

## 7.3 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants Report

### Executive Summary

#### Purpose

This report seeks a Council resolution to endorse the review of officers' assessments by the Community Strengthening Grants Assessment Panel for the allocation of 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants which provide up to \$10,000.

#### Background

The 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening grants opened on Tuesday 26 April, and closed on Sunday 30 May 2022. The Annual Community Strengthening Grants Program provides financial support up to \$10,000 for projects and equipment costs associated with the delivery of new one-off services, programs and activities that strengthen Boroondara's community. There are six streams in the Annual Grants Program, each with objectives outlined in the 2022-23 Grant Guidelines.

The Guidelines for this grant were available through the Council website, along with information on how to apply and officer contact details. Council officers provided advice and support to applicants.

#### Key Issues

The funding pool for the 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants (including the Small Grants) is \$576,450, which includes a contribution of \$135,000 from the Rotary Club of Balwyn and an allocation from Council, as well as rolled over funds of \$95,618 from the 2021-22 Annual Community Strengthening Grants and the 2020-23 Triennial Operational Grants.

In line with the Boroondara Community Strengthening Grants Policy, 75% of the Annual Community Strengthening Grants allocation is provisionally allocated to the 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants, which is \$432,337.50. The remaining \$144,112 is allocated to up to two rounds of the 2022-23 Small Grants. A total of \$41,051.43 was allocated to Round 1 of the 2022-23 Small Grants. Fifty-four (54) applications were received for the 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grant round, with five new applicants. Three applications were ineligible.

The Panel has reviewed officers' recommendations regarding funding allocations for applications that align with Council's strategic objectives and priorities. The reviewed applications focus on new activities and projects, increasing capacity and participation in local organisations and delivering practical community strengthening outcomes.

Council officers from seven Council departments provided support and advice to applicants to strengthen the development of their proposals. Applicants were required to discuss their applications with a Council officer prior to making a submission. Council officers from relevant areas discussed proposal ideas and provided advice to applicants. Three information sessions were held, and volunteer grant writers were available on request to assist applicants in developing their submissions.

The Panel recommended full or partial funding for 46 applications out of the 54 applications received, totaling \$232,959.01. With this recommendation and the allocation of \$41,051.43 in Round 1 of the Small Grants, there is \$302,439.56 remaining. The Panel has recommended that the remaining funds be rolled over to the Triennial Operational Grants 2023-27.

#### Confidentiality

Confidential information is contained in *Confidential Attachment 1 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants Assessment Panel Attendances* and *Confidential Attachment 2 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants Not Recommended/Ineligible*, as circulated in the confidential section of the agenda attachments, in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) and the definitions of 'confidential information' in section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The information relates to

- a. personal information, being information which if released would result in unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (section 3(1)(f)).
- b. private commercial information being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage (section 3(1)(g)).

The item has been included in the public agenda to facilitate transparency and accountability in Council's decision making.

If discussion of the confidential information in the attachments to this report is required in order for Council to make a decision, this item will be deferred to the confidential section of the agenda.

### **Officers' recommendation**

That Council resolve to endorse the 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants funding as reviewed and listed in **Attachment 1**, annexed to the minutes.

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**Responsible director:** Carolyn McClean, Director Community Support

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## 1. Purpose

This report seeks a Council resolution to endorse the review of officers' assessments by the Community Strengthening Grants Assessment Panel for the allocation of 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants which provide up to \$10,000.

## 2. Policy implications and relevance to community plan and council plan

The Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31 is Council's key strategic document and it describes the community's 10-year vision and priorities. It guides Council's decision making, and directly informs the budget processes and Council strategies, plans, policies and actions.

The Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31 is structured around seven themes our community told us were important to them and each includes a strategic objective describing the outcomes we are seeking to achieve. The four strategies of relevance for this report are:

Strategy 1.2 under the Priority Theme of Community, Services and Facilities.

*Health and wellbeing is improved through delivering, facilitating and advocating for services and programs that are accessible and affordable.*

Strategy 1.3 under the Priority Theme of Community, Services and Facilities.

*Arts and culture are showcased by increasing opportunities to participate in artistic and cultural programming.*

Strategy 3.1 under the Priority Theme of The Environment.

