4,259

Recommendation: \$4,000

Panel Comments: A positive program that would provide a real teaching experience for the students, particularly teaching by example.

AG18-194

Boroondara Kindergarten

Natural shade and shelter at kindergarten - raised garden beds and shade structure with passionfruit vine

Project Description: Recently a large and established tree, situated in our kindergarten garden, was removed for safety reasons. This liquid amber tree provided the kinder for 80 years with shade and shelter. Now that we no longer have this special tree a large area of garden, including a sandpit, is exposed and children do not have adequate shade. Additionally, what was once a green and private space is unprotected and on display to the surrounding flats overlooking the playground.

We are obliged to provide this area with shade and plan to construct a large wooden frame over the exposed garden. Climbing fruit plants will be planted around this framework, becoming a green blanket of natural shade. Until these climbing plants are established the frame will be covered in shade cloth. Vegetable and herb boxes will surround the base.

Most of this project will be achieved with the help of local families at working bees for the installation, planting and also on-going maintenance of the garden. It will re-create a protected, green space, educate and expose children and the local community to the joys and importance of a greener environment, provide fresh produce to be used by the kindergarten and families, and will also attract a larger variety of bird and insect life.

With the establishment of this space Boroondara Kindergarten will be less exposed to surrounding towers and the local community invited to connect with nature and other families. Existing compost bins will be used to fertilise the garden beds.

Amount Requested: \$3,768 **Total Project Cost:** \$17,080

Recommendation: \$3,768

Panel Comments: A well written application with clear aims, reasoning and budget. The panel was pleased to see that the kindergarten planned to provide green space to replace the tree, rather than a concrete structure, and felt that this was a sound solution to provide shade and ambience for those using the kinder and those looking from outside after the loss of a much loved mature tree.
