

# INVESTING IN COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018-2020

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**Applicant ID:** ICG2018-2002

**Applicant:** Concern Australia

**Project Title:** LiveWires

**Brief Project Description:** LiveWires offers vulnerable children on the Collingwood Public Housing Estate with sport and recreation activities, expressive arts, cooking and baking classes, play-based education, social learning and encourages mindfulness. This program runs every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon in the school term and one week during the school holidays. We welcome people of all cultures, backgrounds and beliefs and teach each child principles of inclusivity and to value each individual's story. We explore the sharing of cultural food, music and art as components of multicultural education.

We provide a safe, stimulating and caring space where children can receive care, healthy meals, and engage in activities while building relationships with supportive adults. Children engage in play-based learning with hands-on skill coaching in a variety of areas. We partner with schools, sport clubs, local artists, and government to give children access to diverse experiences, skill-based coaching and community centres. We teach children the values of staying healthy through nutrition, exercise, community and mindfulness. Children will learn:

- social skills and principles of respect and participation
- self-expression through the arts
- teamwork
- cultural practices and perspectives
- numeracy and literacy through play
- motor-skills
- leadership
- positive codes of behaviour

We deliver an early-intervention program to reduce the risk of vulnerable children exhibiting mental health issues or anti-social behaviour in the future. This is a social and economically cost-effective strategy. We have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying and poor behaviour and provide clear boundaries and structure. Our aim is to support the enhancement of each child's well-being and development.

**Amount requested Year 1:** \$25,000

**Recommendation Year 1:** \$25,000

**Total recommended over three years:** \$76,130.63

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**Applicant ID:** ICG2018-2003

**Applicant:** Wellington Collingwood Inc

**Project Title:** The Wellington Collingwood

**Brief Project Description:** The Wellington Center provides a safe and inclusive environment for people to meet daily. It runs a number of self-help groups including Narcotics Anonymous, YOGA, African Drumming, Tai Chi, community singing, a food pantry and a Knitting group. A number of social activities are also run during the week. In partnership with St. Vincent's Hospital the Wellington Center offers a free community lunch to people in the Collingwood area once a fortnight. Meals are also provided on other days and participants are encouraged to cook for others.

Of particular importance are the allied and complementary health services that The Wellington Center delivers to the local community of Collingwood and Fitzroy. These services include preventative health measures via Chiropractic clinics, Myotherapy clinics, Osteopathy Clinic, Counselling, Optometry, Naturopathy, and Chinese Medicine including Acupuncture and Massage treatments all run under the umbrella of 'Hands on Health Australia' Clinics.

An important aspect of The Wellington's work is providing a place of sanctuary for some and connection for many. We aim to provide a place of wellbeing providing a point of connection, inclusion and belonging.

**Amount requested Year 1:** \$30,000

**Recommendation Year 1:** \$25,000

**Total recommended over three years:** \$76,130.63

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**Applicant ID:** ICG2018-2003

**Applicant:** Victorian Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (VACRO)

**Project Title:** Second Chance Cycles (SCC)

**Brief Project Description:** Since July 2009, VACRO has run a community bicycle workshop. The Second Chance Cycles workshop takes discarded bicycles and unclaimed stolen bikes and restores them for community use. We provide people from the City of Yarra with hands on training and a workshop environment, the opportunity to learn how to repair and maintain their own bikes, the opportunity to reduce, recycle and reuse, the opportunity to give back to the community and provide people from marginalised backgrounds an opportunity to socialise in a supportive setting.

**Amount requested Year 1:** \$32,500

**Recommendation Year 1:** \$27,500

**Total recommended over three years:** \$83,743.69

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**Application ID:** ICG2018-2011

**Applicant:** Merri Creek Management Committee Inc

**Project Title:** Confluence: Investing in the cultural and environmental values of Merri-Yarra confluence with community

**Brief Project Description:** Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) and Wurundjeri Council (WC) will increase the City of Yarra community's appreciation of Wurundjeri Country at the Merri-Yarra Confluence based on our partnership work over eight years for Murnong Gathering (City of Moreland) and three years for Merri's Magical Morning (City of Darebin). We will leave no footprint when we invest in Yarra's community and:

1. Build on our established relationship to shape an engagement plan to build community recognition of Yarra as Wurundjeri Country near the confluence's new scar trees.
2. Use our strong track record and proven ability to undertake conservation work, free guided walks and free mini-festivals with Wurundjeri cultural values and presence at the core.
3. Invite and integrate past recipients of City of Yarra's Investing in Community Grants in new opportunities as a key platform of our Investing in Community Engagement Strategy.
4. Aim for a self-sustaining business base for walks and mini-festivals to ensure lasting impact in the City of Yarra.