*Community resilience and capacity to live sustainably is increased through advocacy, education and resources.*

Strategy 6.3 under the Priority Theme of Local Economy

*Showcase and promote the City's attractions to increase visitation and spending locally.*

In addition, the health priorities of improving mental wellbeing and social connection will also be contributed to through these projects.

### Policy context

The Boroondara Community Strengthening Grants Policy 2020 sets out the parameters for the allocation of the Annual Community Strengthening Grants. The policy integrates Council's grant funding activities, so they strategically align to community needs, as identified in the Boroondara Community Plan 2021-2031.

The allocations recommended by the Community Strengthening Grants Assessment Panel also support commitments contained in the Boroondara Arts Plan 2020-23, the Multicultural Action Plan 2019-23, Disability Action Plan 2018-22, Add life to your years - Healthy Ageing in Boroondara Plan, Sport and Recreation Strategy, Children and Young People Action Plan and Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2016-21.

### 3. Background

#### Program overview

The Annual Community Strengthening Grants Program provides limited but important financial support for projects and equipment costs associated with the delivery of new one-off services, programs and activities that strengthen Boroondara's community. There are six streams in the Annual Grants Program, each with objectives outlined in the 2022-23 Grant Guidelines, and shown in Table 1 below. Applications were received for five streams with no applications submitted for the Sustainable Community stream.

**Table 1 Annual Community Strengthening Grant Streams**

Stream	Description	Objectives	Applications
Active Community	Accessible recreation, sport and physical activity opportunities catering for the diverse and changing needs of the community along with education, training and capacity building for groups and clubs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide new and innovative opportunities for local sport and physical activity</li> <li>• Enhance participation in both structured (e.g. team sports) and non-structured (e.g. walking and cycling) sport and recreation opportunities for a diversity of residents</li> <li>• Encourage clubs to be self-sustainable (e.g. specialist coaching clinics, sustainable sport club ideas, club governance or admin skills).</li> </ul>	Recreation 5 Sport 4
Life-long Community	To develop opportunities that maximise older people's (aged 55+) quality of life, social connections and ability to participate and engage in the community through the provision of programs, activities, volunteering and community sharing projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enhance older peoples' health and wellbeing and participation in the community</li> <li>• improve older peoples' access and mobility around the community</li> <li>• enhance social cohesion, promote strong community networks of mutual support and reduce social isolation.</li> </ul>	14  Ineligible 1
Creative Community	Diverse arts and cultural programs, festivals, events and activities that articulate and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promote health, wellbeing, safety and/or a sense of community within Boroondara</li> <li>• offer life-long learning opportunities for Boroondara's</li> </ul>	12

	enhance arts, culture and heritage practice across Boroondara.	<div>diverse community</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develop community stakeholder relationships (including arts and cultural organisations), which promote a sense of civic pride</li> <li>• empower local community members and stakeholders to contribute to cultural experiences and occasions for, and with, the community</li> <li>• engage the community at facilities and public spaces across Boroondara</li> <li>• introduce a new or emerging art form or cultural practice to the Boroondara community.</li> </ul>	
Healthy Community	Projects and activities that promote safety, good health and wellbeing of individuals, families and community groups, across all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support programs and activities that promote health, wellbeing, community safety, and prevention of violence</li> <li>• build connected and inclusive communities</li> <li>• offer learning opportunities for Boroondara's diverse community.</li> </ul>	14 Children & Families (5) Health & Wellbeing (9)  Ineligible 2
Sustainable Community	Projects and programs that build community capacity to live sustainably and ensure our natural environment is healthy and sustainable for future generations through the efficient use of resources, reduction in waste and the protection of our local biodiversity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increase community awareness and understanding of environmental sustainability</li> <li>• showcase our natural environment as healthy and sustainable for future generations</li> <li>• build community capacity to live sustainably through efficient use of energy and water, resource recovery and/or reuse of materials, and renewable energy generation</li> <li>• support initiatives and projects that demonstrate diverse environmental sustainability benefits.</li> </ul>	Nil
Vibrant Retail Precincts	Initiatives, projects and activities that increase the vibrancy and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increase visitation and spending locally by promoting and showcasing the unique attributes and strengths of a retail precinct</li> </ul>	2

