

Confidential summary of feedback on applications for the Richmond & Collingwood Youth Program Grants 2020 – 2023.

The Community Grant Assessment Panel met on 26 March 2020. The panel was chaired by the Manager, Family, Youth and Children’s Services and Coordinator (Malcolm Foard), and included two external panellists – the Manager, North Richmond Community Capacity Building Initiative (Ian Adotey), and the Housing and Place Manager, Collingwood Housing Estate (Bronwyn Boyd).

Below is a brief summary of comments from Community Grant Assessment Panel. This includes feedback on the successful and unsuccessful applicants.

Organisation	Overall Weighted Total	Summary of Feedback
The Drum Youth Services	83.75%	<p>A clear program plan, objectives and budget;</p> <p>Very clear consultation with children, young people and key stakeholders to inform the application;</p> <p>Demonstrated relationships and support from key local stakeholders working with the target community, including letters of support from Belgium Avenue and Collingwood Neighbourhood Houses, Helping Hoops, Concern Australia, The Push, and several young people;</p> <p>A high level of commitment to child safety and monitoring and evaluation;</p> <p>A commitment to working alongside young people, the Department of Health and Human Services, Council and other local service providers to maximise the utilisation of the Richmond Youth Hub; and</p> <p>In addition to the application, an innovative and responsive approach to delivering programs and services to young people and their families in the COVID-19 environment – and a commitment to working alongside Council to amend their current Funding Agreement accordingly.</p>
Applicant B	65.00%	<p>Application and presentation very well researched and executed with academic framework;</p> <p>Strong program plan, budget, and commitment to child safety and monitoring and evaluation;</p> <p>The applicant was unable to satisfactorily demonstrate connection to services at a local level, despite their partnership with Victoria Police (Blue Light) sports programs, and one local school. The applicant does not have strong connection to Neighbourhood Houses, Council’s youth services, or key networks in Richmond and Collingwood;</p> <p>The breadth of program offerings are limited to sport and education support;</p>

		<p>With no local presence, Applicant B would require time to establish engagement and relationships in Richmond and Collingwood; and</p> <p>While Applicant B acknowledged that their service delivery would need to change in COVID-19 environment, and have considered for current programs being delivered in the community, they were unable to provide the same depth of response as the drum.</p>
Applicant C	68.75%	<p>Applicant C has a strong presence on the Collingwood housing estate, is well respected, and has good connections/relationships locally;</p> <p>Whilst elements of Applicant C's program may be deemed successful, it has limited program reach, resulting in the application failing to satisfactorily address the full scope of the Program Guidelines and funding criteria;</p> <p>Application focused solely on young people aged 8 – 12 on the Collingwood housing estate, and did not outline how it would support and service young people across the whole 8 – 21 age range; and</p> <p>Applicant C is already supported with funding through Council's Investing in Community Grants program until December 2020.</p>
Applicant D	52.50%	<p>The scale of the proposed project was very limited and did not offer good value for money;</p> <p>Based in Fitzroy, there was limited connection and relationships (with young people or local service providers) on the Richmond and Collingwood Housing Estates; and</p> <p>Application focused largely on a video/film project, and assessors felt it was more suited to a smaller grant funding opportunity, not the Richmond and Collingwood Youth Program Grants.</p>