**Amount requested Year 1:** \$29,950

**Recommendation Year 1:** \$29,950

**Total recommended over three years:** \$91,204.49

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**Application ID:** ICG2018-2013

**Applicant:** Skills2Connect      **Auspice:** Fitzroy learning Network

**Project Title:** Skills2Connect

**Brief Project Description:** Skills2Connect matches skilled volunteers from the Yarra community with refugees, migrants and people seeking asylum who need support to access pathways to community connection, education and employment. Mentors support, guide, and encourage those eager to build positive long term community relationships that overcome cultural barriers, isolation, limited skills, lack of confidence and barriers to employment and education.

Skills2Connect provides intensive, group and one-to-one practical support for:

- Adults seeking employment, education pathways;
- Youth at risk of disengaging from education/employment pathways;
- All who seek networks and connections that enable full community participation

Support provided will include:

- English language support; career guidance and understanding of the Australian workplace;
- resume writing, job search opportunities;
- education guidance, homework tutoring;

- community network understanding and connection;
- grant-writing and grant management for new and emerging community groups

Skills2Connect builds on BrainBank delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL) until October 2016, but now successfully managed by FLN. With its new brand, Skills2Connect consolidates the achievements of BrainBank and builds on its impact through a greater focus on strength-based mentoring, capturing the aspirations of participants, and expanding the number of mentors and mentees participating in the program.

Our vision for Skills2Connect is to support vulnerable groups to develop the assets, resources and knowledge they need to develop their community. We will achieve this by:

- Building the capacity, skill base and community connections for local residents;
- Reducing social isolation and building community cohesion and connectivity;
- Strengthening social capital and fostering individual resilience.

**Amount requested Year 1:** \$39,520

**Recommendation Year 1:** \$39,520

**Total recommended over three years:** \$120,347.29

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**Application ID:** ICG2018-2018

**Applicant:** 3CR Community Radio

**Project Title:** 3CR Beyond the Bars

**Brief Project Description:** Beyond the Bars is a cutting-edge project presenting a series of live prison radio broadcasts with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) inmates from within Victorian jails during NAIDOC Week. The radio broadcasts are presented by ATSI broadcasters and distributed via 3CR 855AM, 3CR Digital, streamed live online and made available to other community stations around Australia. The broadcasts are preceded by workshops that engage, challenge and prepare the inmates for their time on air. The broadcasts are an opportunity to speak out, build confidence, connect with community and explore cultural and social issues. Beyond the Bars gives voice to over 100 ATSI women and men and is unique throughout Australia and the world in facilitating the participation of ATSI prisoners via live radio. It is our intention that the prisons include: Port Phillip Prison, Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, Barwon prison, Middleton/Loddon prison, Marngoneet and Fulham Correctional Centres. Following the annual broadcasts a double CD (1000 in quantity) of highlights is produced and launched at a free, public event in the City of Yarra that celebrates the project with live music and a panel of speakers. The CD features the songs, poetry and stories from ATSI prisoners and is distributed free to community broadcasters, prisoner participants, ATSI individuals and organisations, prison management and services, and other media outlets. The CD distribution ensures that the broadcast event is not just a one-off listening opportunity. In addition, to increase accessibility, Beyond the Bars audio is available online [www.3cr.org.au/beyondthebars](http://www.3cr.org.au/beyondthebars)

**Amount requested Year 1:** \$22,353

**Recommendation Year 1:** \$22,353

**Total recommended over three years:** \$68,069.92

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**Application ID:** ICG2018-2033

**Applicant:** Open Table

**Project Title:** Open Table Free Community Lunch Program

**Brief Project Description:** Open Table facilitates free, monthly, open-invite Community Lunches. The Lunches are made with surplus food from the local area, serving up hearty, vegetable based meals with the goal of developing community cohesion and unity, whilst tackling the growing issue of food insecurity. The Community Lunches are volunteer-run, are free to attend and are open to all members of the community.

The lunches are held at the Atherton Gardens Community Food Hub in Fitzroy, Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House in Richmond and Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Network in Carlton North.

To support the growing demand for the lunches, an aspect of the program will involve developing a network of surplus food donors among local businesses in the City of Yarra, whereby businesses donate to Open Table any edible, unspoiled food which would have otherwise been thrown away.