	functionality of retail precincts, enhance a sense of community and pride, and promote a 'buy local' ethos.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strengthen the connection between people, local community groups and retail precincts</li> <li>• promote a sense of pride in the retail precinct</li> <li>• encourage participation in community life and enhance health and wellbeing</li> <li>• re-imagine and activate spaces to create memorable and social experiences where people feel a sense of belonging</li> <li>• showcase the skills and talents of the local community</li> <li>• promote and expand the local night-time economy.</li> </ul>	
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### Support provided to applicants

Council provides various forms of support to assist applicants in preparing and submitting an application. These supports are in place to improve project applications, to encourage greater focus and alignment with Council priorities.

Council officers from seven Council departments provided support and advice to applicants to strengthen the development of their proposals. Applicants were required to discuss their applications with a Council officer prior to making a submission. Three information sessions were held and volunteer grant writers were available on request to assist applicants in developing their submissions. Training with officers was also available on request on how to submit the application online.

Even with the support provided to applicants, some organisations and groups did not discuss their projects with Council officers, and had difficulty completing the project budget in accordance with the grant requirements. Officers did a pre-eligibility check for each application, and where there were problems with budgets, or non-compliance issues, officers followed up with the applicants to seek further information. Despite this, some applications were assessed where budgets were non-compliant and this was reflected in the officers' recommendations and the panel's review.

### Assessment process

Council officers assessed all applications on the basis of the criteria outlined in the program guidelines and provided advice to the Community Grants Assessment Panel (the Panel) using a rating scale from 0 to 10, with scores assigned to one of the following four categories: Highly recommended overall (81% - 100%); Good overall (66% - 80%); Fair only (50% - 65%); and Not recommended overall (under 50%).

The Panel considered this advice and the ratings. Its review is based on the merits of each application, the application of program guidelines and an analysis of the financial investment against the potential community benefit from the project.

The Panel comprised three Councillors (Gillies, Watson and Addis) and two Balwyn Rotary Club representatives. Three officers from the Community Planning and Development Department provided executive support to the Panel. Relevant department managers and officers also attended the meetings

to provide additional advice to the Panel. A full list of attendees is listed in **Confidential Attachment 1**.

#### 4. Outline of key issues/options

Fifty-four (54) applications were received for the 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grant round, with five new applicants. Three applications were ineligible.

The Panel recommended a total allocation of \$232,959.01 to support 46 applications across five streams. Of these, 26 applications were recommended for full funding and 20 applications were recommended for partial funding. All recommended allocations, including project summaries, are listed in **Attachment 1**.

The Panel has recommended applications consistent with Council's strategic objectives and priorities that will deliver outcomes in alignment with the grant stream objectives, as noted earlier in the report.

The recommended applications are focused on new activities and projects, which will increase capacity and participation in local community groups and deliver practical community strengthening outcomes.

Three applications were deemed ineligible because they did not meet the eligibility criteria, and five applications were not recommended for funding by the Panel. These applications are listed in **Confidential Attachment 2**.

The Community Strengthening Grants Panel recommended that remaining funds (\$302,439.56) from the Annual Community Strengthening Grants be rolled over to the Triennial Operational Grants to increase available funding in the Creative Community and Vibrant Retail Precincts streams in the 2023-26 Triennial Operational Grant round.

These grants support operating and program costs associated with delivering services, celebrations and events in Boroondara. In recent years, the cost associated with compliance, equipment, staffing and transport has increased significantly.

Applicants within the Creative Communities and Vibrant Retail Precincts streams traditionally request funding for community events, festivals, performances and activities, which provide important opportunities for the community to connect, particularly following the COVID-19 pandemic. An increased funding pool will enable groups to meet the significantly increased costs of putting on larger events, particularly those outdoors, and consider applications from groups that are not currently funded, as demand from groups for Triennial funding exceeds the funds available.

## **5. Consultation/communication**

The 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants program was promoted through:

- The Fuse e-newsletter
- Boroondara Creative Network e-newsletter
- the BVRC Member Bulletin
- Sports Club Fortnightly update
- Living for Our Future e-newsletter
- Council's social media
- City of Boroondara website on a dedicated webpage.
- a specific website news item.

A total of five information sessions to assist community groups to apply for these grants were delivered online via Microsoft Teams and in-person, and applicants were assisted through phone contact with Council officers.

## **6. Financial and resource implications**

The total funding pool for the 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants (including the Small Grants) is \$576,450, which includes a contribution of \$135,000 from the Rotary Club of Balwyn and a \$345,832 allocation from Council. The Rotary Club of Balwyn contributes 30% of the annual profit from the Camberwell Sunday market, as per the condition of its lease with Council.

A total of \$41,051.43 was allocated to Round 1 of the 2022-23 Small Grants, and the Panel has recommended \$232,959.01 be allocated to support 46 applications, totaling \$274,010.44. The Panel recommended the remaining grant funds of \$302,439.56 be allocated to the 2023-26 Triennial Operational Grant round for the Creative Communities and Vibrant Retail Precincts streams.

## **7. Governance issues**

The implications of this report have been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

The Panel met on three afternoons between 3 and 10 August 2022. All meetings were held online via Microsoft Teams, and no Conflicts of Interest were reported.

Conflict of interest declarations for all Panel members and officers are stored in digital records, in accordance with the Boroondara Community Strengthening Grants Policy 2020.

## **8. Social and environmental issues**

The outcomes from the 46 applications recommended for funding will have a positive social and environmental impact within the Boroondara community.

The recommended applications will support a range of activities and resources, which will enhance community inclusion, good health and wellbeing and active ageing, as well as broadening access to sport and recreation and cultural engagement opportunities.

**Manager:** **Fiona Brown, Manager Community Planning and Development**

**Report officer:** **Jacqui Buckland, Community Development Officer (Grants and Partnerships)**

**Attachment 1: 2022-23 Annual Community Strengthening Grants Recommendation**

	Organisation	Project Title	Project Description	Amount Requested	Panel Recommendation	Full/Partial Funding	Partial and/or Conditional Funding	Conflict of Interest
1	3MBS Fine Music Melbourne	3MBS 'Music, She Wrote' Festival 2023	Funding is requested is to support the implementation of a three-day festival entitled 'Music, She Wrote', to celebrate women's stories through music. The celebration will be hosted at the Kew Court House.	\$10,000.00	\$3,400.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - to bring budget into alignment with grant guidelines and expenditure caps - Venue hire not funded included in another stream of Council funding.	
2	Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning Centre	Eat Well on a Budget @ Alamein	Funding is requested to provide an opportunity for low income residents to learn about healthy eating through a series of cooking demonstrations featuring low cost recipes. Funding will include an excursion to purchase quality food on a budget.	\$2,660.00	\$2,660.00	Recommended for full funding		
3	Ashburton Shopping Centre Traders Association	Halloween on High	Funding is requested for a Halloween trick or treat event in collaboration with Ashburton Community Centre on the morning of Saturday 28 October 2023 to encourage local families and children to visit the Ashburton Village shopping precinct and take part in the planned activities.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	Recommended for full funding		
4	Ashburton Uniting Church Tennis Club	70th Anniversary of Ashburton Uniting Church Tennis Club	The club is celebrating its 70th anniversary and is requesting funding assistance to run a celebration event with come and try opportunities for new members. The project will help promote the club to local residents and increase long term participation and membership at the club.	\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	Recommended for full funding		
5	AVA Boroondara Senior Citizens Group Inc.	Social cohesion	The applicant is planning an event inviting 6 other cultural groups plus another Vietnamese group on 15 April 2023 at Kew Seniors Centre. The invited groups will have an opportunity to perform traditional dance and music and to teach the other groups in attendance.  Funding is requested for the purchase of costumes, a contribution towards the performance groups' transport fees, promotion, decoration, printing and catering for the event.	\$4,304.00	\$3,604.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - Travel contribution for other groups not funded.	
6	Boroondara Stroke Support Group	Ongoing Support for both Stroke Survivors and their Carers	Funding is requested for lawn bowls equipment, a photographic and art exhibition to create awareness of stroke, and contributions to activities for the Movie group and Sing for Recovery program to assist with developing neural pathways, socialisation and support for stroke survivors.	\$10,000.00	\$8,750.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - contribution to catering in alignment with expenditure item caps - Sing for Recovery professional fee not funded as this is a repeat activity.	
7	Bowen Street Community Centre	Engaging Connecting Mural Facade	Funding is requested to design and install an engaging mural in the walkway between the Centre's two buildings to create a visual connection and increase awareness of the Centre's expanded programming and an unveiling community event.	\$6,400.00	\$6,400.00	Recommended for full funding	Subject to a structural inspection of the wall, any restorative work required and associated permission of the adjoining landowner.	
8	Camberwell Baptist Church	Flourishing Neighbourhoods	Funding is requested for the Flourishing Neighbourhoods project to create a sense of community by improving the gardens on site at Caroline and Munro Street public housing estates in Hawthorn East. It will involve the residents (55 years+), Access Health and Community, Camcare, Camberwell Baptist Church kindergarten children and teachers, local services, volunteers and businesses. Funding is for building landscaped garden beds, materials and equipment.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	Recommended for full funding		