**Amount requested year 1:** \$29,915

**Recommendation Year 1:** \$29,915

**Total recommended over three years: \$91,097.91**

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**Application ID:** ICG2018-2034

**Applicant:** Australian Catholic University

**Project Title:** Yarra Blue Light, Victoria Police and Australian Catholic University Sport Programs for Middle Years

**Brief Project Description:** Yarra Blue Light, Victoria Police and Australian Catholic University have joined forces in 2017 to provide Sport, Health and Education programs for the middle years children in the City of Yarra. One of the main purposes of these programs is to provide a safe environment for middle years children to be involved in activities that promote engagement, inclusion and participation. Sport for development programs have been shown to be a powerful tool to engage the local youth in the middle years of low social economic communities to believe in themselves so they contribute positively to their community and society.

Furthermore, research by Victoria Police has identified that a key ingredient in preventing youth crime and empowering local youth to transition safely through the middle years is to provide community led sport and health programs that engage the youth.

The sport for development programs that would be partially funded by this successful grant application are all established programs that have been developed in consultation with the community on the housing estates in Fitzroy, Collingwood and Richmond. Collectively, these programs provide sport opportunities, health and education to more than 250 children per week in the "middle years" demographic as defined by council.

The 6 combined programs:

1. Collingwood All-Stars Soccer Program (CASP) in Collingwood;
2. Fitzroy Activity & Sport (FASTA) in Fitzroy;
3. Police & Community Sports Equipment Library (PACSEL) – Richmond.
4. Fitzroy Thunder Girls Soccer program in Fitzroy
5. Boys Soccer program in Fitzroy
6. Multicultural Auskick Centre (Richmond)

**Amount requested Year 1:** \$45,000

**Recommendation Year 1:** \$45,000

**Total recommended over three years:** \$137,035.13

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**Application ID:** ICG2018-2038

**Applicant:** 3CR Community Radio

**Project Title:** Disability Day Radio

**Brief Project Description:** The Disability Day Radio project will deliver 12 hours of dynamic radio featuring the voices, ideas and creative talents of the Yarra-based disability community. The project will employ a worker with a disability to design and oversee the radio shows, podcasts and manage the event. The worker will collaborate closely with a Yarra-based advisory committee made up of people with a disability from the areas of advocacy, radio production and local service organisations. A production assistant skilled in radio and project management will provide resourcing and support to the Disability Day Radio worker in delivering the radio programming by and for the disability community on 3 December. Across a six month period the worker will facilitate the ideas of the advisory committee along with existing disability day radio programmers at 3CR in producing 12 hours of radio that is podcast, broadcast live on 855AM and 3CR Digital, and streamed via 3cr.org.au Additionally, segments of the material will be made available nationally via the Community Radio Network to community stations around Australia. The result will be an exceptional series of podcasts available on the day and into the future that are designed and delivered by the Yarra disability community. The project will provide a unique opportunity for training and professional development for the worker in project management and delivery, along with facilitating the voices of the Yarra disability community coming to the fore across multiple media platforms in celebration of Disability Day.

**Amount requested Year 1:** \$26,769

**Recommendation Year 1:** \$22,353

**Total recommended over three years:** \$68,069.92

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**Application ID:** ICG2018-2041

**Applicant:** Abbotsford Convent Foundation (ACF)

**Project Title:** Convent Kids (working title)

**Brief Project Description:** Convent Kids is a new, annual program of free hands-on arts activities for young children and families focused on creative learning, diverse literacies and community engagement. Presented by the Abbotsford Convent, Convent Kids will encompass a range of new programs each year, delivered by leading artists of diverse practice areas.

We know that early childhood is a vital period in children's learning and development. Convent Kids is designed to foster lifelong engagement with the arts and improve children's educational outcomes by firmly placing children at the centre of arts and cultural activity.

Convent Kids will be a significant new public offering within Yarra, directly connecting large-scale audiences with artists and encouraging children, parents and carers to participate in arts activities together, equipping them with new methods of creative play which can then be implemented at home.

Programs will open up the many possibilities of the arts by showcasing diverse practice areas, and creating a platform for creative expression and community interaction. In this way, children will be given a rare agency in a public institution, inviting their active participation and celebrating their citizenship.

Convent Kids will offer free entry, open-ended time scheduling ("come and go"), and options to participate or simply observe. All programs will:

- Celebrate children's varied experiences
- Offer different modes of aesthetic expression
- Provide unique opportunities for children and families to become co-creators of new artistic works
- Deliver high-calibre contemporary art and cultural experiences to broad audiences within Yarra.

**Amount requested Year 1:** \$23,015

**Recommendation Year 1:** \$23,015

**Total recommended over three years:** \$70,085.86

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