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9	Camberwell Lacrosse Club	Establishment of under 10 girls and boys lacrosse program	Funding is requested to establish an Under 10s Lacrosse program in Glen Iris for 100 participating girls and boys over a 14 week period. Funding will contribute to shared equipment and advertising.	\$8,697.00	\$4,729.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - some materials not funded in alignment with eligible items - GST component removed - contribution to professional fees in alignment with grant guidelines and expenditure caps.	
10	Canterbury Area Toy Library Inc.	Connecting through play	Funding is requested to support weekly drop-in stay and play sessions to welcome new families to the new precinct. Funding will go to the purchase of equipment and sensory toys to also be used for school holiday events.	\$9,746.73	\$9,746.73	Recommended for full funding		
11	Canterbury Cougars Basketball Club	Coaches Equipment	Funding is requested for the purchase of coaching bags to provide resources for training and first aid kits for game day.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Recommended for full funding		
12	Canterbury History Group Inc and Surrey Hills Historical Society	Re-establishing the profile of Canterbury & Surrey Hills history groups	Funding is requested to facilitate essential re-establishment of the profile of two Boroondara history groups in the context of a move to a combined facility at a new location. The grant will support costs associated with development of a joint website, equipment for community use and outreach activities, and software for both marketing and community connection.	\$9,914.00	\$9,914.00	Recommended for full funding		
13	Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre	Canterbury Umbrella Dementia Cafe	Funding is requested to establish a twice-monthly Dementia Café at the Canterbury Community Precinct in 2023. The café will enhance the mental health and social connections of carers and people living with early/ moderate stage dementia in Boroondara. Funding will go to training for volunteers, materials, support equipment, advertising.	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	Recommended for full funding		
14	Cara Armstrong Kindergarten	Indigenous Education Program	Funding is requested for a new project implementing an indigenous education project for both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old groups at Cara Armstrong Kindergarten. The program will involve an external indigenous education organisation providing 8 incursions for the 3-year-old group and 8 incursions to the 4-year-old group.	\$6,900.00	\$6,900.00	Recommended for full funding		
15	Combined Probus Club of Auburn (Vic) Inc	Christmas Function	Funding is requested for a Christmas function for members at Kew Golf Club for club members to come together and encourage socialisation.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	Recommended for full funding		
16	Craig Family Centre	Project Harmony	Funding is requested for a three part project in response to isolation and anxiety within the community through: 1.Harmony Day event 2.Creation of our community cookbook 3.A series of cooking workshops, facilitated by members of our CALD community, bringing the cookbook to life.	\$5,955.00	\$5,955.00	Recommended for full funding		
17	Dance for Parkinson's	Parkinson's? : Let's Have a Laugh About It	Funding in requested for a laughter yoga workshop and catered reception. Funding will cover •Qualified instructor •Printing & Advertising •Catering •Yoga grip socks	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Recommended for full funding		
18	Deepdene Tennis Club	Deepdene TC Centenary Celebration	Funding is requested for activities to celebrate the centenary of the club and increase exposure for future members.	\$3,400.00	\$2,200.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - contribution to professional fees in alignment with grant guidelines.	

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19	Eastern Senior Chinese Association Inc.	Long life and prosperous golden lifestyle	Funding is requested for better physical and mental health, well-being lifestyle activities: 1. Karaoke 2. Calligraphy 3. Bridge and chess 4. Reading club 5. English class 6. Computer Class 7. Wild Goose DaYan Qigong	\$7,850.00	\$1,300.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - Karaoke, Bridge and Chess, reading club, Qi Gong not funded as repeat activities - some items not funded as ineligible.	
20	GOLD	Gold Going Forward	Funding is requested for a 20th Anniversary Lunch, two creative workshops (art lesson and jewellery making), guest speakers and excursions to extend the learnings from the workshops.	\$2,936.00	\$2,036.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - Enhancement Excursions not funded as repeat application.	
21	Greythorn Early Childhood Education Centre and Kindergarten	Strengthening learning connections to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture	Funding is requested to support the installation of small artwork throughout the centre. The artwork will be indigenous symbols and imagery installed by local indigenous artists. It will be used as an inspiration for conversation with the children and other users of the space. This proposal is an extension of an existing project, which was not funded by Council .	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	Recommended for full funding		
22	Hawthorn Bowling Club	Hawthorn Bowling Club 2023 Australia Day Community Bowling Tournament	This application seeks funding assistance to run an Australia Day Community Bowling Tournament. Funding from Council will support the club to consolidate its successes, run an even smoother and more successful tournament and bring bowlers, businesses and community members together on a day of celebration of shared histories and love of bowls.	\$5,847.10	\$4,469.64	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - Liquor license not funded as ineligible item - DJ not funded in alignment with lease conditions - Uniforms not funded in alignment with demonstrated need criteria.	
23	Hawthorn Glen Combined Probus Club	Hawthorn Glen Combined Probus Club day out for members	Funding is requested for a day trip by Ferry to Portarlington then bus to the QTrain for 3 hour train trip around the Bellarine Peninsular to Queenscliff including an enjoyable lunch on board, returning to Portarlington for the return Ferry trip back. Taking in the scenery and ocean air with a stop at Swan Bay.	\$5,154.54	\$990.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - contribution to catering in alignment with expenditure item caps. One excursion funded in alignment with guidelines.	
24	Kew Community Christmas Carols	Kew Community Christmas Carols 2022	Funding is requested to support the delivery of the 2022 Kew Christmas Carols held in conjunction with the Kew Junction Business association to entertain and connect all ages, CALD, disadvantaged and isolated communities. Funding will support lighting hire, a lead singer, one backing accompanist for all choirs and a Santa children's activities, candles, refreshments for the volunteers and printing.	\$7,127.90	\$7,127.90	Recommended for full funding		
25	Kew Cricket Club Incorporated	Female Cricket 'Come & Try' Days	Funding is requested for a program to encourage more girls and women to play cricket through a series of come and try days at Victoria Park. The grant will support the running of these days by assisting in payment of female coaches to attend the 'come & try' sessions; by paying for modest catering during or at the conclusion of each session; by funding some modest equipment purchases (e.g. some smaller and lighter bats and balls).	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00	Recommended for full funding		
26	Little Stars Playgroup	Little Stars Playgroup	Funding is requested to expand the playgroup and purchase of new sensory toys and educational resources, and provide catering for morning tea for parents to connect and free play.	\$10,000.00	\$2,027.80	Recommended for partial funding	Conditions of funding: Sensory and educational toys approved for funding subject to revised quote in alignment with grant guidelines. Partial funding - catering, venue hire, administration, advertising, staff materials and venue hire not funded as operational (not one-off project) costs.	

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27	Lyon Foundation Limited T/A Lyon Housemuseum Galleries	Community Open Day At The Lyon Housemuseum Galleries	The funding request is to support an Open Day at Lyon House Museum Galleries for the Boroondara community to come and experience the cultural facility for free. The day will involve activities, exhibitions and offering catering from local businesses. Funding will support the delivery of the event, catering, marketing and promotion and evaluation of the event's impact on the community and local business.	\$9,912.40	\$8,550.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - contribution to professional fees in alignment with grant guidelines and expenditure caps.	
28	Melbourne Hindustani Classical Music Society	Melbourne International Festival of Hindustani Classical Music 2023	The funding request is to support the event delivery of the 2023 Melbourne International Festival of Hindustani Classical Music to be held at the Hawthorn Arts Centre and other Boroondara sites. The festival includes performances and workshops.	\$10,000.00	\$9,559.73	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - to remove the GST from the professional fees.	
29	Men's Probus Club of Surrey Hills Inc	Cultural Excursions	Funding is requested to assist with running four one-day cultural excursions by a self-drive bus. Self-drive buses will be utilised to provide value for money excursions and to enable more Members and their Partners to be able to participate.  •Bus hire x 4 •Art gallery entry •Venue entry x 3	\$3,303.00	\$2,277.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - contribution to catering in alignment with expenditure item caps.	
30	Mind Australia	Social Skills Training Group - Exploring Community Group	Funding is requested to establish a social-skills training group for adults experiencing acute mental ill-health and isolation within Boroondara. Funding will enable behavioural rehearsal, feedback, positive reinforcement and opportunities to utilise these skills during weekly trips to reengage clients in meaningful activities of daily life. The program will be a peer-led space, where people with a lived experience of mental illness will lead others within the community.	\$9,710.00	\$9,710.00	Recommended for full funding		
31	North Balwyn Village Traders' Association	Celebration Saturdays at The Village	Funding is requested for a project titled 'Celebration Saturdays at The Village', which runs over two Saturdays and encourages the local community to visit, engage and stay longer at the shopping precinct.  Leveraging the success of Council's Bare to Beautiful initiative, which included musical entertainment in front of vacant shopfronts, the proposed project features Bollywood dancers and a jazz trio visiting 5 stations across the precinct, highlighted by branded umbrellas. Branded aprons will also be offered to participating	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - contribution to branded umbrellas with bases and weights as equipment.	
32	Pied Piper Toy Library	Promoting the Toy Library for New Memberships	Funding is requested for a new project to rebuild membership numbers through resourced presentations at Maternal Child Health sessions and Ashburton Festival in addition to the purchase of Teracycle zero waste boxes to position outside the library for donation of unwanted toys.	\$9,950.00	\$9,950.00	Recommended for full funding		
33	Probus club of Camberwell	The Activity Club	Funding is requested for a range of activities including lawn bowls training sessions, table tennis, snooker and equipment for bridge, mah-jong, book club and sewing groups. This project will enhance health and well-being of club members through physical activity and mental stimulation.	\$2,950.00	\$2,950.00	Recommended for full funding		

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34	Probus Club of Greythorn Inc.	Activities to provide mental and physical stimulation	Funding is requested for a projects designed to provide stimulating and inclusive activities for our members that improves their well-being and health, and contributes to the primary aim of providing friendship, fellowship and fun. Funding is for subsidies for gallery visits (20 people), refreshments after the monthly discussion group (20 people), walking group refreshments (40-50 people), bus excursion (40 people), and cinema group (20 people).	\$4,500.00	\$2,240.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - contribution toward catering and cinema group in alignment with expenditure item caps - excursion and gallery visits not funded as repeat activities.	
35	Servants Community Housing Limited	Uniting Diverse Boroondara Christmas Concert	Funding is requested for an event at the Hawthorn Arts Centre in December, which will feature performances, and speeches from the Boroondara residents of Servant Community Housing properties, alongside other local groups, including local schools. The event aims to unite diverse groups of Boroondara's community. Funds sought will cover the venue costs of Hawthorne Arts Centre, photography and COVID-19 safety costs.	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	Recommended for full funding		
36	Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Lynden Ward Community Connection and Wellbeing Project	Funding is requested to design, deliver and evaluate a 6-week pilot program of free community activities at Lynden Park Recreation Facility to support community connection, health and wellbeing. Seven activities will be offered in total (6 x 6-week classes/courses or equivalent) + 1 community event (community connection café/lunch). The program design will be informed by the data collected from the community engagement activities conducted as part of the Lynden Park Reserve Placemaking Initiative in June 2022. Funding will contribute to program costs (e.g. tutor fees, administration, marketing, program design and materials/equipment expenses).	\$9,142.00	\$9,142.00	Recommended for full funding		
37	Surrey Hills Pre-school (SHPS)	Understanding Australian Indigenous Culture in the Early Years Through Immersion	Funding is requested to implement a new project to build understanding and respectful relationships with people who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Funding is for a term of experiences that will involve age appropriate incursions, play based learning using games, toys, and artefacts that have an indigenous influence, as well as the use of books about Aboriginal dream time, culture and history. The grant will support this proposal through funding the purchase of aboriginal specific toys, books, games and artefacts, as well as age specific incursion from an Aboriginal organisation.	\$7,931.77	\$7,931.77	Recommended for full funding		
38	Swinburne Chorale	Outreach Singing Workshops	Funding is requested is to support a membership drive for the choir. The funds will support the delivery of five outreach workshops around Boroondara aimed at seniors to provide uplifting, community-building events and socialisation through morning/afternoon tea.	\$5,374.00	\$4,474.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - website hosting and administration costs not funded as repeat expenditure items - contribution to professional fees in alignment with grant guidelines.	

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39	The Leo Baeck Centre for Progressive Judaism	Experiencing Culture Through Dancing	Funding is requested to support the implementation of an Israeli folk dance program delivered at the Leo Baeck Centre that draws on common dances from countries of the Middle East and create to content for the website. Funding will enable a volunteer coordinator, sponsor a teacher, provide materials to participants, buy a computer to enable in-person and virtual participation and chronicling, and provide refreshments at each session to encourage further social interaction and	\$8,774.60	\$8,019.80	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - GST component removed - external dance class registration costs not funded.	
40	The Probus Club of Balwyn Central Inc.	1-day outing during 2023 for Members, Partners, other Seniors	Funding is requested for two excursions - one in Autumn and one in Spring - to places of interest for community cultural and leisure activities. This is especially of benefit to members experiencing disadvantage financially or in mobility.	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	Recommended for full funding		
41	The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch - 1st Glen Iris Scout group	Preparation for safe outdoor adventures by Scouting youth	Funding is requested to purchase outdoor cooking equipment to upgrade to age-appropriate, durable and sustainable equipment, and conduct first aid training for 20 youth members.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	Recommended for full funding		
42	The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch (Camberwell Showtime)	Portable storage for Costumes and Tools	Funding is requested to support the purchase of portable storage units to safely transport costumes, scenery and tools to the Hawthorn Arts Centre for their annual performance.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Recommended for full funding		
43	Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Victoria) - Boroondara Community Outreach	Heart Beat	Funding is requested to support the community art development process for a drumming, vocal and written performance piece called 'Heartbeat'. The development will engage the Boroondara community through outreach engagement and other community stakeholders. This project aims to help socially isolated people to engage with community, coming together to create a performance piece that breaks down barriers and stereotypes.	\$8,050.00	\$6,200.00	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - contribution to professional fees, catering and equipment purchase in alignment expenditure items caps and grant guidelines.	
44	Victorian Goalball Association Inc	Goalball Share	Funding is requested for website development and associated equipment to increase awareness of Goalball for the vision impaired and increase membership for the club.	\$6,937.04	\$5,597.04	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - contribution to I.T. equipment and professional fees in alignment with expenditure item caps and grant guidelines.	
45	Victorian Weightlifting Association Incorporated	Growing Stronger Together	Funding is requested to create an introductory program for participants over 55, supported by a physiotherapist to assist those with physical limitations and create a supportive environment. Funding will support the engagement of a coach and basic weightlifting equipment, advertising and materials.	\$4,101.30	\$3,722.60	Recommended for partial funding	Partial funding - contribution to professional fees in alignment with expenditure item caps and grant guidelines.	
46	Zelman Memorial Symphony Orchestra Inc	Zelman Symphony 90th Anniversary Season Concert	Funding is requested is to support one concert (The Bruch Double Concerto) as a part of the organisation's 90th-anniversary celebratory year, which will be held at Methodist Ladies College in Kew. Funding will cover advertising and printing costs and specialist performers.	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00	Recommended for full funding		